



Supplementary Fig. 2. Trend plot of emergency room (ER) visit rate in patients with oral and pharyngeal cancer from 2008 to 2020 [1]. In this plot, the annual rate of ER visits for patients with oral/pharyngeal cancer following a diagnosis of head and neck cancer (HNC) ranged from 19.5% to 29.5%. This rate reflects the number of ER visits rather than the rate of individual patients. Consequently, the rate of ER visits was higher than that observed in our research, which was 7.6% for oral/pharyngeal cancer. In our study, the rate represented the number of patients who visited the ER during or after HNC treatment.

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