

# THE HARSH REALITY OF HEAD & NECK CANCERS: LIFE AFTER TREATMENT

**Head and neck cancers do not just end with Treatment the effects can last a lifetime and can be devastating.**

**Imagine...**

## **Losing Your Voice No More Words**

What if you could not speak?

Patients can lose their tongue, their voice box and/or be left with electronic or written speech devices. Communicating with loved ones can become frustrating and isolating.

## **Not Being Able to Eat**

No More Sunday Roasts or family meals

Your mouth or throat can be so painful or your jaw so damaged that you can no longer enjoy a simple meal. Some patients are forced to live with feeding tubes just to stay nourished.

## **Not Being Able to Kiss**

No More Kisses to your Partner or Family

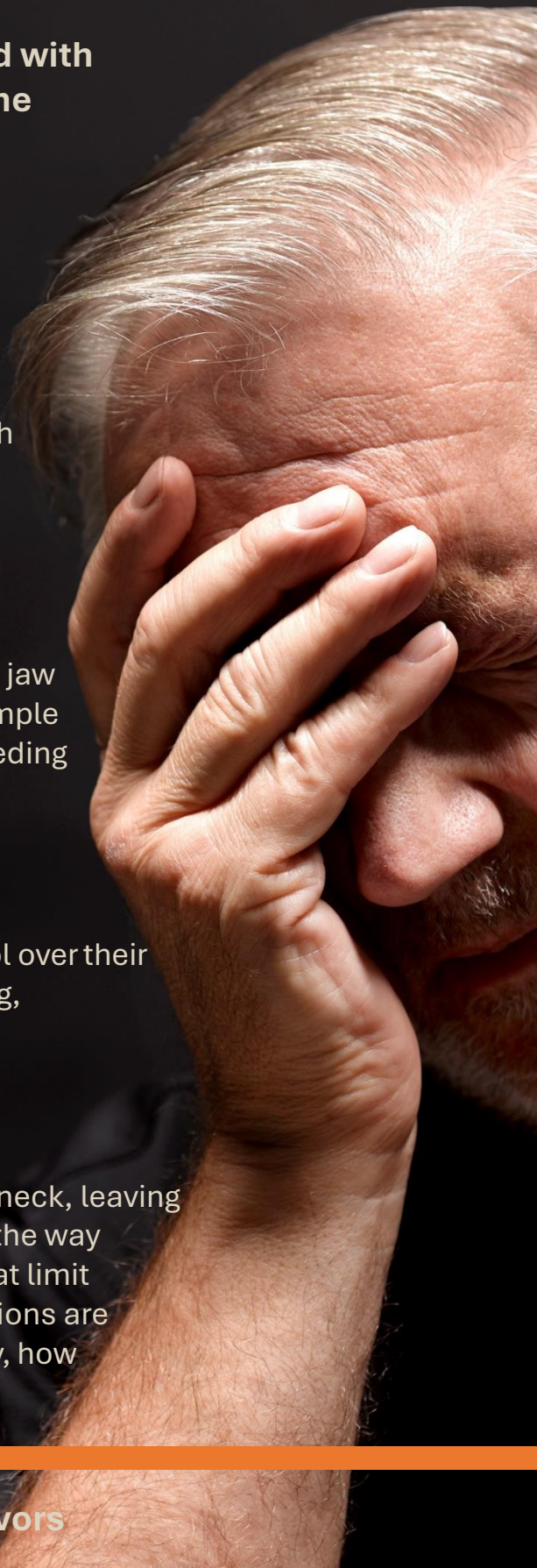
Patients can lose feeling, movement or control over their mouth making it uncomfortable, embarrassing, or difficult to kiss.

## **Losing Part of Your Face**

Visible Scars

Surgery can mean losing parts of your face or neck, leaving large scars that change the way you look and the way people look at you. Nerves can be affected that limit movement or senses, or even worse key functions are lost. Even with the best reconstructive surgery, how you show up in the world is changed.

**These Are the Realities for Many Survivors**



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## A Critical Moment for Change

The harsh reality is that things have reached a critical point, and that is why we are finally being noticed. This gives us a powerful opportunity to collaborate with policymakers, partners, and the NHS to drive real change.

## But we cannot do it alone

We need your help. Together, we can save lives and bring hope to those battling these devastating cancers. Your generosity will make a difference.



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