status in cutaneous oncology prognostication, should further studies confirm these findings.

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# *JAAD* Game Changers: Multivariate analysis of potential risk factors for lymph node metastasis in patients with cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck

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***Capsule Summary***

- Risk factors for metastasis from cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma are incorporated in tumor staging by the seventh edition of the American Joint Committee on Cancer - Cancer Staging Manual.
- We confirmed most risk factors and also identified moderate differentiation as a predictor for lymph node metastasis.
- Moderate differentiation can be considered in tumor staging.

***How did this article change the practice of dermatology?***

The independent risk factors for the development of lymph node metastasis in head and neck cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma include location on the ear, tumor diameter >50 mm, moderate and poor differentiation, and tumor thickness >2 mm. This article added moderate differentiation as a predictor for lymph node metastasis.[1]

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