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A STUDY OF EPITHELIAL NEOPLASIA OF THE CONJUNCTIVA USING IMPRESSION CYTOLOGY

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The natural history of conjunctival and corneal intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) is similar to that of epithelial neoplasia of the uterine cervix and may terminate as invasive squamous cell carcinoma. However, the cytology of the conjunctiva has received scant attention in the literature. The fact that invasive squamous carcinoma of the conjunctiva is relatively rare has probably contributed to this.

While most previous investigations employed a sterile platinum spatula to scrape cells from the conjunctiva, this study used impression cytology to obtain the specimen and the refined technique of Tseng¹ was utilised. With this procedure the geographic location of lesions is more precise and the procedure less traumatic.

Multiple impressions from eyes with and without histologically confirmed lesions have been examined. Preliminary results indicate this technique may be of value to the cytological study of the conjunctiva. However, the criteria used for cervical smears² may require revision before application in conjunctival impression cytology.

1. Tseng S C G, Ophthalmology, 92:728-733
2. Naib Z M, Exfoliative Cytology, Little, Brown & Company, Boston, 1985, p 511.