Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital Mthatha Severity of presentation of juvenile onset recurrent respiratory papillomatosis over a one-year period at a tertiary institution in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa

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Records of 11 pediatric patients who underwent surgical excision of JORRP at Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 were reviewed retrospectively

Mean age = 8.8 years Range = 2-17 years

> Older age at presentation (≥12 years) was associated with more severe disease (odds ratio=1.36, Pearson's r=0.73)

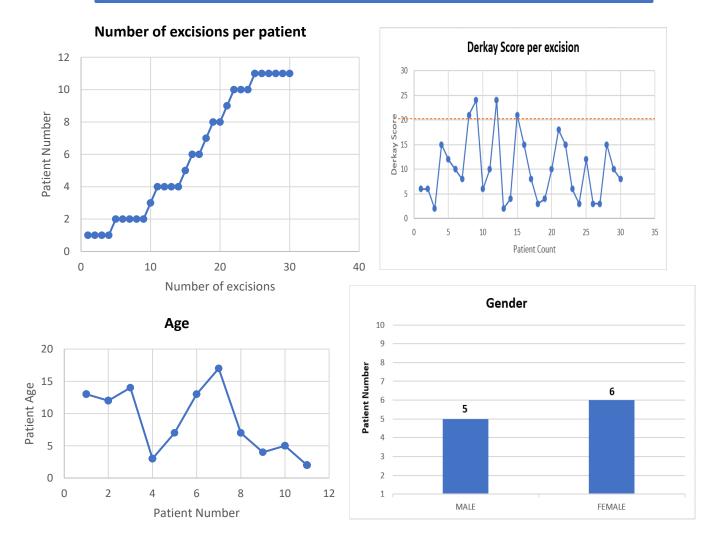
- Adjuvant therapy should be available for at least 10% of juvenile onset recurrent respiratory papillomatosis cases
- Older age at presentation and male gender were predictors of severe disease

10% of the cases were severe

Male gender was a predictor of severe disease (odds ratio=1.59)

No statistically significant difference in the overall Derkay scores between males and females (p=0.92)

All patients were either HIV unexposed or HIV negative if tested



Ethical clearance was obtained from the Walter Sisulu University Faculty of Health Sciences Research Ethics and Biosafety Committee