## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Squamous cell carcinoma is the second most common nonmelanoma skin malignancy derived from keratinocyte cells. The incidence of nonmelanoma skin cancer has increased over the last decades. WHO estimated that there are 2-3 million cases of non-melanoma skin cancer diagnosed annually worldwide. Risk factors for squamous cell carcinoma of the skin include sun exposure, carcinogenic substances, chronic wounds, HPV virus, age, sex, and immunosuppression.

**Objective:** To assess the clinicopathological characteristics of squamous cell carcinoma of the skin at Dr. Kariadi Central General Hospital Semarang in 2019-2021.

**Method:** This research is a descriptive observational study. The research subjects were squamous cell carcinoma of the skin patients at Dr. Kariadi Central General Hospital Semarang in 2019-2021 with a total sampling technique. Secondary data were obtained from medical records and anatomical pathology reports.

**Result:** Squamous cell carcinoma of the skin was most commonly found in patients aged > 50 years (66.7%), with the dominant sex being male (59.6%). The most clinical stage found was the advanced stage (75%), with most common histological variant being not otherwise specified (55.8%). The most common location was found on sun-exposed skin (55.8%). Most of the work found was indoor work (82.8%), with most residences in the Regency (82.8%).

**Conclusion:** Squamous cell carcinoma of the skin is commonly found at the age > 50 years, male sex, with advanced stage, and histological variants not otherwise specified. High-risk squamous cell carcinoma of the skin occurs on skin exposed to sunlight, with indoor work, and residing in the Regency.

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