

Table 2 Patterns of delay in diagnosis for patients with nasopharyngeal carcinoma (n = 307)

Delay	Median (months)	Range (months)
Type of delay		
Patient delay	1.0	0–48
Diagnostic delay	3.0	0–51
Referral delay	0.5	0–36
Professional delay	4.0	0.25–58
Total	6.5	0.5–63
To start of therapy ^a	0.75	0.25–2
Stage of cancer		
I & II	5	0.5–59
III & IV	7	0.75–63
Presenting symptoms		
Headache	5	< 1–36
Nasal obstruction	6	< 1–60
Nasal bleeding	5	< 1–24
Neck mass	5	< 1–48
Visual symptoms	3	< 1–18
Decreased hearing	5	< 1–60

^aFor 282 patients treated.