



Stomatologist A Professional Still Unknown



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Introduction

Stomatology is the area of Dentistry responsible by evaluates diagnoses and treats the alterations from the stomatognathic system. The Stomatology includes the knowledge of stomatognathic system as jaw, periodontal, tooth, neuromuscular, salivary glands and oral mucosal. The stomatologist dentist prepared to perform mouth biopsies and small oral surgeries for diagnosis of mouth lesions.

The oral cavity is a very important anatomical region of the body. It represents the entrance of nutrients and many infections. Thus, the diagnosis of different diseases can begin by oral cavity, so a health multi professional team must be involved in the diagnosis of orlpatologies. Several manifestations of systemic diseases begin by the mouth, such as dermatomucous and auto immune diseases. Nevertheless, several malignant neoplasias that affect the oral cavity may not be diagnosed early because of lack of evaluation of oral cavity. Pemphigus vulgaris is example of a serious disease that can lead to death and it has its first clinical manifestations in oral cavity, in most of cases. Another important disease that presents several oral manifestations is AIDS, with manifestations such as candidacies, herpes simplex, hairy leukoplakia, as well as lymphomas and Kaposi sarcoma. Moreover, diferentes benign and malignant neoplasms can be diagnosed late in oral cavity as squamous cell carcinoma, minor salivary gland neoplasms and malignant mesenchymal neoplasms. Squamous cell carcinoma, for example, is the 5th most prevalent cancer in men; however it is still diagnosed in advanced stage, leading to reduction of patient survival.

In addition to clinical manifestations in oral mucosal of oral cavity, different intraosseous lesions such as odontogenic and non-odontogenic cysts, odontogenic tumors and fibro osseous lesions, involving the jaws should be diagnosed early. Odontogenic keratocysts, ameloblastomas and giant cell central lesions represent important intraosseous alterations that occur in jaws and it can be diagnosed in routine radiograph exam. The early diagnosis of these alterations can be avoid to complications to patient and even prevent aggressive and mutilating surgical procedures.

The misdiagnosis of oral alterations can lead to not only inadequate treatment, but delayed diagnosis of lesions affecting the oral cavity, and may influence the survival of these patients. The lack of knowledge of majority of the population about which professional to seek for the diagnosis and treatment of oral diseases in oral cavity and jaws can influence significantly for the cure process of the patient, Thus, a multidisciplinary team including Dentist, specially the Stomatologist and Oral Pathologist, and Physicians, specially Oto rhino laryngologist, Dermatologist, Rheumatologist, Head and Neck Surgeons and Oncologist, can be the first step in the early diagnosis and promotion of quality of life of patients with lesions involving the stomatognathic system.

Conclusion

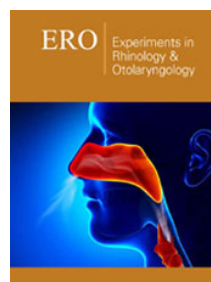
The stomatologist is the professional specialist in oral diseases and in jaws, so has a fundamental role in the diagnosis of oral diseases, being an important professional to improve the quality of life of many patients.



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