

CLINICAL ORAL PATHOLOGY REVIEW & SPECIAL PATIENT CARE

1. CLINICAL ORAL PATHOLOGY REVIEW

This presentation is designed to provide the dental practitioner with a comprehensive review of what could be considered the most common oral lesions encountered in daily practice. Emphasis will focus on the clinical features of over 50 such lesions and appropriate management strategies where applicable. Relevant and current information concerning oral cancer will also be discussed including the expanding role of HPV involvement in the development of oropharyngeal cancer.

2. SPECIAL PATIENT CARE. THE MIND AND THE MOUTH: IMPACT OF PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS ON THE INDIVIDUAL AND DENTAL MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Psychiatric disease and dental disease are two of the most prevalent of all health problems that exist today. Mental illness and the resulting disabilities associated with these diseases inflict immeasurable difficulties on the patient as well as their family and friends, not the least of which remains the highly stigmatized nature of the disease itself. What really separates mental illness from other diseases is that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, economic status or gender.

One in five adult North Americans will suffer from some form of mental illness in any given year. A far greater percentage will not receive treatment until many years after the onset of illness. Depression will become the second leading cause of health impairment worldwide by 2020.(W.H.O.)

Every oral health care practice will include patients who suffer from one form or mental illness or another, even though many of these patients will appear healthy despite dealing with their on-going emotional disorder.

Mental health and oral health are intertwined and can significantly impact one another. Medications used to treat various forms of mental illness can interact with drugs used in dentistry. Oral health problems can arise as manifestations of mental illness as well as being side effects of numerous psychotropic medications. Psychiatric illnesses often lead to decreased compliance for preventive oral care and a decreased ability to obtain or tolerate dental care. The end result can be truly devastating, particularly for young patients.

Mood disorders, schizophrenia, eating disorders, anxiety disorders, panic disorders, addictions and dementia will be highlighted. As well, there will a discussion around issues of abuse and the ramifications these will have for future mental health problems that in turn can impact directly on our delivery of dental care.



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He obtained his MSc. in Oral Pathology at the University of Western Ontario in 1986 and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and Academy of Dentistry International.

His hospital-based practice has been devoted primarily to the general dental care of individuals undergoing primary care for various forms of psychiatric illness often co-existing with other medically compromising conditions.

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LOCATION & DATES

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