ORAL DISEASES THAT EVERY DENTAL PROFESSIONAL SHOULD KNOW PRESENTED WITH DDX

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This is an all-day course designed to cover seven categories of oral diseases that present as clinically benign-looking when, at times, some carry a serious diagnosis. This course is helpful to dentists, dental hygienists, dental specialties and dental professionals that feel an Oral Pathology review is in order for them and their team.

The morning portion of this course is dedicated to soft tissue pathology. It will cover the variability in the clinical presentation of oral squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), which includes association with tobacco, HPV infection, and lichen planus. The morning course will also discuss the oral manifestation of low-risk HPV. The session will continue covering epithelial diseases to include oral ulcers in areas of immune-mediated diseases, drug-induced, and those that are an oral manifestation of systemic diseases.

The afternoon session will continue to cover soft tissue pathology as well as bone pathology. The soft tissue pathology will cover single swellings of the oral cavity, reactive, benign, and malignant lesions affecting the gingiva, palate, buccal mucosa, and lips. It will also cover oral pigmented lesions. Jaw pathology will cover unilocular radiolucent and completely radiopaque lesions. The unilocular radiolucent lesions will include odontogenic cysts; cyst-like, benign and malignant primary neoplasms; and cancer metastasis to the jaw. The completely radiopaque lesions will include osteosclerosis, osteomas, and Gardner’s syndrome.

Every category will start with one or more unknown cases with a differential diagnosis (DDX) discussed interactively with the audience. These cases will serve as the basis for the discussion of each topic. Clinicians will leave this program with ample knowledge to base their judgment on facts. This course will provide information directly applicable to improving the everyday practice of diagnosing oral diseases.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Identify oral SCC lesions at early stages of development
- Differentiate between benign and malignant lesions
- Formulate an applied DDX to different categories of oral diseases
- Learn about the oral manifestation of certain systemic diseases
- Learn about HPV low-risk and cancer forming
- Learn about radiolucent and radiopaque lesions of the jaw
- Learn about cancer metastasis to the jaws and the oral soft tissue

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