VARIGANTS OF NORMAL ANATOMY THAT MAY SIMULATE DISEASE ON CONVENTIONAL AND ADVANCED IMAGES

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Determination of variation of normal radiographic anatomy is one of the greatest challenges for the practicing dentists as the range of normality is a grey area. Normal anatomy shows variable radiographic morphology that may result from a variation in normal anatomy or image acquisition factors. A clear knowledge of normal radiographic anatomy and imaging principles is essential to recognize these variants and avoid unnecessary or even harmful treatments. This presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of the normal variations of the oral and maxillofacial region that may be misinterpreted as pathology. A variety of imaging modalities including two-dimensional conventional radiographs and three-dimensional advanced images will be used to illustrate different views of these normal variants.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
• Recognize normal, variant of normal and abnormal structures
• Provide a systematic approach to the interpretation of conventional and advanced images
• Understand and differentiate between real images and artifacts

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