I FOUND AN ULCER DURING MY INTRAORAL EXAM, NOW WHAT?
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An ulceration of the oral mucosa is a relatively common finding during the intraoral examination. Many different etiologies can present as an oral ulcer. When first observed, a clinician does not have all the information necessary to determine the definitive diagnosis. When the ulcer is recognized, it is important to initiate a process to generate more information and ultimately a final diagnosis. It is not important to give the ulcer a specific name at the time it is first recognized. This course will focus on developing a process for the clinical evaluation of an oral ulcer that can be used with every case and ultimately lead to the final diagnosis.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
- Recognize changes of oral mucosa associated with an oral ulceration
- Evaluate the clinical history of the oral ulceration and identify factors that contribute to either the etiology or prognosis
- Develop a process to achieve a definitive diagnosis for an oral ulceration and develop a plan for treatment

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