



# Oral Dermatology

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## Getting paid for Oral Medicine Services:

1. ICD / CPT v. CDT coding and payors
2. Getting paid for knowledge and time v procedure

<b>ICD</b>	<b>MUCOSA</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>NEURO/VASCULAR</b>
	682.9 Abscess	210.4 Fibroma NOS	781.1 Altered Taste
	528.2 Aphthous	228.09 Hemangioma NOS	350.2 Atypical Facial Pain
	112.0 Candidiasis	214.0 Lipoma	337.0 Autonomic Neuropathy
	909.2 Complication Radiation Tx	350.8 Neuroma	351.0 Bell's Palsy
	909.3 Complication Med or Surg Tx	528.9 Pyogenic Granuloma	355.9 Causalgia
	695.1 Erythema Multiforme	078.10 Papilloma Wart	787.2 Dysphagia
	528.79 Erythroplakia	229.8 Benign Neoplasm	350.9 Trigeminal Deafferentation Pain
	054.2 Herpes Simplex	<b>MALIGNANCY</b>	529.6 Glossodynia
	053.19 Herpes Zoster	140.0 Upper Lip	352.1 Glossopharyngeal Neuralgia
	523.1 Hyperplasia, Gingivae	140.1 Lower Lip	053.12 Post Herpetic Neuralgia
	528.6 Leukoplakia	141.1 Dorsal Tongue	951.2 Trigeminal Injury
	697.0 Lichen Planus	141.3 Ventral Tongue	350.1 Trigeminal Neuralgia
	694.4 Pemphigus Vulgaris	144.9 Floor of Mouth	346.00 Migraine with Aura
	694.5 Pemphigoid, Cicatricial	176.8 Kaposi Sarcoma	346.10 Migraine without Aura
	523.3 Periodontitis, Acute	<b>MUSCULOSKELETAL</b>	307.81 Tension Type Headache
	523.4 Periodontitis, Chronic	726.90 Capsulitis	346.20 Cluster Headache
	<b>OTHER</b>	715.98 Degenerative Arthritis	<b>PIGMENTED LESIONS</b>
	995.3 Allergy	830.1 Dislocation, Open	709.09 Melanosis
	995.1 Angioedema	830.0 Dislocation, Closed	709.00 Exogenous Pigmentation
	529.1 Migratory glossitis	729.1 Fibromyalgia	216.9 Nevus
	<b>SALIVARY GLANDS</b>	524.69 Internal Derangement	172.9 Melanoma
	527.2 Sialoadenitis	728.85 Myofascial Trigger Points	228.01 Hemangioma
	527.5 Sialolith	729.1 Myofasciitis, Myalgia	<b>OTHER</b>
	710.2 Sjogren's Syndrome	332.82 Orofacial Dystonia/dyskinesia	
	527.6 Mucocele	718.38 Recurrent Dislocation	
		716.98 Rheumatoid Arthritis	
		716.18 Traumatic Arthropathy	

<b>CPT</b>	<b>OFFICE VISIT</b>	<b>INJECTIONS</b>	<b>SURGICAL</b>
	<b>New Patient Visit</b>	20605 Intra-articular Injection \$180	<b>Biopsy</b>
	99202 (20) Limited \$149	11900 Intralesional, <7 \$182	40808 Vestibule of Mouth \$358
	99203 (30) Intermediate \$	11901 Intralesional, >7	41100 Ant 2/3 Tongue
	99204 (45) Extended \$	20550 Trigger Point	41105 Post 1/3 Tongue
	99205 (60) Comprehensive \$	64400 Trigeminal Anesthesia	42100 Palate
	<b>Established Patient Office Visit</b>	64402 Facial Nerve Anesthesia	42405 Salivary Gland
	99213 (15) Limited \$	90780 IV Pharm Blockade	20240 Bone
	99214 (25) Intermediate \$	96408 Intralesional Chemotherapy	41108 Floor of Mouth
	99215 (40) Extended \$	90782 IM Injection	<b>Excision (benign, mucosa, face, lips)</b>
	<b>Office Consult</b>	64612 Neurolytic Injection	11440 <0.5 cm
	99241 (15) Limited \$	64505 SPG / Anesthesia	11441 0.6-1.0 cm
	99242 (25) Intermediate \$	<b>OTHER</b>	11442 1.1-2.0 cm
	99243 (40) Extended \$	21480 Simple Dislocation	11443 >2.0 cm
	99244 (60) Comprehensive \$	21485 Complex Dislocation	40820 Destroy any Method
	<b>RADIOLOGY</b>	42330 Sialolithotomy	40810 Vestibule, w/o Repair
	70300 Intraoral single \$	42409 Salivary Marsupialization	40812 Vestibule, w/ Repair
	70310 Partial Exam \$	<b>PROSTHESIS / DEVICES</b>	<b>Incision and Drainage</b>
	70320 Complete Exam \$	21079 Interim Obturator	41800 Intraoral, Simple
	70330 TMJ Bilateral \$	21080 Definitive Obturator	41018 Extraoral, Simple
	70355 Panoramic \$	21085 Surgical Splint	<b>Other</b>
	<b>ADJUVANT</b>	99002 Orthotic	
	97703 Appliance Check / Adj. \$ min.	99070 Drug Delivery Device	



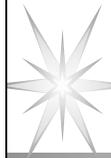
## You won't see it if you're not looking for it.....

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- Estimated point prevalence of oral mucosal lesions in the U.S.: 10-25% (based on community screenings >40,000)
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  - *Bouquot JE, Gorlin RJ. Oral Surg Oral Med Oral Pathol 1986;61(4):373-381.*
  - *Bouquot JE. J Amer Dental Assoc. 1986; 112(1):50-7*
- **That's 1:10 to 1:4 patients.**
- **How many patients did you see last week?**
- **How many oral lesions did you observe?**
- **Have to look for them to find them!**



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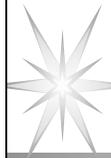
## The process

- **History (CC, HPI, MHx...)**
- **Examination**
- **Differential Diagnosis**
- **Diagnostic / Assessment tests**
  - **Definitive Diagnosis**
  - **Presumptive Diagnosis**



## History: 90% of the story!!!

- Prior occurrence
- Frequency
- Number
- Texture and border features
- Location (intra / extra oral)
- Size
- Associated events
- Changes in size or behavior
- Duration
- Pain
- Other (constitutional) symptoms



## Examination

- Location
- Homo / heterogenous
- Size
- Appearance
- Texture
- Depth / induration
- Borders
- Fixation
- Adenopathy



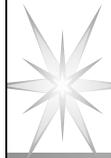
## Skin and Mucosal Disorders

- **Traumatic / reactive**
- **Immunologic**
- **Infectious**
- **Malignant**

By disease process.....

Very helpful for choosing therapy

Not very helpful for establishing a clinical differential diagnosis.... For this, the history and appearance are KEY!

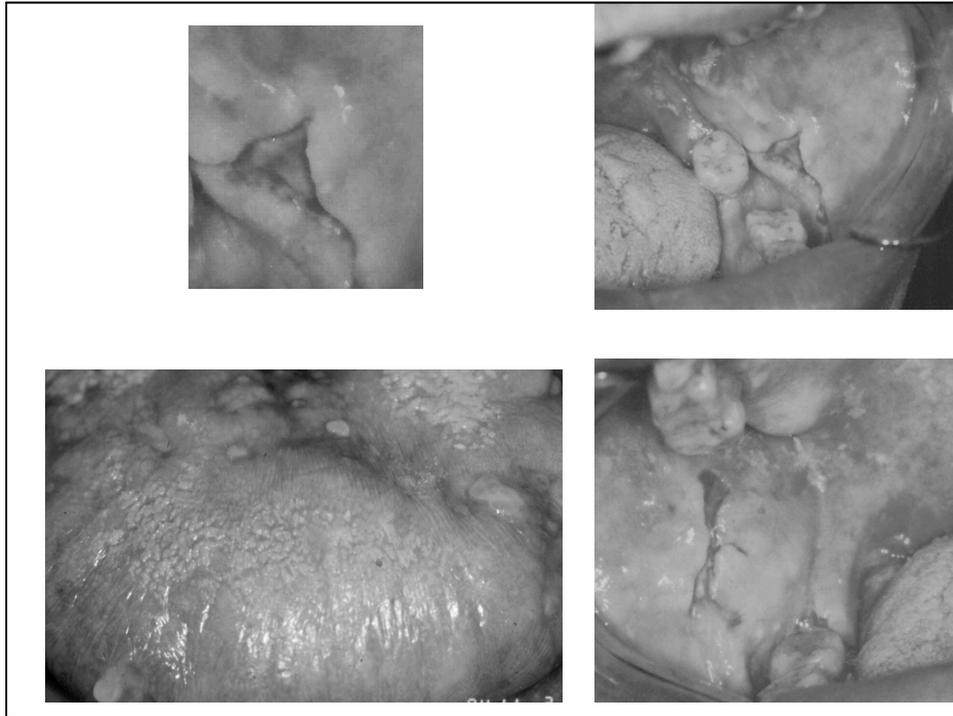


## For Any Lesion.....

- **How Many?**            **Single v. multiple.**
- **How Long?**            **Acute v. Chronic.**
- **Had it before?**        **Primary v. recurrent.**
- **Anywhere else?**      **Local v. general.**

### ORAL ULCERATIONS

<b>Finding</b>	<b>Immunologic</b>	<b>Infectious</b>	<b>Hematologic</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Chronic Solitary</b>	<b>Major Aphthous</b>	<b>Fungal, bacterial, viral</b>	<b>Leukopenia</b>	<b>Trauma Malignancy</b>
<b>Chronic Multiple</b>	<b>Pemphigus Pemphigoid Erosive lichen planus</b>	<b>Chronic HSV</b>	<b>Anemia Dietary: folate, B12, iron</b>	<b>Trauma</b>
<b>Acute Solitary</b>	<b>Aphthous</b>	<b>Herpes Simplex</b>	<b>Unlikely</b>	<b>Trauma</b>
<b>Acute Multiple</b>	<b>Erythema multiforme Aphthous Ulcer Allergy - contact v systemic</b>	<b>Herpes Simplex Herpes Zoster Coxsackie</b>	<b>Severe or frequent aphthous may be due to anemia, malabsorption</b>	



- **Acute, Single**

- trauma
- aphthous
- recurrent HSV

- **Acute, Multiple, Primary**

- primary HSV
- aphthous, EM
- trauma

- **Acute, Single, Recurrent**

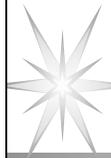
- HSV, RAS, VZ
- erythema multiforme

- **Chronic, solitary**

- trauma
- infection
- malignancy

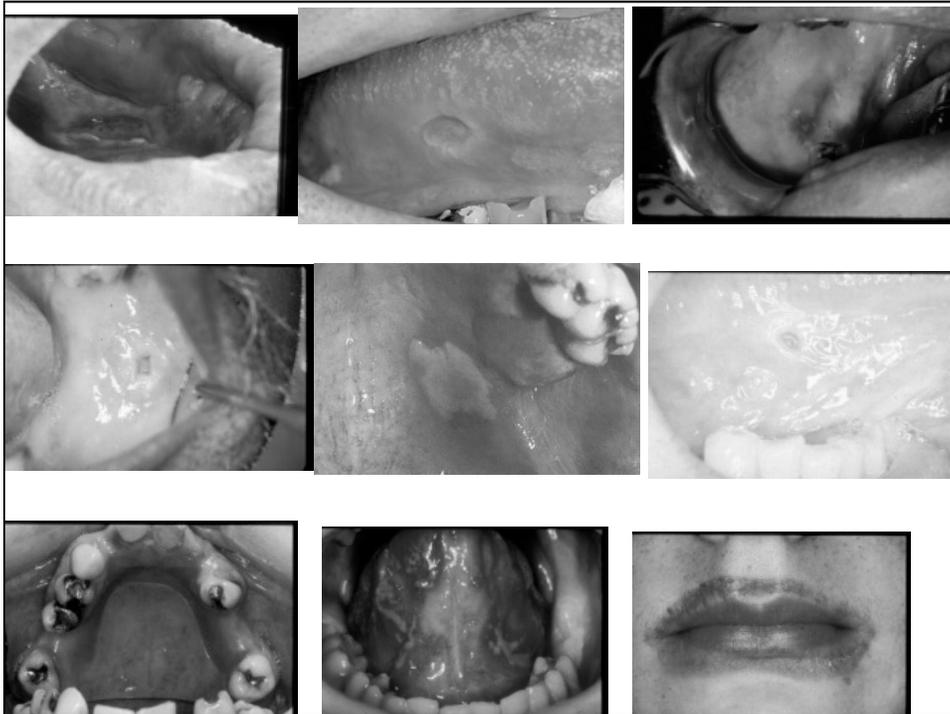
- **Chronic, multiple**

- erosive lichen planus
- pemphigus
- pemphigoid
- EBA, SLE, Behcet's



## Traumatic Ulcerations

- mechanical
- thermal
- chemical
  
- associated local and historical findings
- elimination and re-evaluation
- palliation





- **Chronic, single**

- trauma
- infection
- malignancy

- **Chronic, multiple**

- lichen planus
- pemphigus
- pemphigoid
- EBA



## Immunologic – Lichenoid Lesions

- **Idiopathic oral lichen planus**, oral lichenoid lesions not readily attributable to any defined cause.
- **Oral Lichenoid Contact Lesions**, direct topographic relationship to dental restorative materials, most commonly amalgam.
- **Oral Lichenoid Drug Reactions**, oral or cutaneous lesions occur, temporally associated with the use of certain medications (such as oral hypoglycaemic drugs, angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (NSAIDs)).
- **Oral Lichenoid Lesions of Graft versus Host Disease** in the setting of patients with acute, but predominantly chronic graft versus host disease (GVHD).

VS

Lichenoid Dysplasia



## Immunologic – i-Lichen Planus

- non-ulcerative vs. ulcerative forms
- chronic, multiple lesions
- **Non erosive LP:**
  - White papules or plaques with linear striae (Wickham's striae)
  - Usually bilateral
  - Skin lesions are flat-topped, papule with a red to violet color
  - May develop in a linear distribution in areas of trauma (Koebner phenomenon)
- Patients with primarily skin lesions: ~ 70% also show oral lesions.
- Patients with initially oral lesions: ~ 20 to 40% show skin lesions.

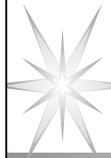
## “Typical” Patient Profile of OLP

Characteristic(s)	Data
Age:	Mean = ~ 40-60 years of age
Female to Male Ratio:	2:1
Ethnic Predisposition/ Geographic Distribution:	not known
Sites of Intra-Oral Involvement:	buccal mucosa > tongue > gingiva >> palate
Extra-Oral Involvement:	15% current or history of cutaneous involvement 20% of women have genital involvement
Risk of Malignant Transformation:	Yes, but low = ~ < <b>0.1- 0.2% per annum</b> in contrast to the incidence of oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) of 0.005% per annum for the general population

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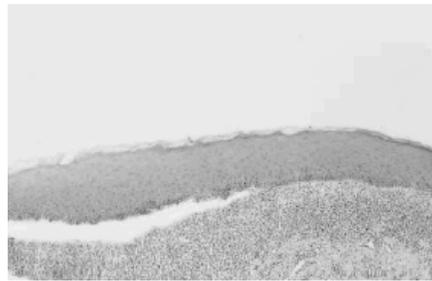
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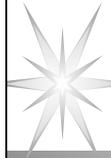
# LP Histologic Features

1. areas of hyperkeratosis, often with a thickening of the granular cell layer and a saw-toothed appearance to the rete pegs
2. necrosis of the basal cell layer, which is often replaced by an eosinophilic band: ATROPHY
3. a dense subepithelial band of lymphocytes



**CD8 T cells induce apoptosis of basal keratinocytes**

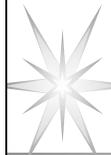
Fibrinogen reactivity



## Lichen Planus and dysplasia, cancer

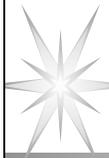
Area of confusion:

- Discussion:
  - Idiopathic Ulcerative / Erosive LP
    - Look for Wickham's striae; bilateral; +/- skin lesions
  - Lichenoid Reaction (drug or contact)
    - Bilateral (drug) or unilateral (contact – amalgam, metals)
  - Lichenoid Dysplasia
    - Unilateral, mixed erythroleukoplakia



## Lichen Planus & OSSC

- **mixed literature on the malignant potential of lichen planus**
- **<1% (0.25-2.5%) Ca in ULCERATIVE LP**
- **Question of correct initial diagnosis**
  - **Lichenoid dysplasia**
    - **Higher likelihood when only one area / unilateral, and when the characteristic white striae are NOT present**



## Lichenoid Reactions: Medications

➤ Antimicrobials

- Dapsone
- Ketoconazole
- Tetracycline
- Sulfamethocazole

➤ Antihypertensives

- ACE inhibitors
- HCTZ
- Beta blockers

➤ NSAIDs

- Ibuprofen, naproxen

➤ Oral Hypoglycemics

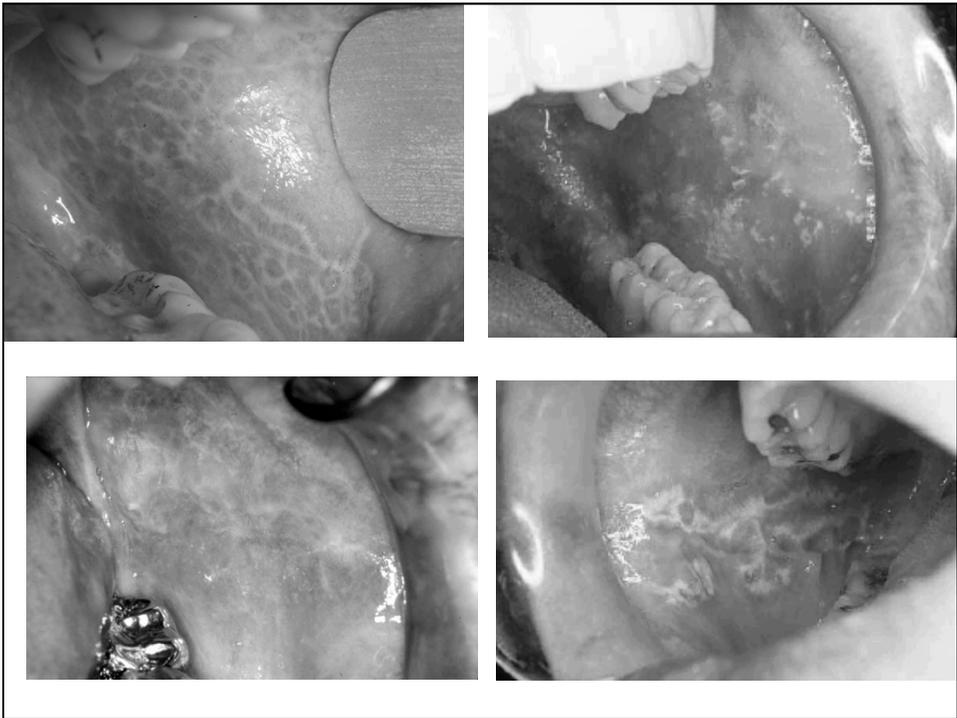
➤ Anxiolytics

- Lorazepam

➤ Misc:

- Penicillamine



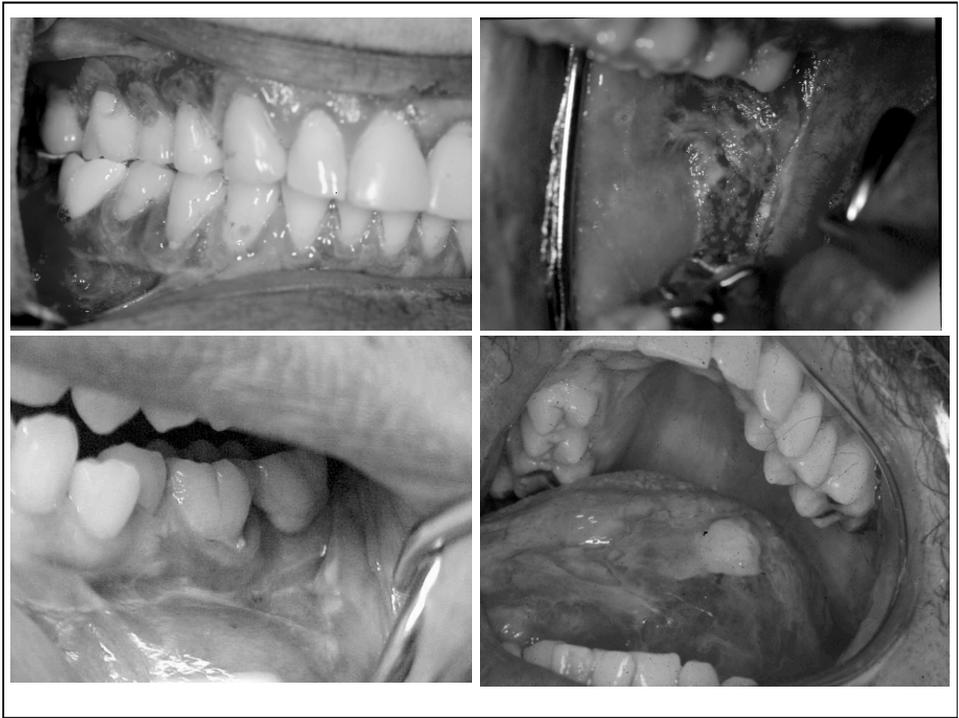


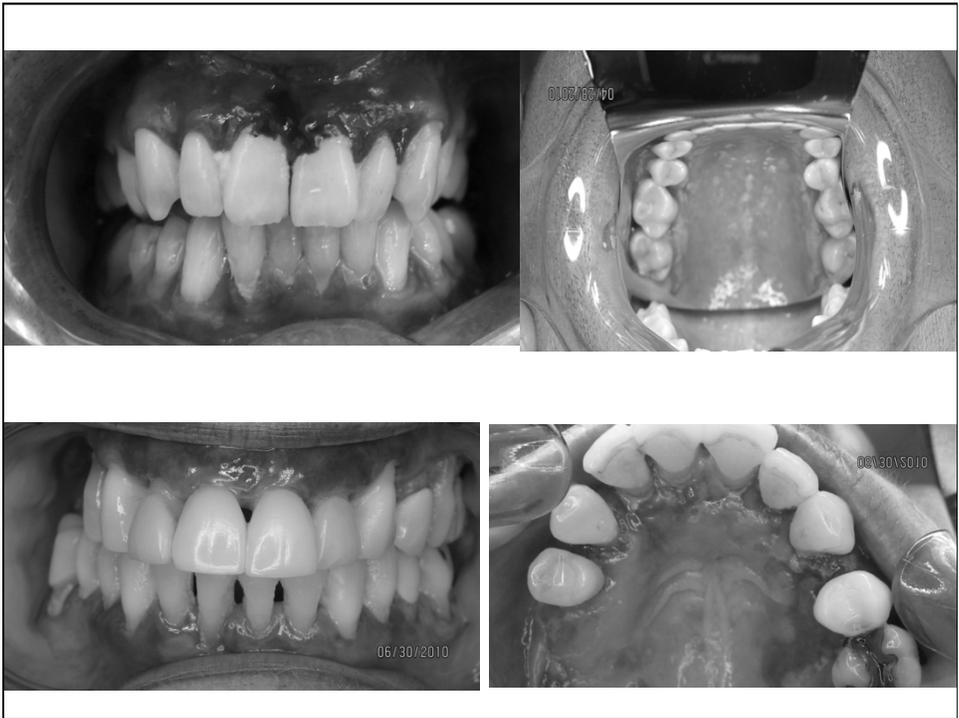
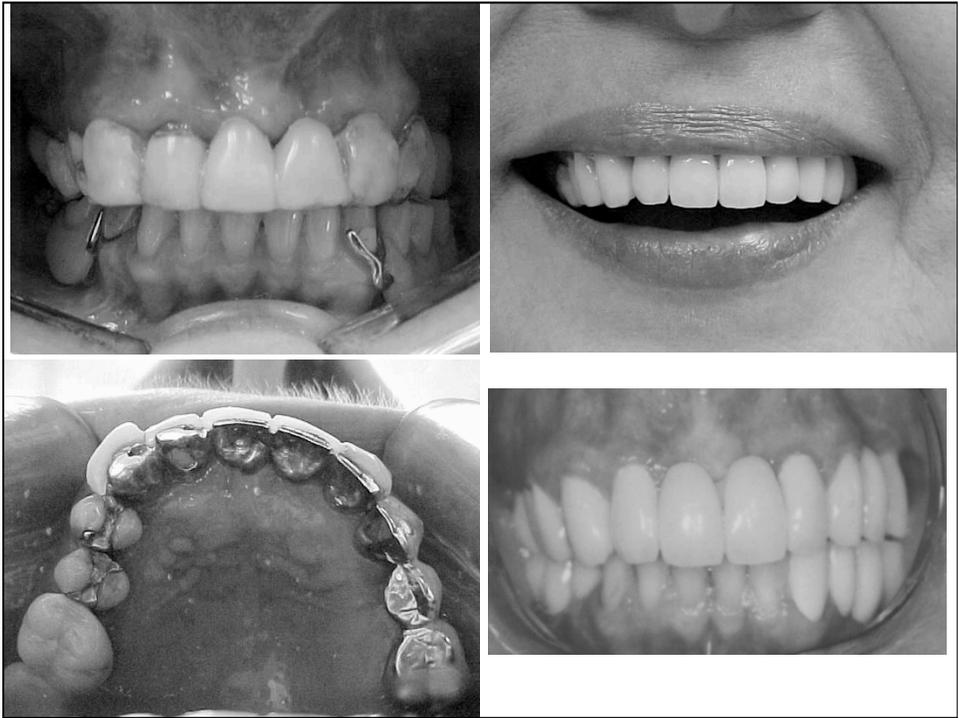


## Diagnosis: Lichen Planus

- History and examination with:
  - non-ulcerative vs. ulcerative forms
  - chronic, multiple ulcerations still with areas of characteristic white striae
  - Any mucosal surface (BM and tongue most common)
  - Desquamative gingivitis
- DDX: pemphigus, pemphigoid, SLE, GVHD; trauma, lichenoid rxn
- Dx:
  - biopsy (H&E)
  - DIF may be necessary if higher likelihood of AI disease







**EVIDENCE BASED GUIDELINES FOR OLP TREATMENT (WWOM IV):**

**Corticosteroids:**

**Topical** high(er)-potency corticosteroids (+/- topical anti-mycotics) are the first-line treatment for symptomatic iOLP.

**Systemic** corticosteroids (+/- topical anti-mycotics) are the first-line treatment for:

- severe, wide-spread, symptomatic iOLP
- symptomatic oral erosive/atrophic lichen planus recalcitrant /resistant to topical therapies
- symptomatic LP involving other muco-cutaneous sites recalcitrant /resistant to topical therapies

**Topical calcineurin-inhibitors** (cyclosporin, tacrolimus, pimecrolimus) for symptomatic iOLP.

On first-principles, topical tacrolimus and pimecrolimus are likely to perform better than topical cyclosporine, but the evidence-base for the use of these two agents in OLP remains weak

*FDA's "Black Box" Warning: possibility of increased risk of malignancy (squamous cell carcinoma and lymphoma) in patients using topical tacrolimus/pimecrolimus for cutaneous psoriasis these agents should be used in limited circumstances, and patients made aware of these concerns).*

**Other Disease Modifying Drugs and Steroid Sparing Agents**

Hydroxychloroquine and azathioprine as "steroid-sparing" agents in systemic corticosteroid responsive iOLP, or widespread LP with oral involvement.

*Caution is indicated with these agents because of risk of retinal damage and marrow aplasia*

**Mycophenolate Mofetil (CellCept):** studies lacking, but promising and safer than alternatives (azathioprine, cyclosporin, long-term prednisone)

**Systemic retinoids are NOT recommended**

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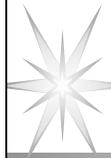
## Immunologic - Erosive Lichen Planus

- **Management:**
  - topical: steroid ointments and creams, rinses (dexamethasone elixir 0.5mg/5cc)
  - systemic: prednisone, cyclosporin, imuran, *cellcept*, *tacrolimus*
  - injection: steroid (triamcinolone, dexamethasone)
  
- **Surveillance / monitoring..... Is there risk for malignant transformation?**
  - Periodic topical steroid
  - Brush biopsy prn

## Topical Steroid Relative Potency

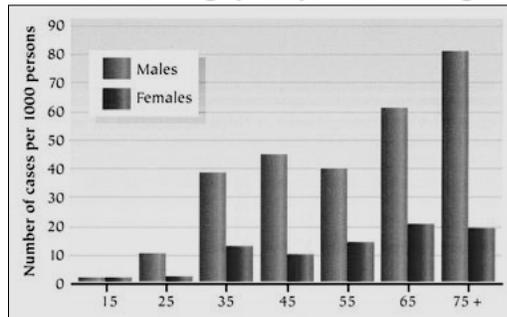
<i>Most Potent:</i>	<i>clobetasol 0.05%</i> <i>halbetesol 0.05%</i>	<i>temovate</i> <i>ultravate</i>
<i>High Potency:</i>	<i>flucinonide 0.05% lidex</i> <i>halcinonide 0.01% halog</i>	
<i>Moderate:</i>	<i>triamcinolone 0.5%</i> <i>betameth diprop 0.05%</i>	<i>aristocort</i> <i>diprosone</i>
<i>Low Potency</i>	<i>triamcinolone 0.1%</i> <i>betameth valerate</i>	<i>kenalog</i> <i>valisone</i>
<i>Weak</i>	<i>hydrocortisone 1%</i>	





## Leukoplakia

- A white patch that cannot be categorized clinically or pathologically as any other disease
- Strictly a clinical term
- Does not imply any microscopic tissue alteration



## Perspective

- If 10-25% of population has an oral mucosal lesion
- And it is estimated that 3% of adult population has a lesion c/w leukoplakia
- Then roughly 1/3 – 1/8 of all oral lesions are leukoplakia



## Leukoplakia: Microscopic Diagnoses at First Diagnosis.

Hyperkeratosis—80%

Dysplasia—12%

In situ carcinoma—3%

Squamous cell carcinoma—5%

- Epithelial dysplasia or invasive carcinoma found in 5% - 20% of leukoplakias studied
  - *90% of dysplastic leukoplakias occur on tongue, lip vermillion, and floor of mouth*



## Etiology of Leukoplakia

- Tobacco
- Sanguinaria
- UV Radiation (lips)
- Micro-organisms
- Trauma (frictional hyperkeratosis)





## Leukoplakia: Microscopic Diagnoses at First Diagnosis.

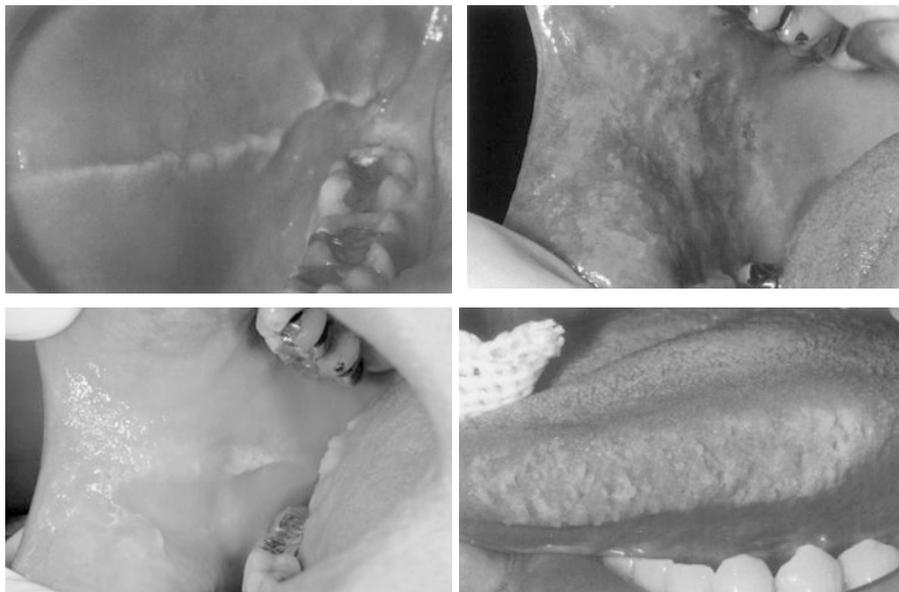
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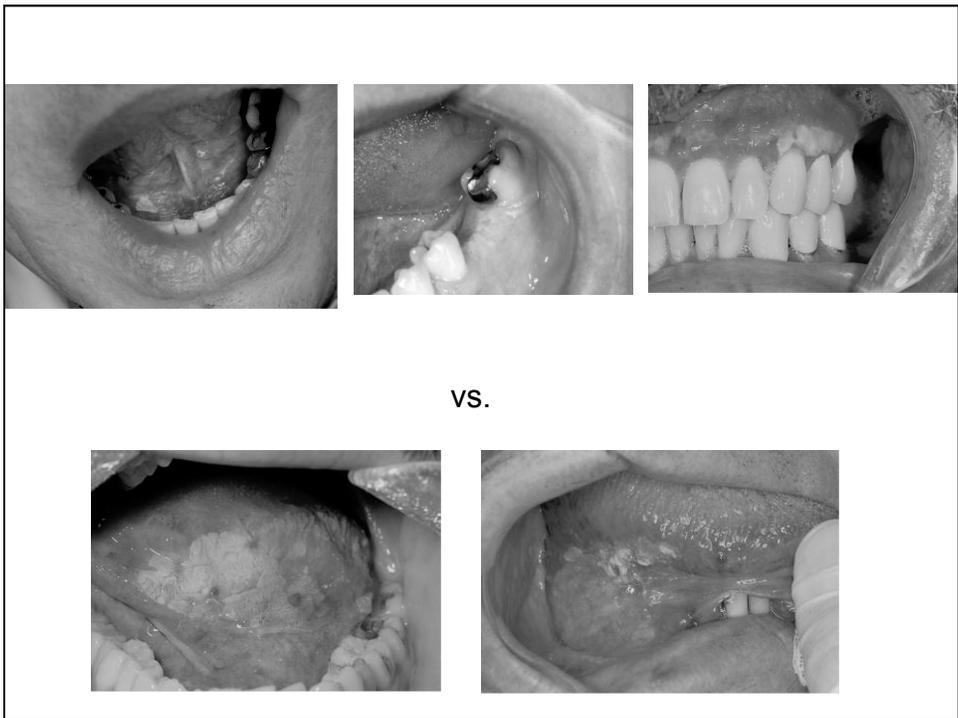
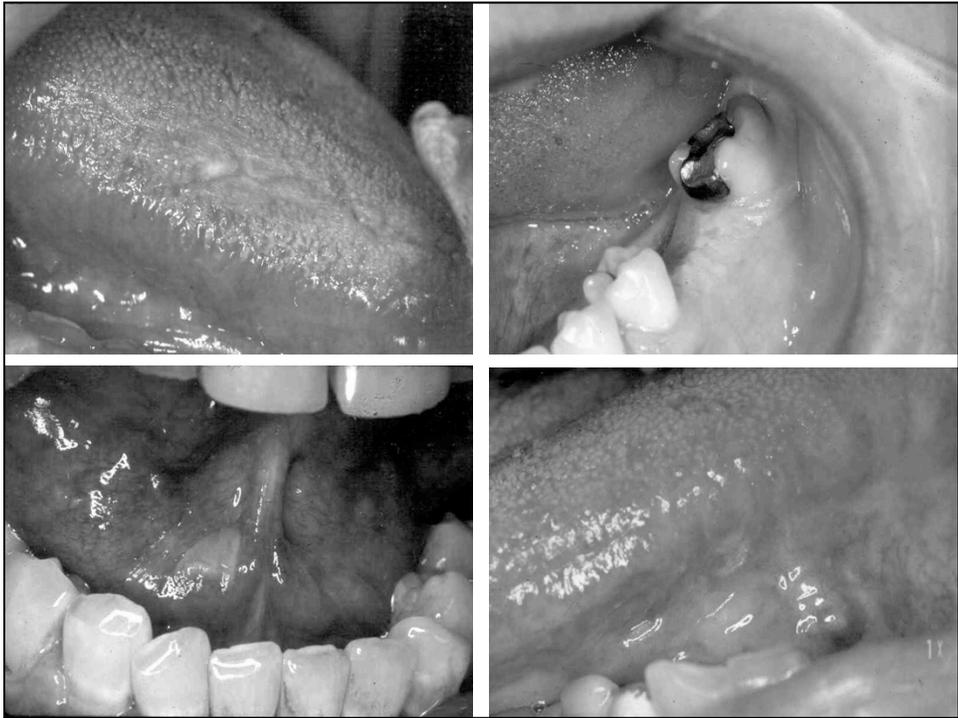
Dysplasia—12%

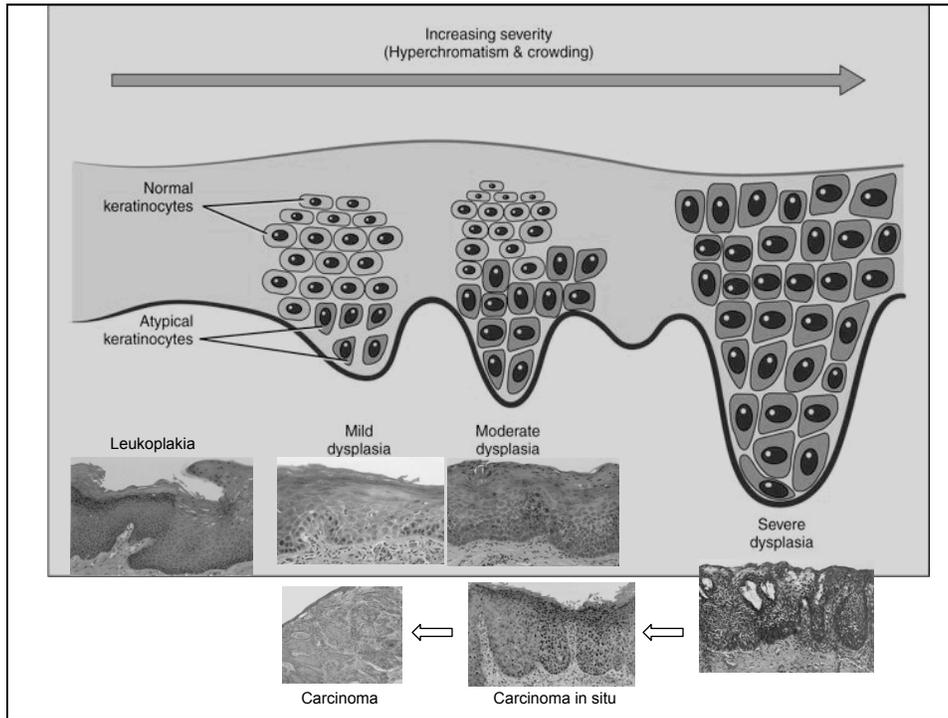
In situ carcinoma—3%

Squamous cell carcinoma—5%

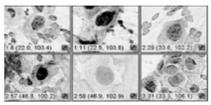
- Epithelial dysplasia or invasive carcinoma found in 5% - 20% of leukoplakias studied
- 85% of oral mucosal lesions considered to be precancer present as leukoplakia







## Leukoplakia: Diagnosis and Management




Idiopathic white patch

⇐ Biopsy mandatory

**Brush  
v  
Scalpel**

Hyperkeratosis

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Remove cause

Dysplasia\*

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Excise and Observe

*In Situ*  
Carcinoma

↓

Excise and Observe

Squamous cell carcinoma

↓

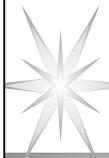
Cancer surgery

Recurrence

↙ ↘

Re-excise (with progressive clinical change)    Observe

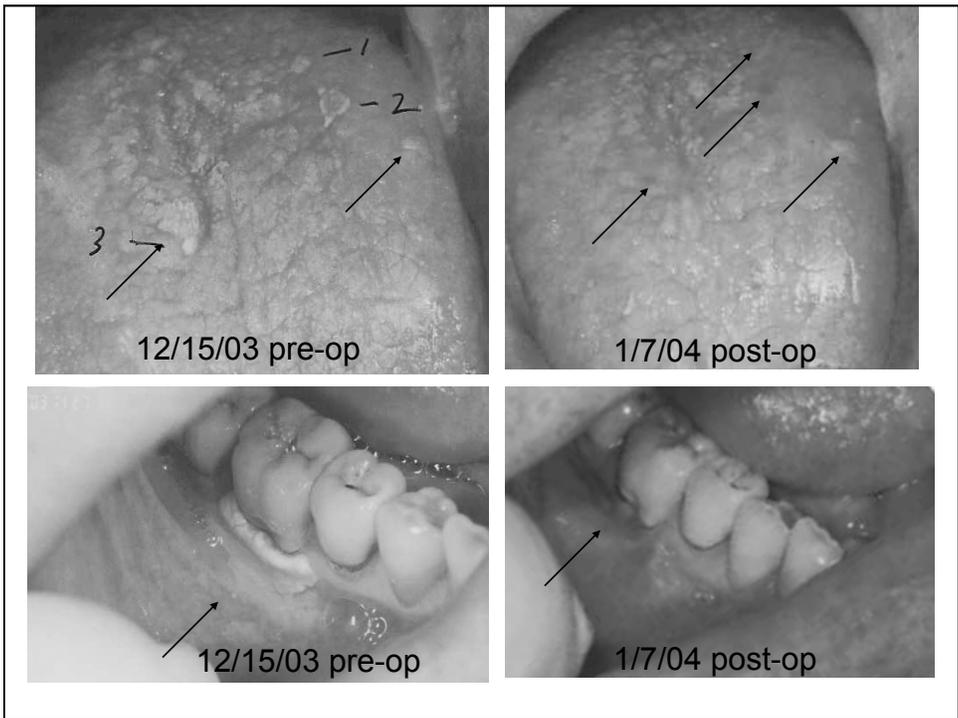
\* Excision of mild dysplasias at the discretion of the clinician

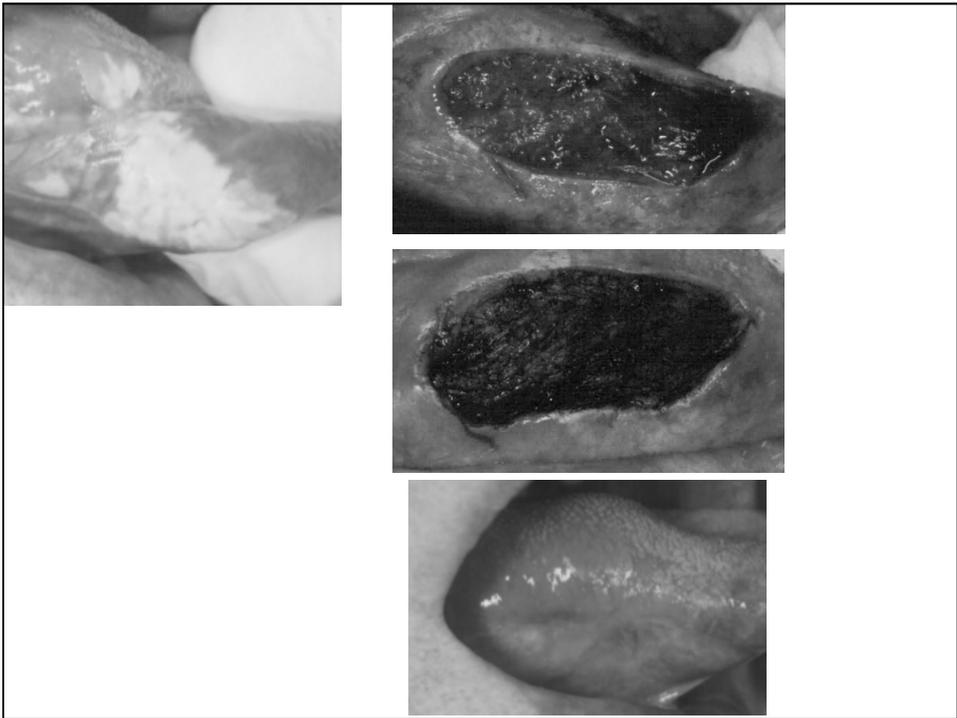


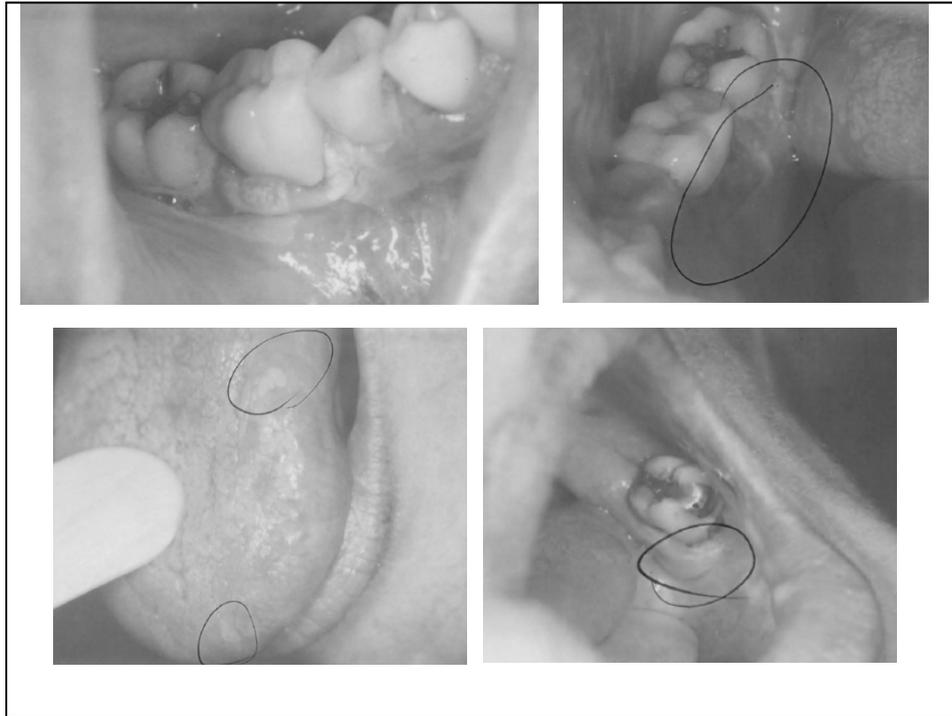
## **Proliferative Verrucous Leukoplakia (PVL)... wolf in sheep's clothing?**

- **A special high-risk form of leukoplakia**
- **Multiple keratotic plaques with roughened surface projections**
- **Plaques tend to slowly spread and involve additional oral mucosal sites**
- **Variable microscopic appearance**
  - **Hyperkeratosis to dysplasia**
- **Women > men, > age 50**



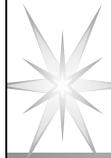






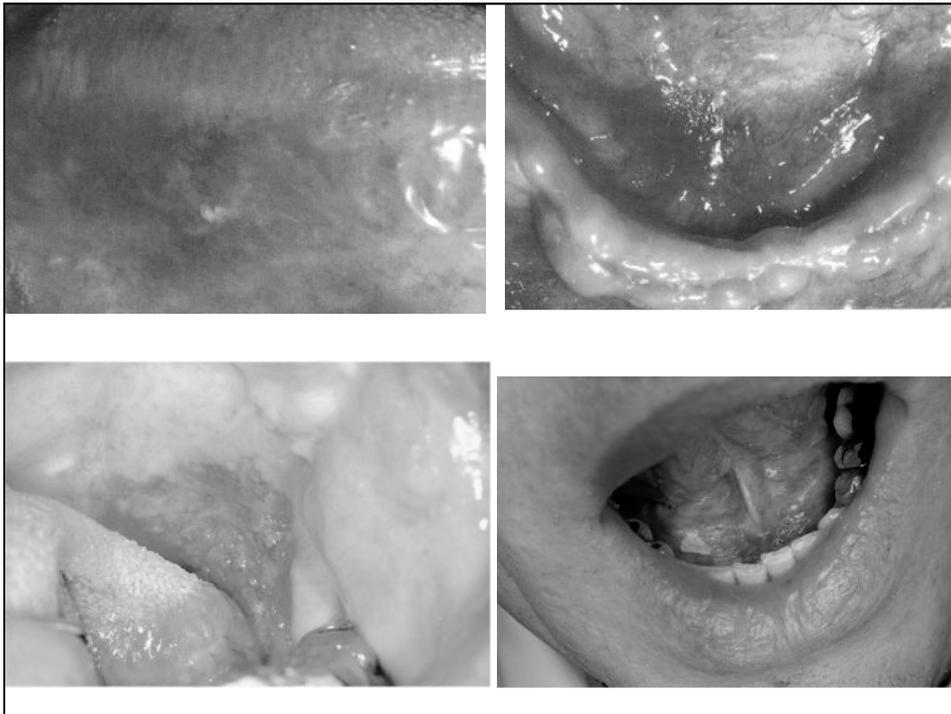
## Erythro-leukoplakia (Speckled Leukoplakia)

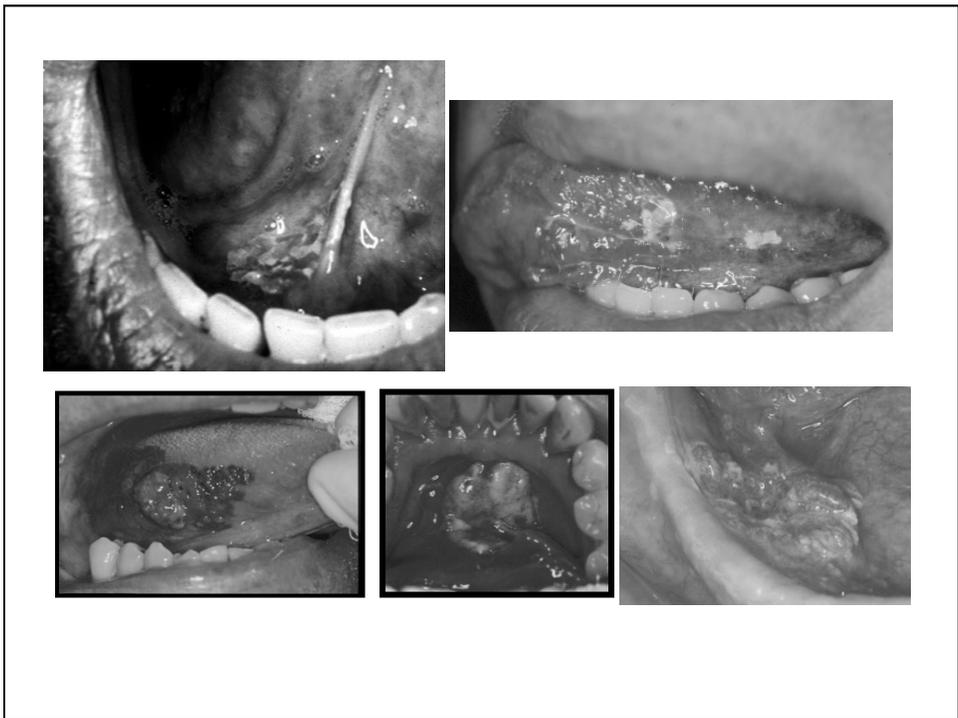
- Some leukoplakic lesions develop scattered patches of redness
- These areas usually represent sites in which epithelial cells are so immature or atrophic that they can no longer produce keratin
- Higher dysplasia risk



## Erythroplakia

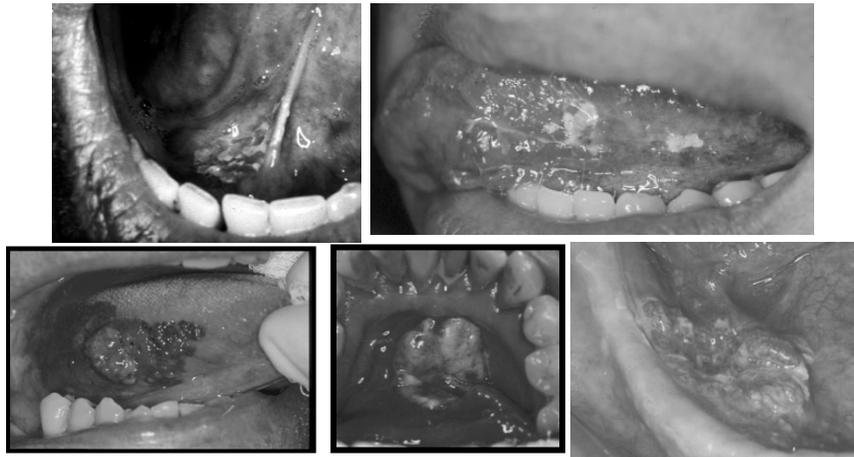
- A red patch that cannot be clinically or pathologically diagnosed as any other condition
- Almost all true erythroplakias demonstrate significant epithelial dysplasia, carcinoma *in situ*, or invasive squamous cell carcinoma





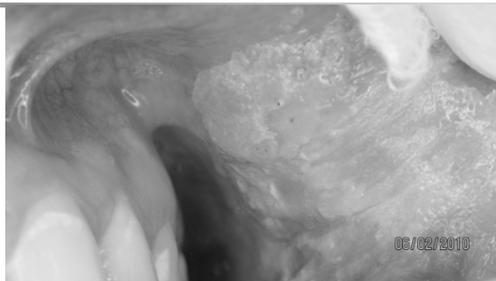
# Dysplasia

A mucosal lesion appearing as a white and/or red patch or as a soft ulcer.... Risk factors include tobacco and/or alcohol use – but not required!



## HPV...oral warts.

Challenging management and cancer risks



- 24yo healthy white male
- heterosexual oral sex
- morsicatio buccarum
- cigar use
- Independent of wart presence significant increased risk for SCCa (HPV 16)
- Oro-genital warts as STD in healthy individuals
- Oral warts in immuno-suppressed individuals



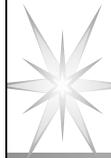
## Pemphigus Vulgaris

- **Multiple, chronic mucocutaneous ulcers**
- **mucocutaneous autoimmune disease characterized by intra-epithelial blisters (bullae) which ruptures to form large, non-healing ulcerations**
- **onset usually in fifth and sixth decades**

**International Pemphigus Foundation**

*A common hope, an uncommon bond*

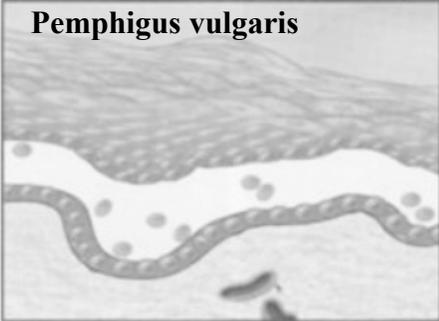
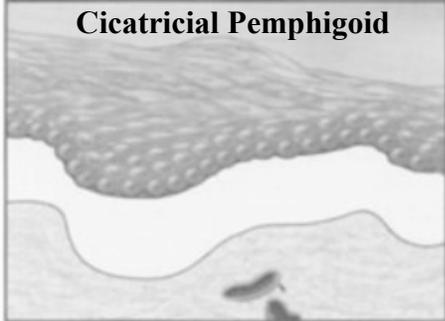
**[www.pemphigus.org](http://www.pemphigus.org)**



## Pemphigus and Pemphigoid

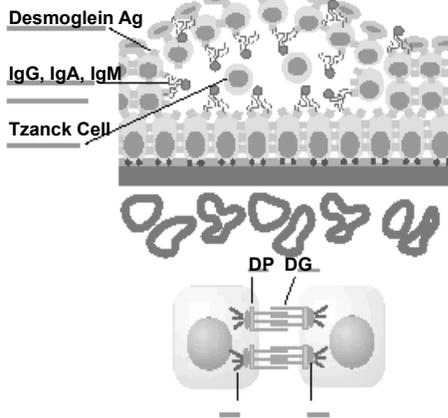
- Both are autoimmune disorders that destroy proteins important in holding together the skin and mucous membranes
- The result is multiple, chronic ulcerations and erosions of the skin an/or mucosa



 <p><b>Pemphigus vulgaris</b></p>	 <p><b>Cicatricial Pemphigoid</b></p>
<p>Intraepithelial: Between the bricks</p>	<p>Subbasilar: At the foundation</p>

## Pemphigus Vulgaris

- circulating IgG, C3 directed against desmoglein 1 and or 3 on keratinocyte surface



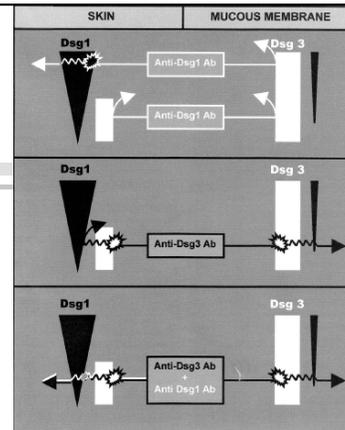
- loss of desmosomal attachment
- epithelial separation / detachment

## Pemphigus Vulgaris

- Pemphigus Vulgaris
  - Most common form, any mucosal or skin surface
- Pemphigus foliaceus
  - Superficial, skin only (face, neck, chest, back)
- Paraneoplastic pemphigus
  - Associated with cancer
- Drug-induced

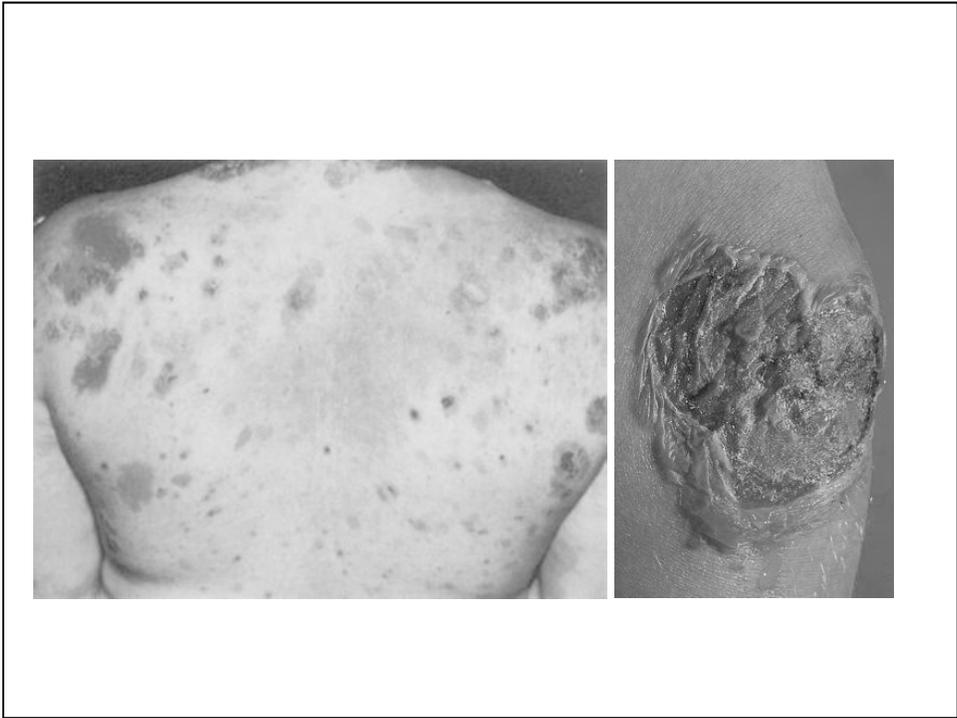
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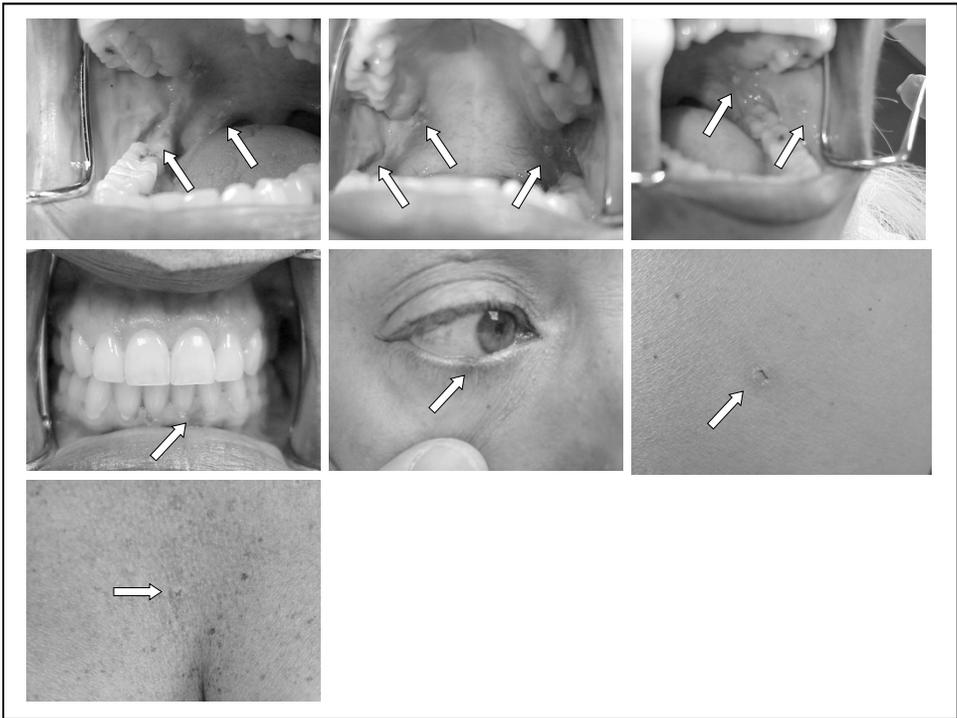
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- epithelial acantholysis and Tzank cells



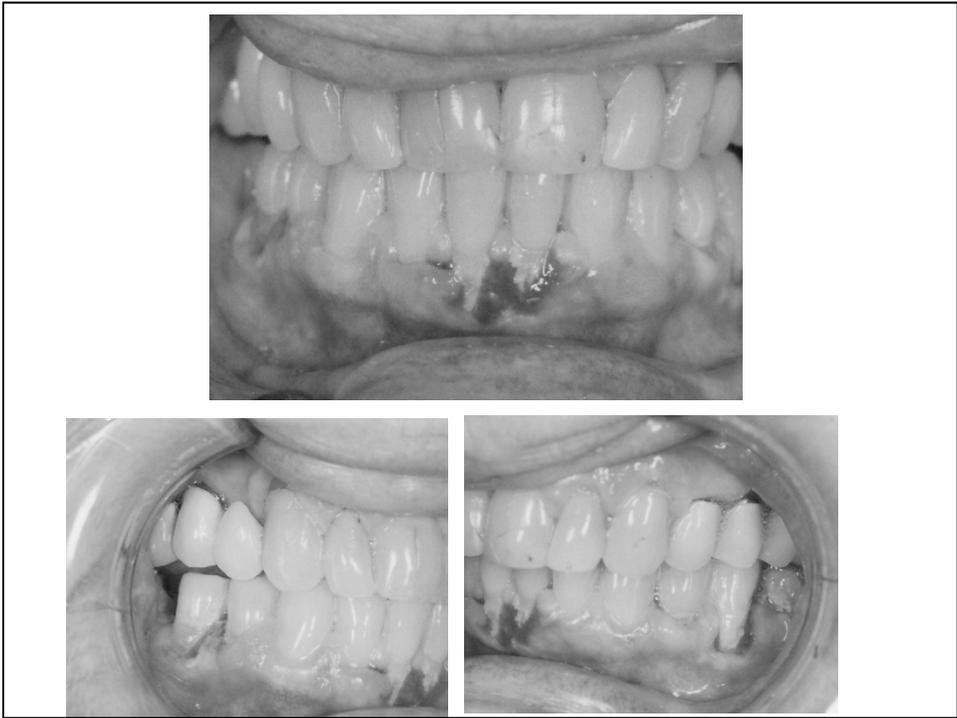
ELISA		Diagnosis
Anti-Dsg1 IgG	Anti Dsg3 IgG	
+	-	Pemphigus foliaceus (skin dominant)
-	+	Mucosal dominant PV
+	+	Mucocutaneous type PV

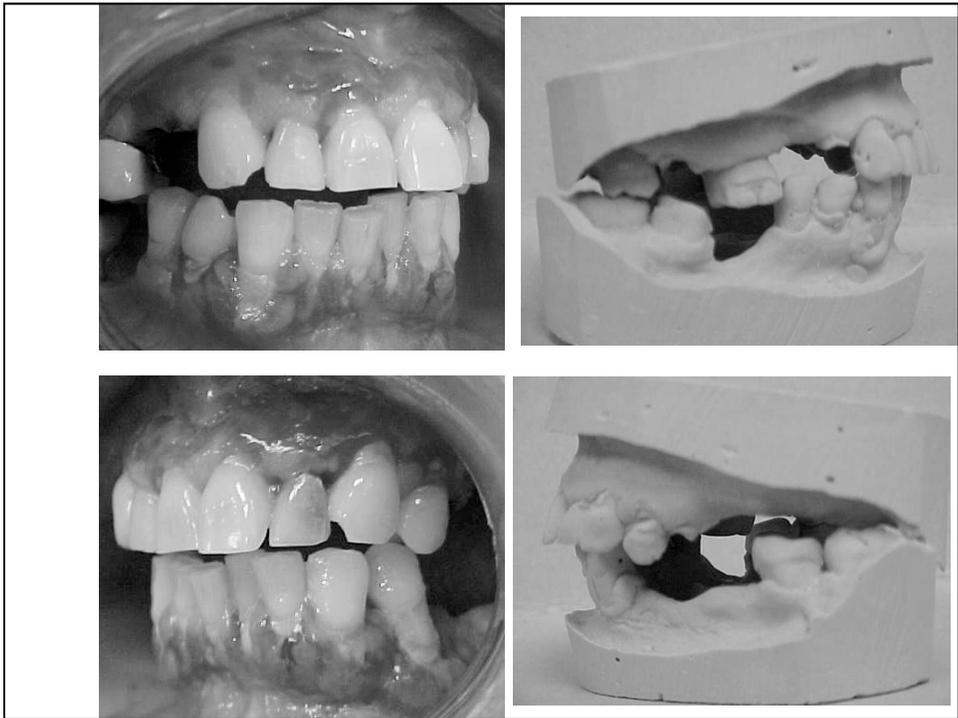


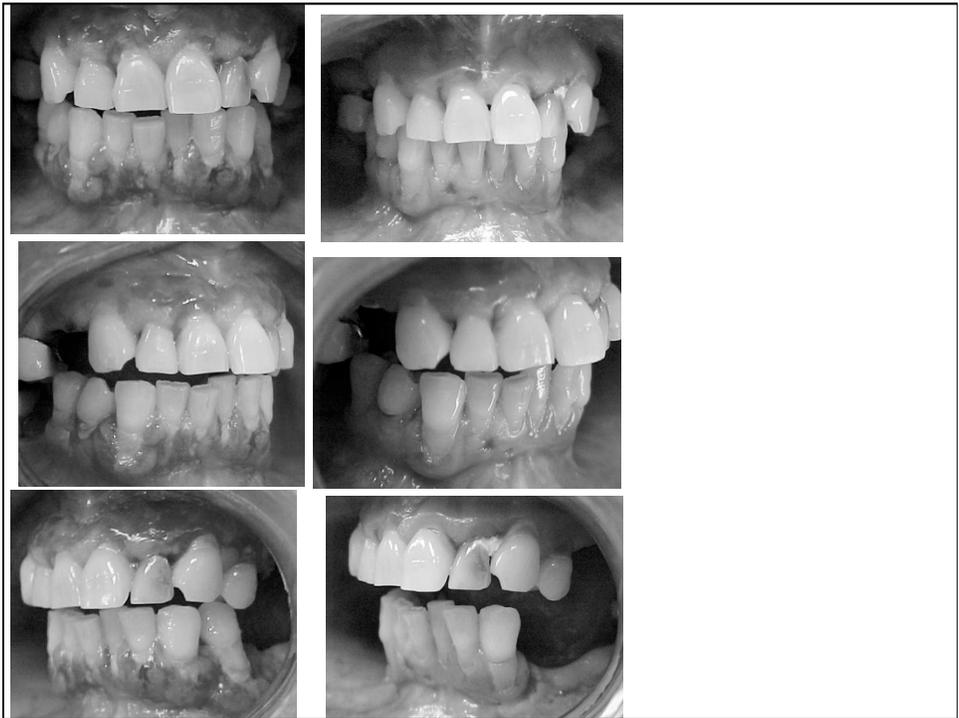
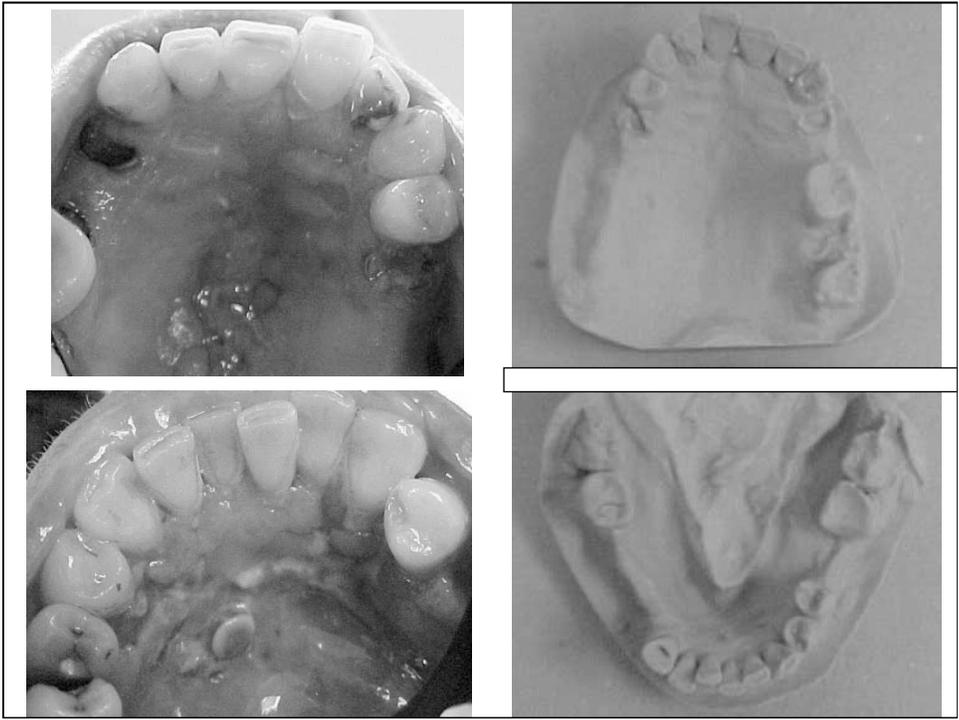


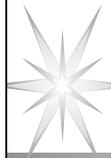












# Pemphigus Vulgaris

- The significant majority of patients develop oral lesions before cutaneous
- multiple shallow, burn-like ulcerations which begin as a bulla
- (+) Nikolsky sign
- chronic, multiple, generalized



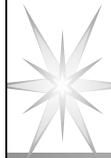
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99 patients studied to determine patterns of disease onset and diagnosis

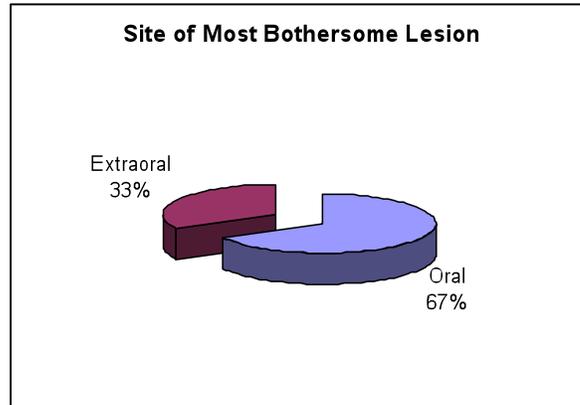
Sex	(%)	Present age	Age @ Dx	Duration	Interval between skin-mucosa
M	29%	52.3± 11.2	48± 10.8	5± 4.1 yrs	8.8± 8.1 months
F	71%	56.1± 11	50 ± 11.2	6.6± 6.1 yrs	7.6± 7.9 months

Characteristic	Oral Mucosa	Skin	Skin and Mucosa
Site of 1 <sup>st</sup> lesion	79 (80%)	20 (20%)	---
Exclusive site of lesion	24 (24%)	7 (7%)	69 (69%)
# Clinicians to achieve dx	4.3 ± 3.5	2.1 ± 1.3	---



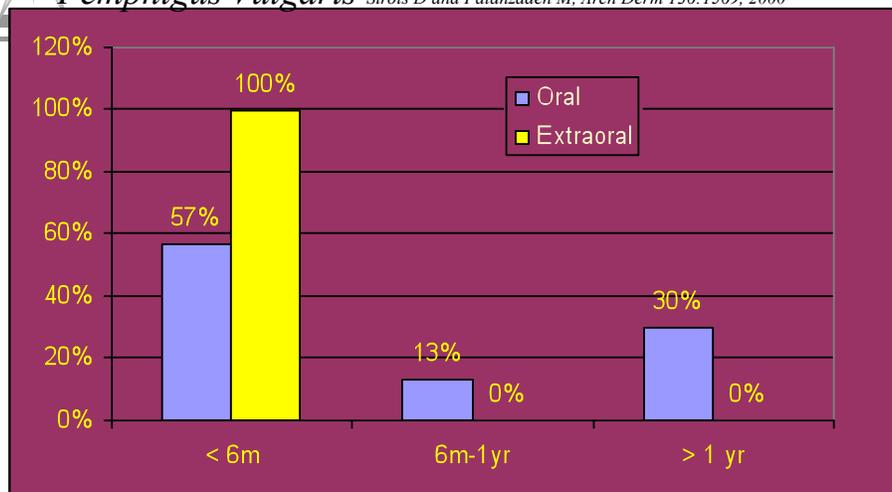
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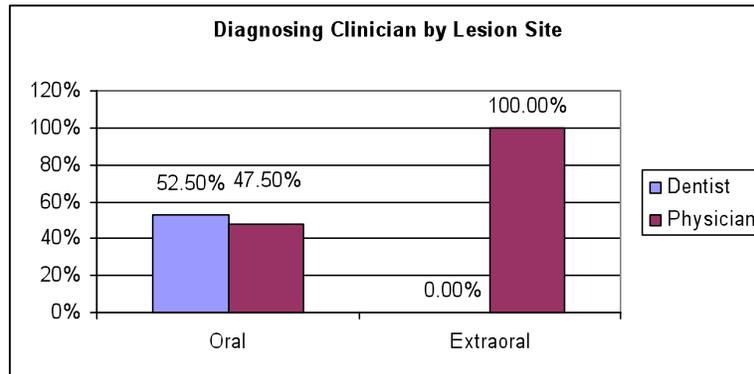
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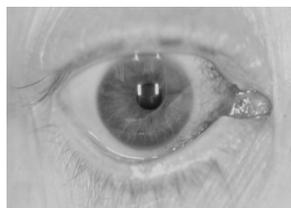
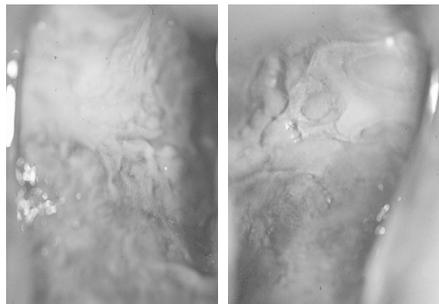


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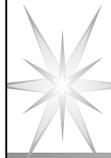
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Oral PV: 1.3 dentists compared to 3.1 MDs to achieve diagnosis



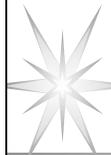




## Pemphigus Vulgaris

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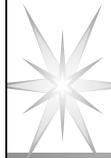
- **Differential Diagnosis**
  - pemphigus
  - pemphigoid
  - erosive lichen planus
  - epidermolysis bullosa



## Pemphigus Vulgaris

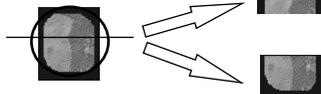
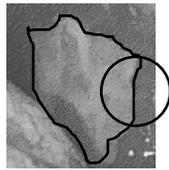
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- **Diagnosis:**
  - history, physical examination
    - multiple, chronic mucocutaneous ulcerations, bullae
  - **BIOPSY:**
  - H&E: acantholysis and Tzank cells
  - Direct immunofluorescence from perilesional tissue reveals suprabasilar, intraepithelial reaction product
- +/- circulating antibodies (IIF)



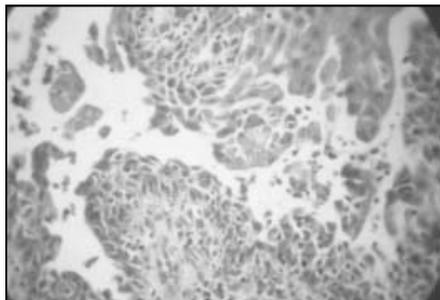
# Pemphigus Vulgaris

## BIOPSY TECHNIQUE FOR VB Disease



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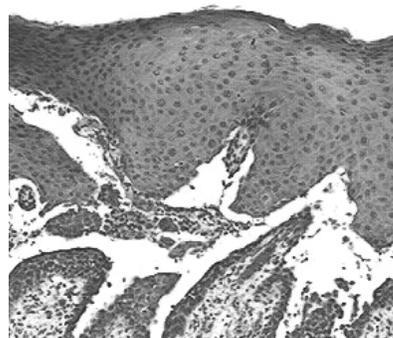
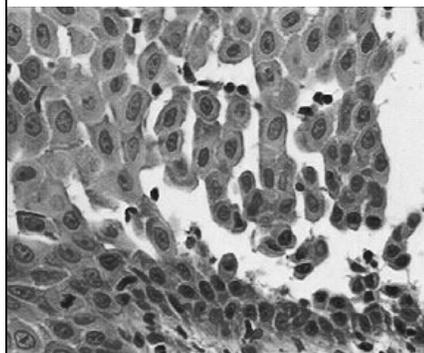
DIF  
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solution)

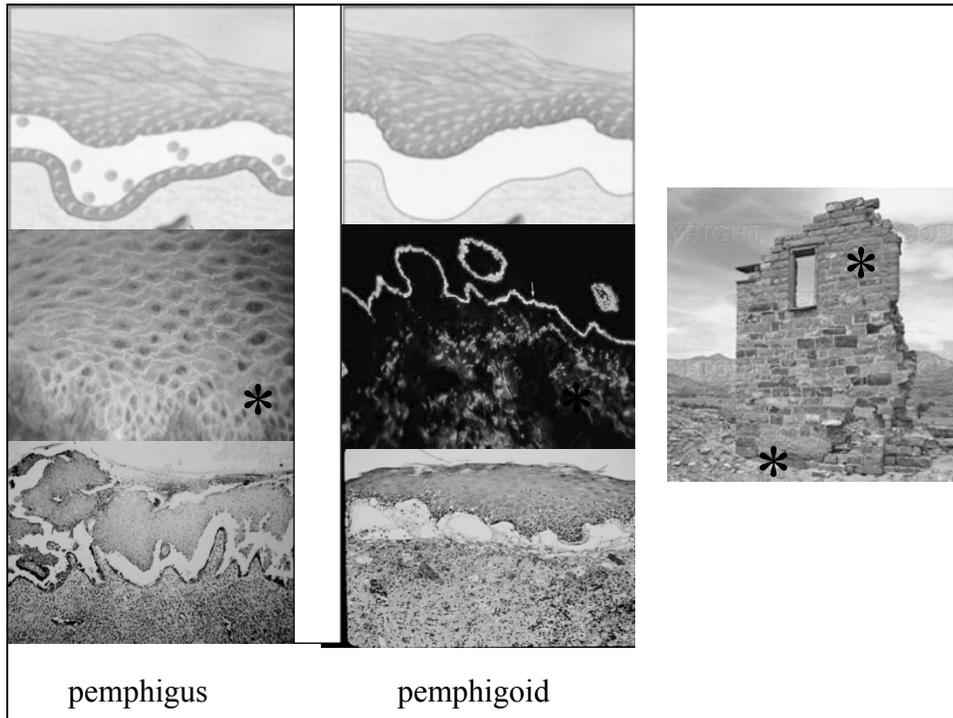


Separation of spinous epithelial layer from basal epithelial layer

Spinous layer falls apart:  
acantholysis

Rounded single cells- Tzanck cells





## Pemphigus Vulgaris: Treatment

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**SYSTEMIC TREATMENT**

- Prednisone (oral, pulse)
- Mycophenolate
- Azathioprine
- Methotrexate
- Cyclophosphamide
- **IVIg**
- **Rituxmab**
- Cyclosporin
- Plasmaphoresis
- Monoclonal Ab

Pre-tx  
bloodwork and  
continued  
monitoring

**Local Treatment:**

- Topical
- Injection treatment  
(celestone, dexamethasone, triamcinalone) for refractory lesions

**Trials:**

- Biologics: IVIg, Rituxmab
- TNF: Enbrel, Remicade, etanercept infliximab



## Pemphigus vulgaris - Treatment Approaches

- **Initial Therapy:**
- **Prednisone - 1 mg / kg / day**
- **Prednisone & mycophenolate 35 - 45 mg / kg, or azathioprine 3 - 4 mg / kg / day**
  - ⇒ (IvIG or biologic agents such as rituximab)
- **Prednisone & cyclophosphamide 2.5 mg/ kg / day.**
- **Prednisone & cyclophosphamide & plasmapheresis, 5 - 6 exchanges.**



## Prednisone side effects

- Sodium and water retention, edema, HTN
- hyperglycemia
- calcium mobilization and osteoporosis
- agitation, psychosis
- fat redistribution
- muscle atrophy, weakness
- *alternate day dosing, steroid sparing meds*

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Ordering Physician: 109345279	CLIA # (if applicable): 49904402	Time Collected: 0821	FASTING	CLIA # (if applicable): 68560322	Time Collected: 0730

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CBC W/ DIFF & PLT			
WBC	8.0	Thous/cu.mm	3.9-11.2
RBC	4.99	Mil/cu.mm	3.80-5.20
HEMOGLOBIN	12.9	g/dL	11.6-16.5
HEMATOCRIT	38.4	Percent	34.0-46.0
MCV	86	fL	80-98
MCH	28.8	pg	27.0-34.0
MCHC	33.7	Percent	32.0-36.0
RDW	14.7	Percent	11.0-15.5
PLATELET COUNT	360	Thous/cu.mm	150-400
TOTAL NEUTROPHILS, %	55.1	%	7.5-11.5
TOTAL LYMPHOCYTES, %	30.2	Percent	38.0-80.0
MONOCYTES, %	11.0	Percent	15.0-49.0
EOSINOPHILS, %	2.7	Percent	0.0-13.0
NEUTROPHILS, ABSOLUTE	448	Cells/cu.mm	0.0-2.0
LYMPHOCYTES, ABSOLUTE	2416	Cells/cu.mm	1700-8500
MONOCYTES, ABSOLUTE	880	Cells/cu.mm	1000-3500
EOSINOPHILS, ABSOLUTE	216	Cells/cu.mm	40-900
BASOPHILS, ABSOLUTE	80	Cells/cu.mm	30-550
DIFFERENTIAL			0-125

An instrument differential was performed.

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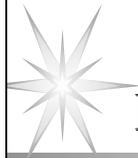
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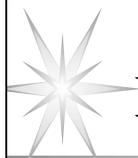
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COMP METABOLIC PANEL			
GLUCOSE, FASTING	85	mg/dL	65-109
SODIUM	145	mmol/L	135-146
POTASSIUM	4.4	mmol/L	3.5-5.3
CHLORIDE	110	mmol/L	98-110
CARBON DIOXIDE	23	mmol/L	21-33
UREA NITROGEN	13	mg/dL	7-25
CREATININE	0.8	mg/dL	0.5-1.2
BUN/CREATININE RATIO	16.3		6.0-25.0
URIC ACID	3.9	mg/dL	1.7-7.5
PHOSPHORUS	3.3	mg/dL	2.5-4.5
CALCIUM	9.1	mg/dL	8.5-10.4
CHOLESTEROL, TOTAL	237	H	<200
See note 1			
TRIGLYCERIDES	111	mg/dL	<150
PROTEIN, TOTAL	6.3	g/dL	6.0-8.3
ALBUMIN	3.8	g/dL	3.5-4.9
GLOBULIN, CALCULATED	2.5	g/dL	2.2-4.2
A/G RATIO	1.5		0.8-2.0
BILIRUBIN, TOTAL	0.32	mg/dL	0.20-1.30
BILIRUBIN, DIRECT	0.05	mg/dL	0.00-0.30
ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE	55	U/L	20-125
GGT	29	U/L	2-60
AST	13	U/L	2-35
ALT	18	U/L	2-40
LD	165	U/L	100-250
IRON	59	ug/dL	35-175

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## Pemphigus vulgaris - Therapy trends

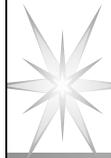
- Problem – lack of hard data to know which treatment protocol is most effective
- Definitions: remission?
- Increasing interest in biologic agents: IvIg and rituximab
- Awaiting data from trials on TNF blockers (Enbrel, Remicade)



## Pemphigus - Oral Complications

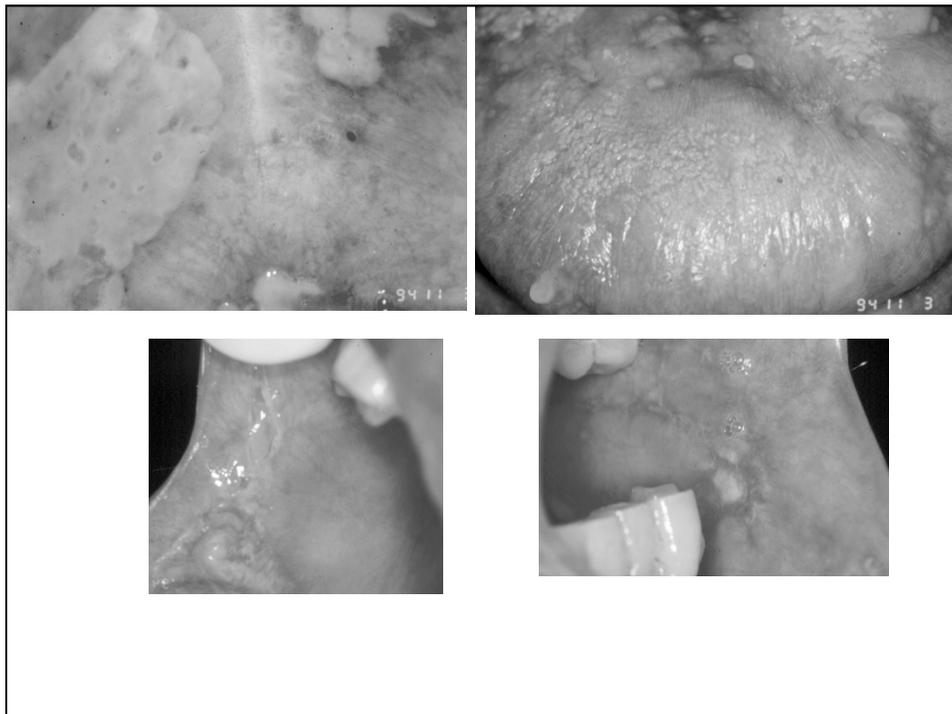
- **Drug effects:**
  - Immunosuppression, mucositis, systemic SE
- **pain, decreased food intake**
- **caries and periodontal disease if gingivae are involved and hygiene is painful**
- **Candidiasis**
- **removable prosthesis intolerance**

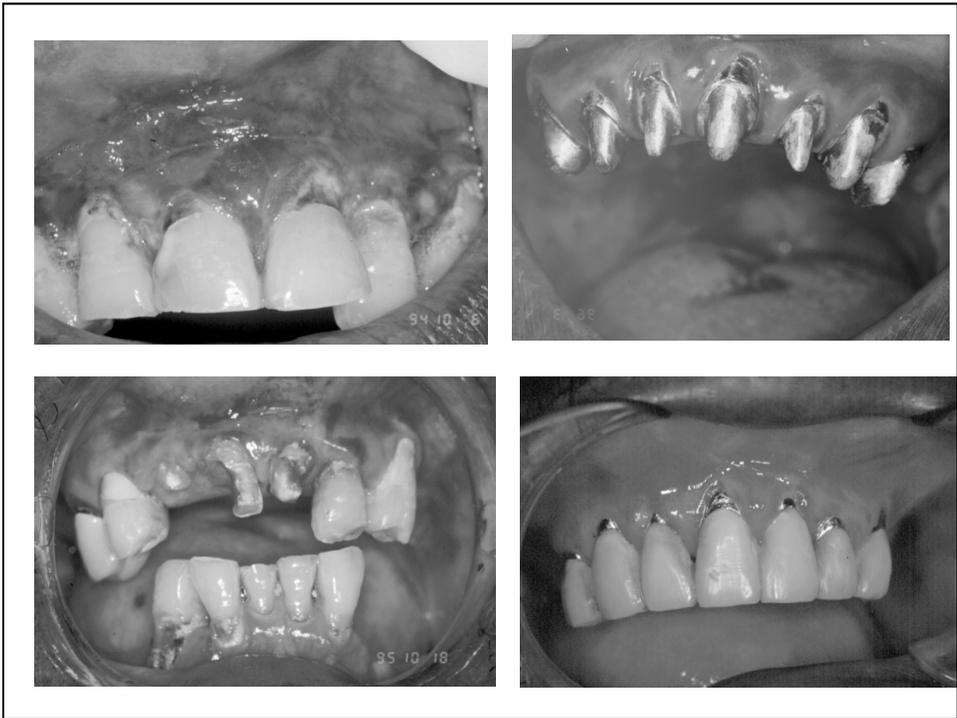
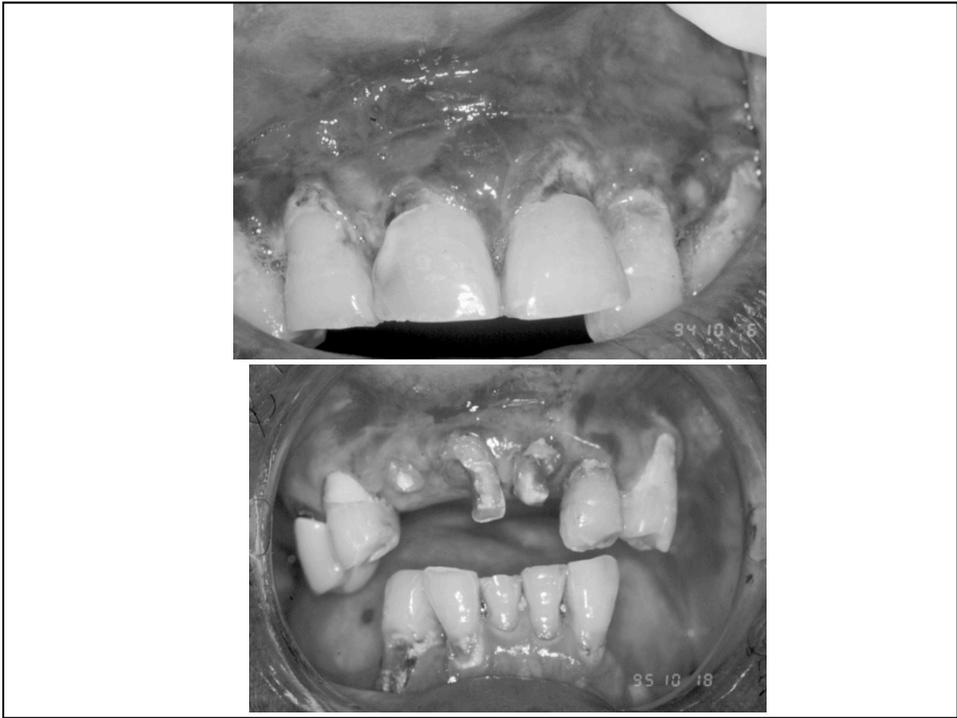


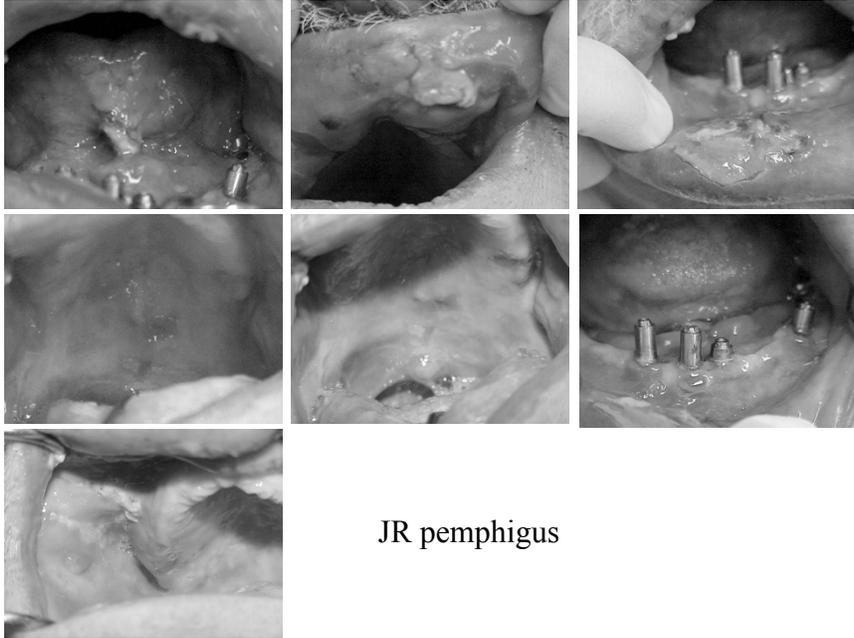


## Considerations in Oral VB-Ulc Disease:

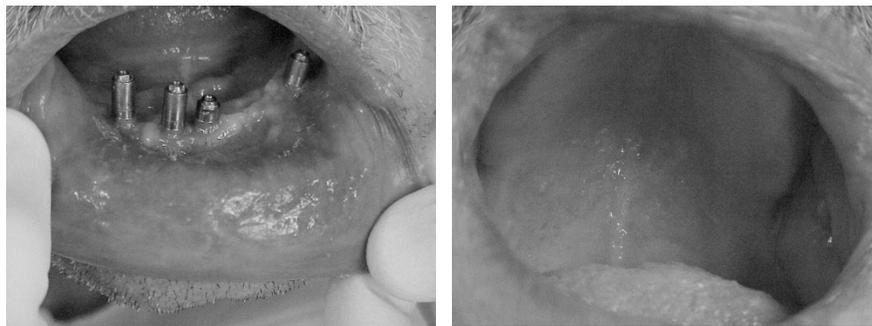
- medication side effects
  - prednisone, dapsone, imuran, cyclosporin
- gingival ulceration, pain, and oral hygiene
- removable prosthesis vs. fixed
- prevention: periodontal dz and caries



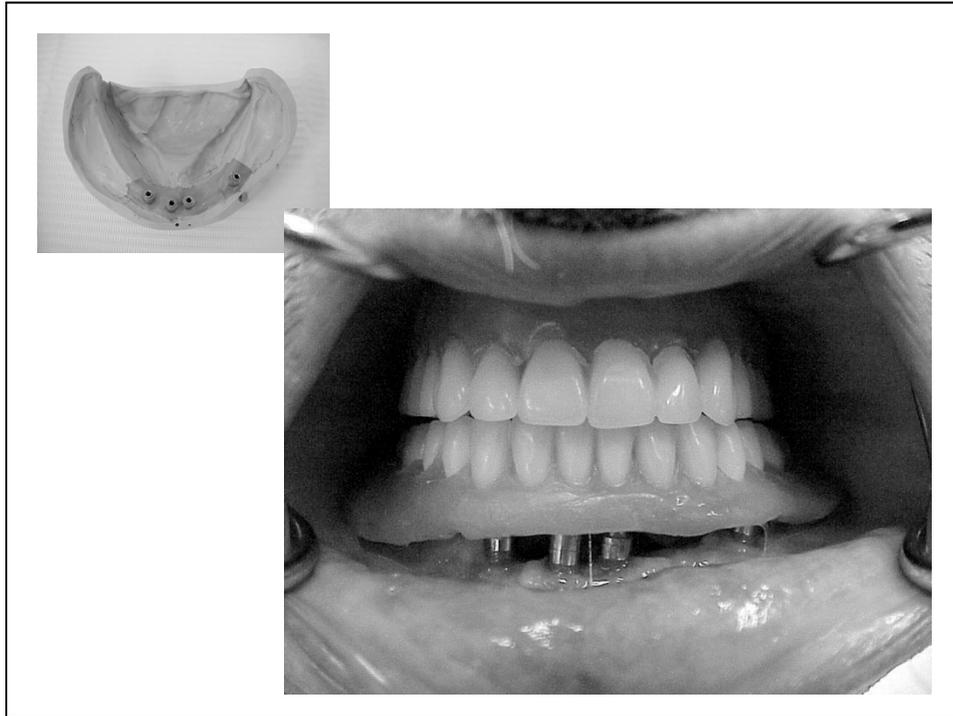




JR pemphigus

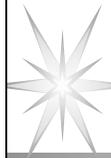


JR, pemphigus  
s/p 1 week 70 mg pred/day



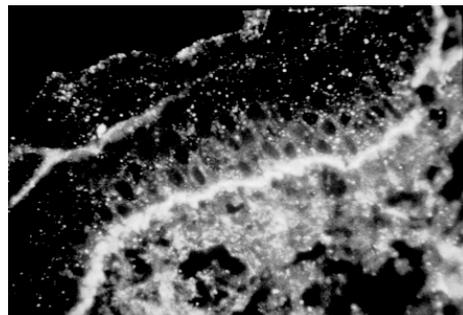
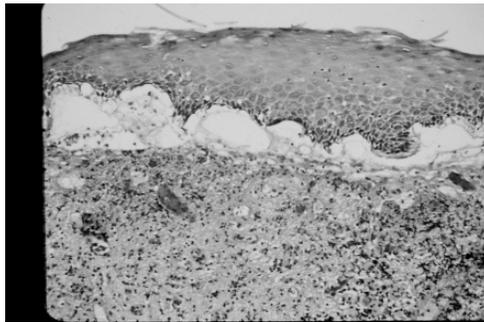
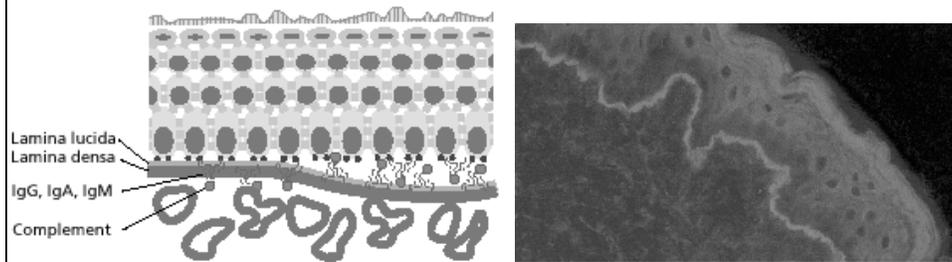
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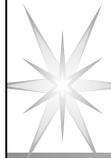
- mucocutaneous autoimmune disease characterized by sub-epithelial blisters (bullae) which ruptures to form large, non-healing ulcerations
- onset usually in individuals over age 45
- VARIANTS:
- Cicatricial (benign mucous membrane)
- Bullous (skin>mucosa)



# Pemphigoid

- tissue IgG, C3 directed against BPA2 in basement membrane zone
- separation of epithelium at junction





# Pemphigoid

- more than 70% of patients develop oral lesions before cutaneous
- multiple shallow, ulcerations which begin as a bulla; bleeding more common
- (+/-) Nikolsky sign
- chronic, multiple, generalized



# Pemphigoid

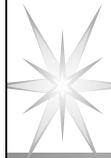
- Clinical Subtypes:
  - Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid
    - Oral
    - Ocular
  - Bullous
  - Cicatricial

Site	Clinical subgroup	Isotype	Main target antigens
Skin	BP*	IgG ++	180,230 kDa
	Uncommon	IgA ++	180 kDa
Ocular only	MMP†	IgA ++	45 kDa
	Uncommon	IgG +	Beta 4 integrin
Oral	MMP	IgG ++	168,180,230 kDa
	Common	IgA +	180 kDa
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	Common	IgA ++	180 kDa

\* BP = bullous pemphigoid.

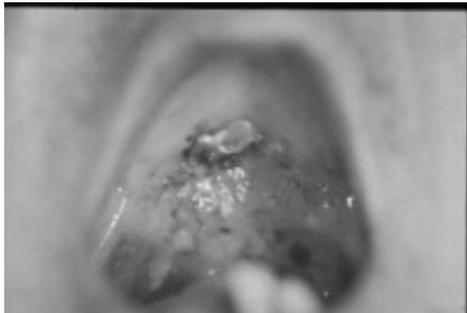
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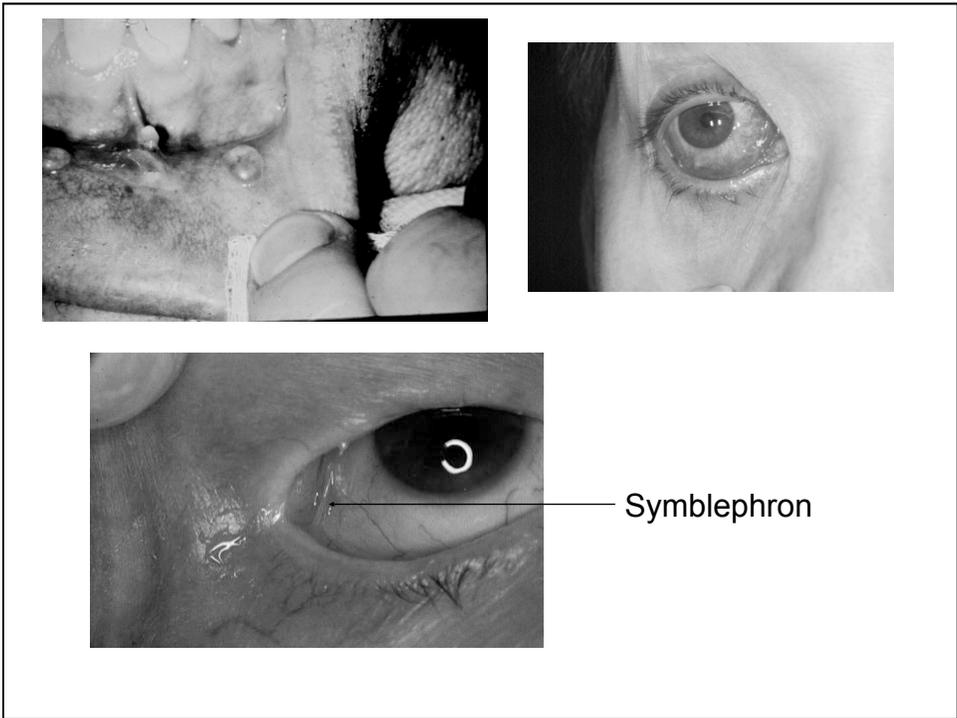
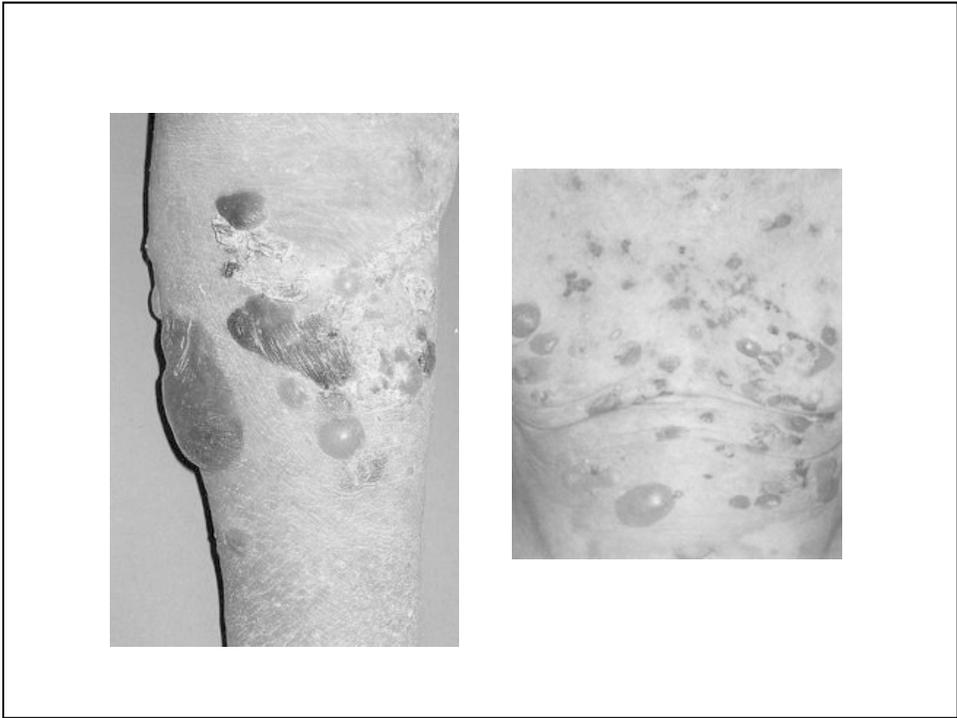
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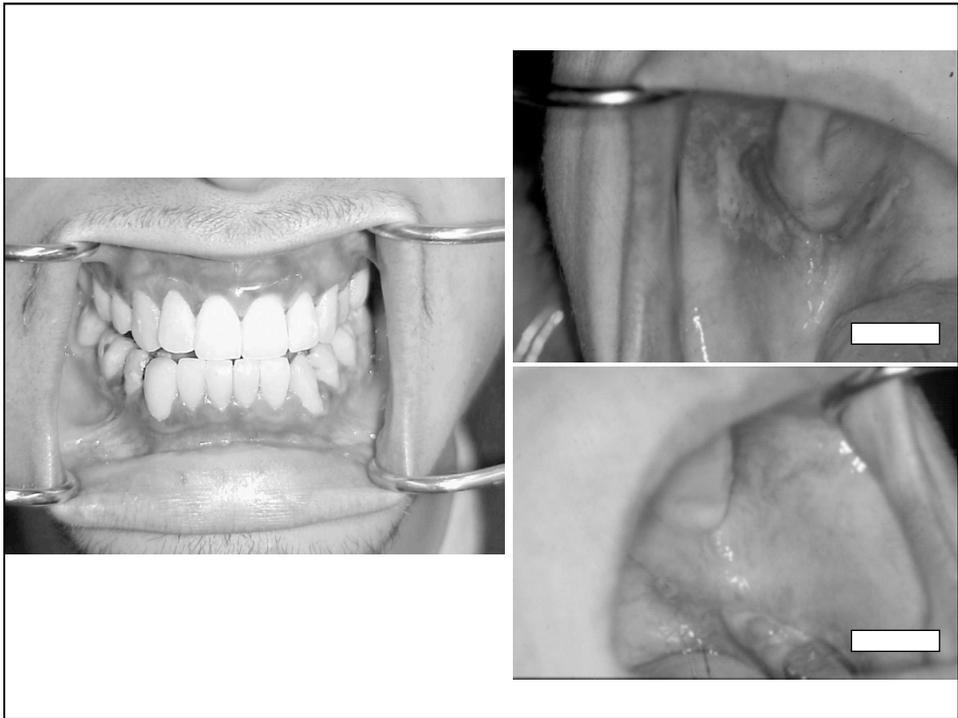


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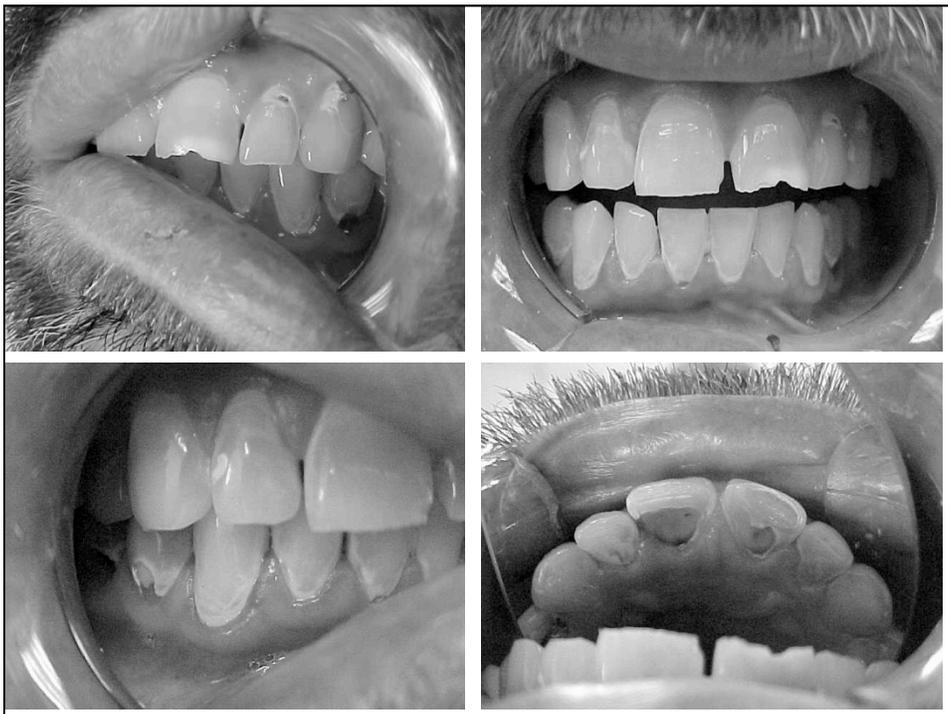
- **Differential Diagnosis**
  - pemphigus
  - pemphigoid
  - erosive lichen planus
  - epidermolysis bullosa

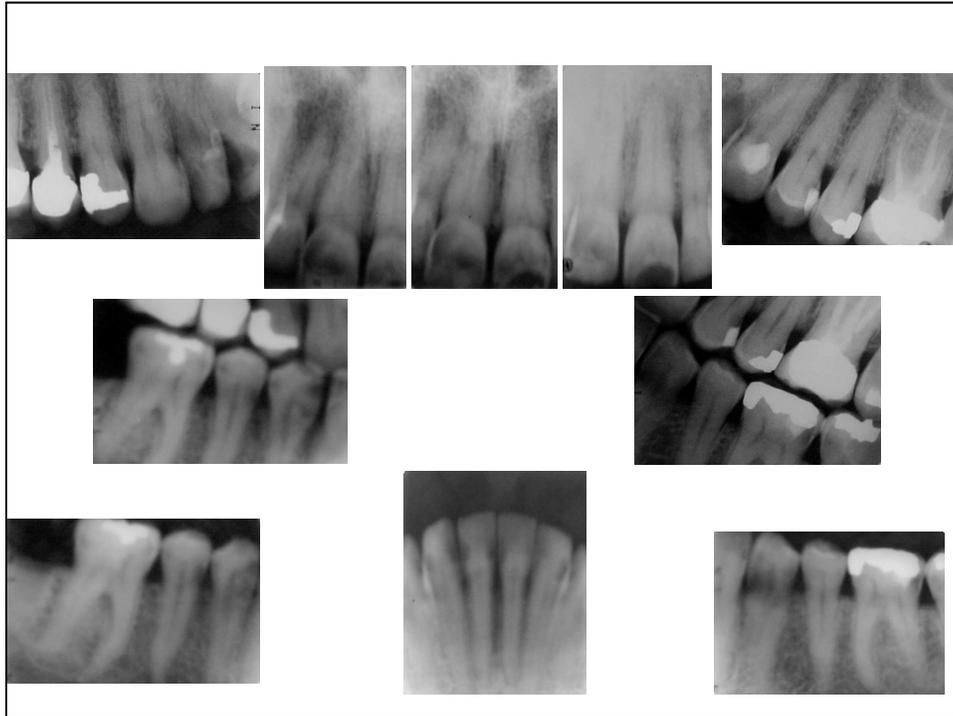






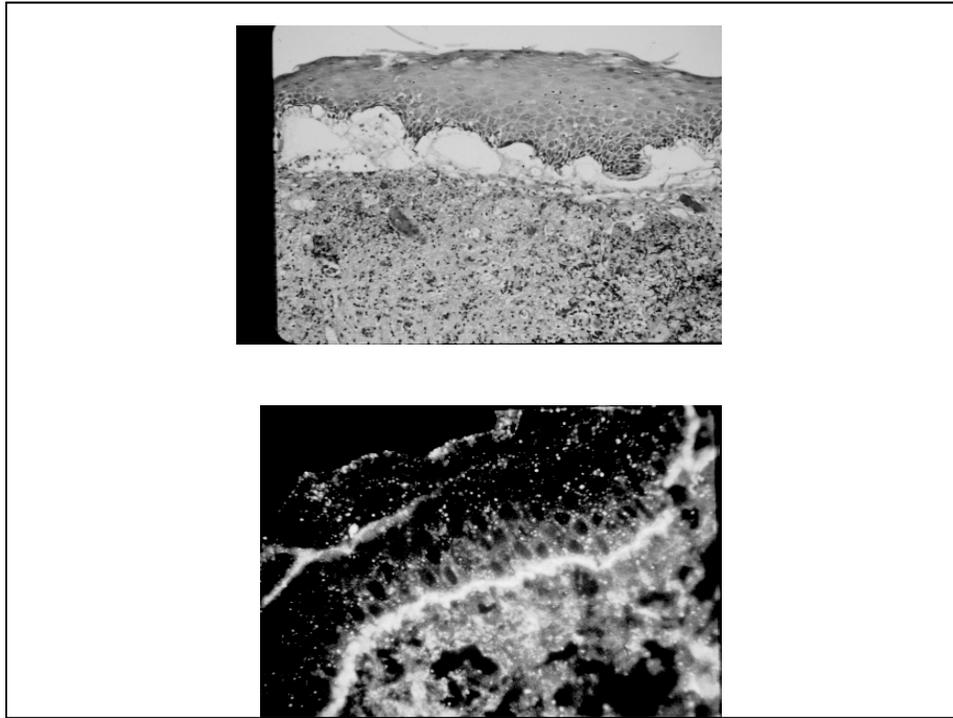
Controlling other inflammatory processes helps!!!!





## Pemphigoid

- **Diagnosis:**
  - history, physical examination
  - **BIOPSY:**
  - H&E: sub-basilar clefting, lymphocytic infiltration
  - Direct immunofluorescence from perilesional tissue reveals linear sub-basilar deposition
  - less commonly have circulating antibodies



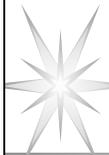
 **Pemphigoid**

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- Treatment:
- oral medicine, ophthalmology and dermatology consultation
- limited disease: POTENT topical steroid (clobetseol)
- systemic treatment:
  - prednisone (1 mg/kg bw)
  - **DAPSONE** (must check G6PD to eval hemolysis risk)
  - DMD's: imuran, cyclophosphamide
  - Injection treatment (celestone, dexamethasone, triamcinalone) for refractory lesions

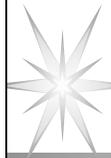
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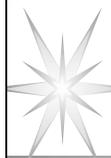
## *Human Herpes Viruses*

- ***Herpes Simplex 1,2***      ***(HHV 1,2)***
- ***Varicella Zoster***      ***(HHV3)***
- ***Epstein Barr***      ***(HHV4)***
- ***Cytomegalovirus***      ***(HHV5)***
- ***HHV6***
- ***HHV7***
- ***HHV8***      ***(Kaposi Sarcoma)***



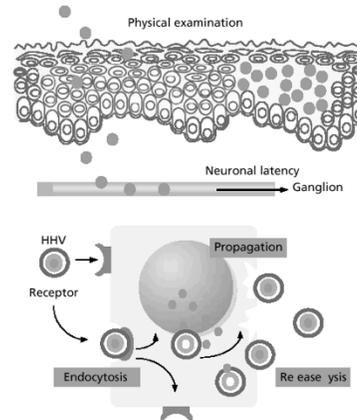
## Herpes Simplex Virus 1,2

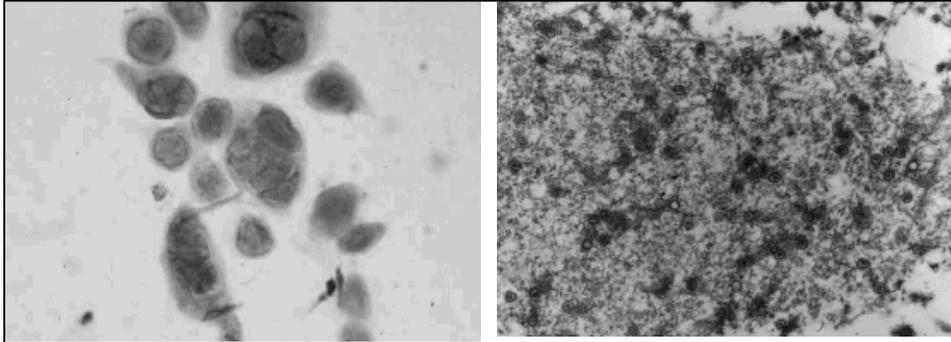
- **50% of population age 1-7 are HSV1+**
- **75% of population by age 35 are HSV1+**
- **16% of population age 15-75 are HSV2+**
  
- **~40% HSV+ patients get recurrent lesions**
- **many HSV+ patients are “silent” secretors**



## Herpes Simplex 1

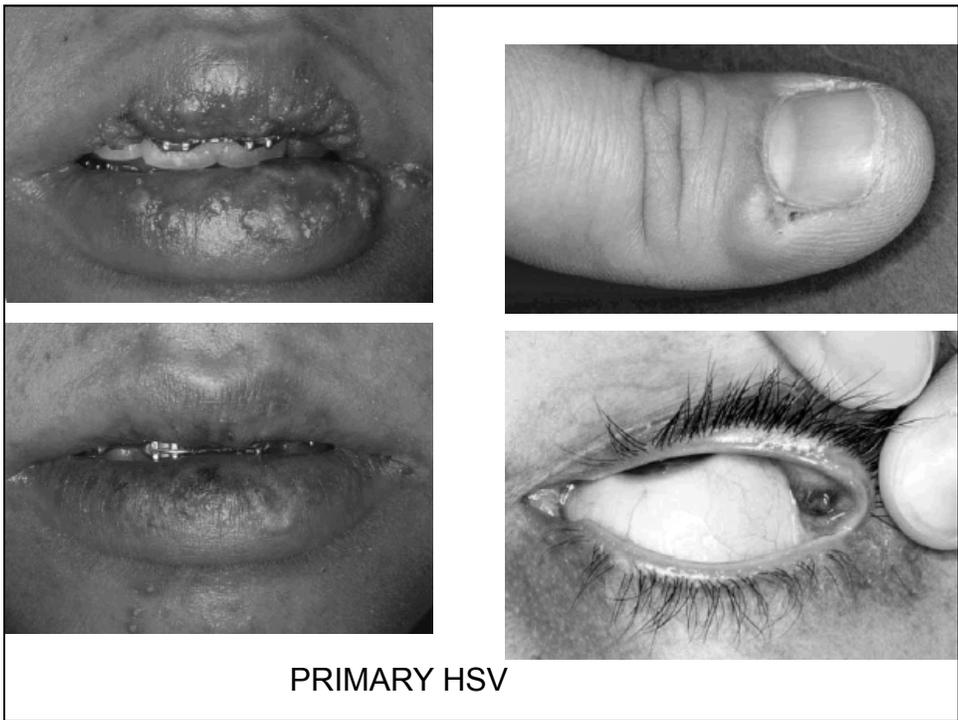
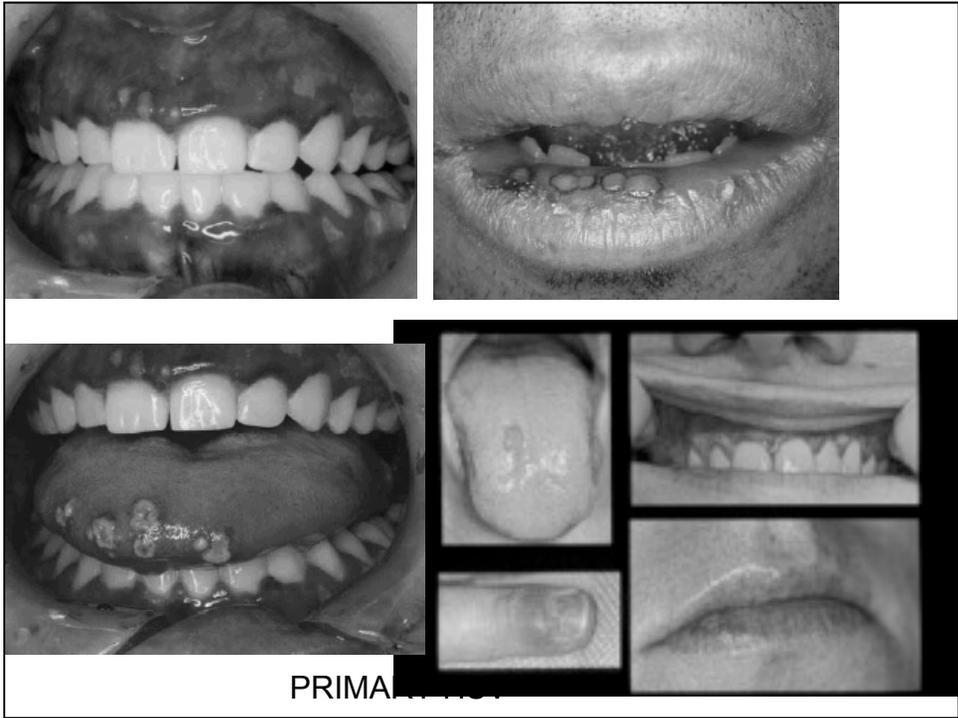
- **DNA virus spread by direct contact**
  - **open lesion**
  - **silent secretor**
  
- **Primary infection: gingivostomatitis**
  - (acute, multiple, systemic, constitutional signs)
  
- **Latency (neurotropic)**
  
- **Secondary disease:**
  - recurrent herpes labialis
  - recurrent intraoral herpes (keratinized tissue,

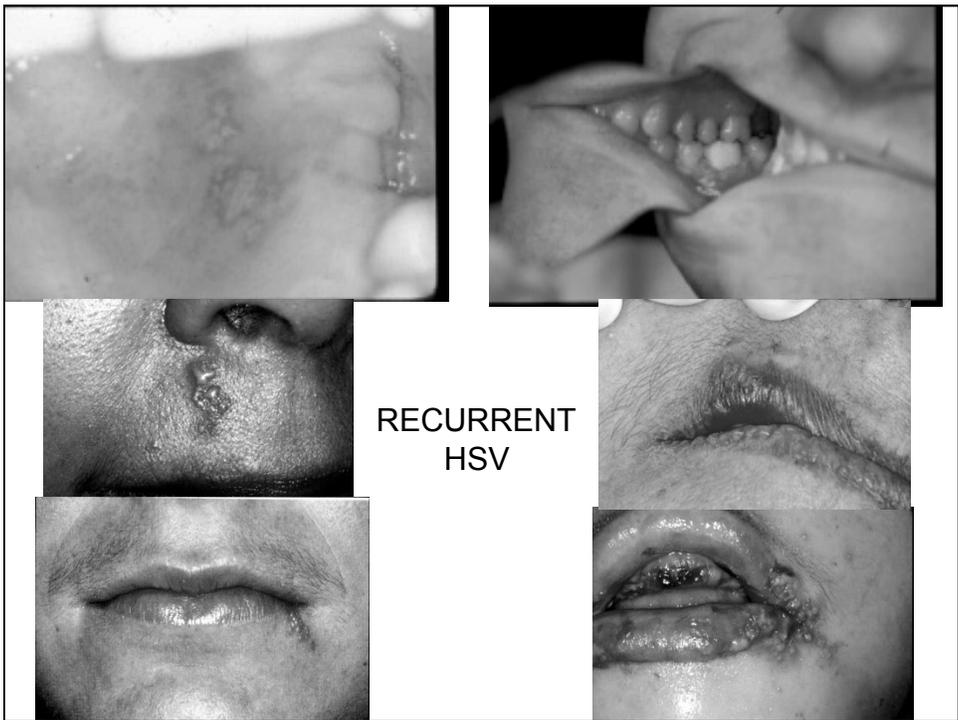
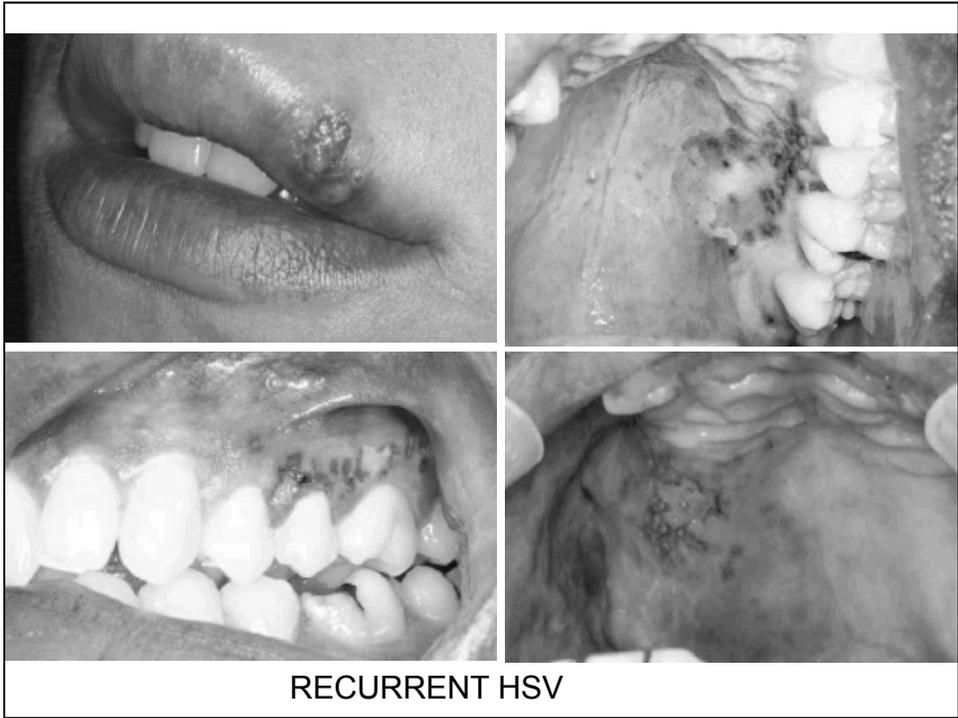


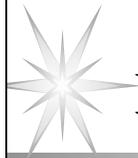


ballooning degeneration, margination of chromatin, and multinucleation.









## Re-emergence from Latency

Neuron activation

UV irradiation

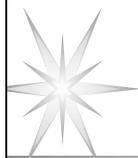
Trauma

Heat

Virus multiplies

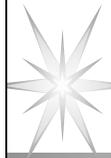
Virus spreads down axons to tissue

Virus infects tissues



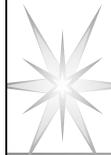
## *Recurrent Herpes Simplex 1*

- ***Differential Diagnosis:*** *aphthae, EM*
- ***clinical appearance:***
  - *vesicular stage*
  - *keratinized mucosa*
  - *raised white irregular border*
- ***history of recurrent lesions; prodrome***
- ***laboratory diagnosis:***
  - *exfoliative cytology*
  - *culture*
  - *ELISA*



## *Herpes Simplex 1*

- **Prevention:**
  - *barrier techniques, medical prophylaxis*
- **Treatment:**
  - **palliative:**
    - *emoilent, diphenhydramine + kaopectate, dyclonine*
  - **abortive: oral acyclovir; famciclovir; valcyclovir**
  - **preventive:**
    - *sun protection >15 SPF for RHL*
    - *oral acyclovir (400mg bid or tid)*
    - *topical acyclovir or penciclovir (FDA topical for HSV1)*



## *Herpes Simplex 1*

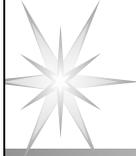
### **SYSTEMIC:**

- *Acyclovir 400 mg tid x 4d*
- *Famciclovir 125 mg tid x 5d*
  - *for severe or frequent lesions*
  - *for immunocompromised hosts*
- *Valacyclovir 500mg bid x 5d*

### **TOPICAL: (q2-3 hrs)**

- *Penciclovir (1%)*
- *Acyclovir (5%)*
- *Docosanol cream (10%)*

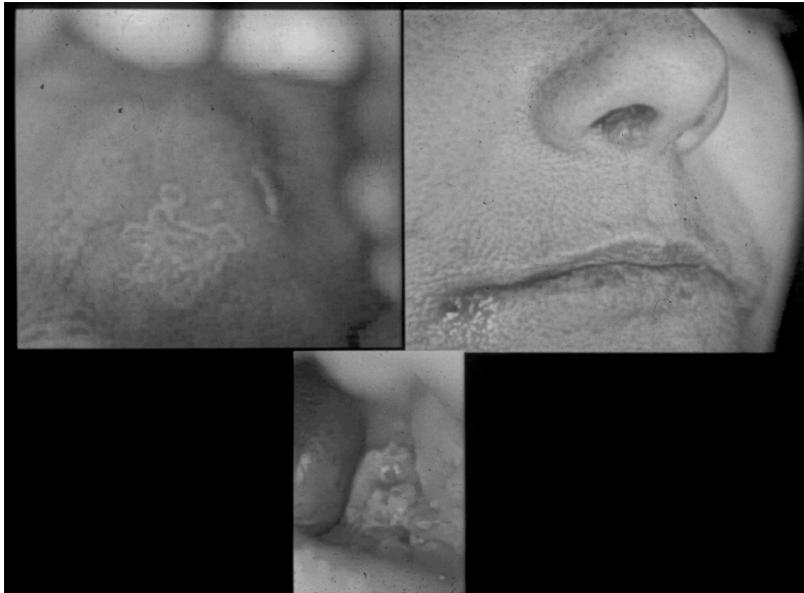
Analgesic  
Anti-inflammatory  
(medrol dosepak)

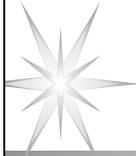


# *Herpes Simplex 1*

## *Complications:*

- ***immunosuppressed (therapeutic, pathologic)***
  - ***chronic and more severe oral HSV***
  - ***hematologic dissemination more common***
- ***erythema multiforme***
- ***frequent recurrence***
  - ***alternate treatments:***
    - ***famciclovir, foscarnet, valacyclovir, vidarabine***

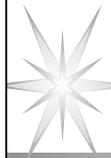




## ***Herpes Zoster (HHV-3)***

- ***DNA virus spread by direct contact and airborne***
- ***Primary infection: varicella , chicken pox***
- ***Latency (neurotropic)***
- ***Recurrent infection: h. zoster, shingles***
  - ***3-5/1,000 VZV+ patients***
  - ***80% affect spinal nerves C3, T5, L1, L2***
  - ***19% affect trigeminal nerve; 1st division most common***





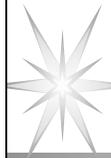
## ***Herpes Zoster***

- ***Diagnosis:***
  - ***unilateral dermatomal distribution with sensory prodrome***
  - ***cytology***
  - ***culture***

### ***Herpes Zoster: Post Herpetic Neuralgia***

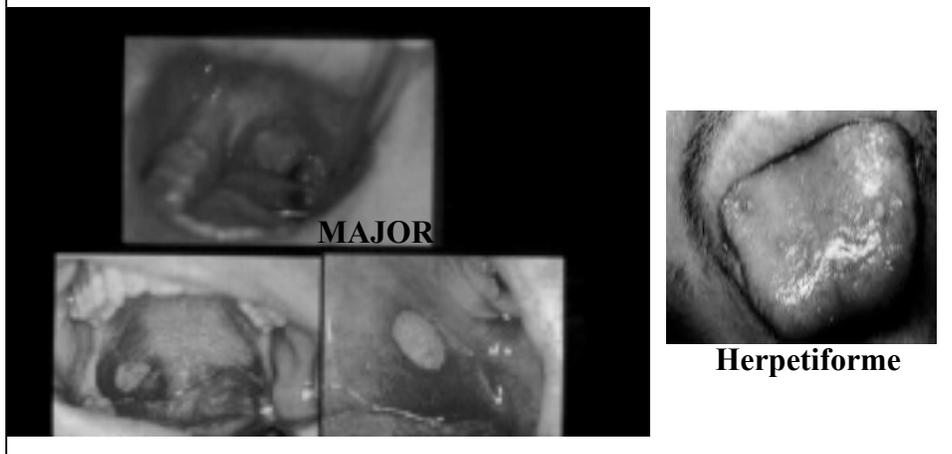
- ***Neuropathic pain persisting for months to years***
- ***Increased risk over age 55***
- ***Early famcyclovir, steroid, tri-cyclic antidepressant (amitriptyline, nortriptyline)***
- ***Adjuvant neuropathic analgesics for established pain***

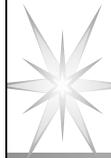




## Immunologic - APHTHOUS

- MINOR - one or several small, shallow ulcers (<1cm) with brisk erythema; mucosa (v. gingiva)
  - $\pm$  prodrome; heal < 2weeks; adolescent onset with variable frequency
  - DDx: HSV, trauma
- MAJOR (Sutton's Dz)- single; posterior more common, >1cm
  - DDx: trauma, infection, carcinoma
  - Maj Aphthae in HIV infection
- HERPETIFORME .....no clinical significance, may be related to, or appear similar to, HSV.





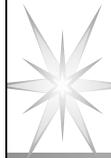
## Recurrent Aphthous Stomatitis

- 17% prevalence; most common non-traumatic oral ulcer
- multifactorial:
  - hereditary - HLA D77, B12, B51, Cw7; Behcet's
  - hematologic deficiency: Fe, B12, folate (5-7%)
  - immunologic: lymphocytotoxicity, antigenic stimulus – microbial?; Antibody dependent cell mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC)
  - trauma, anxiety, allergy, endocrine: impaired barriers



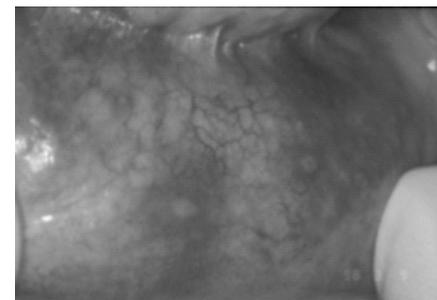
## Recurrent Aphthous Stomatitis

- Diagnosis:
  - typically one of exclusion (HSV, trauma, infection, carcinoma for major aphthae)
  - History and examination (the 4 QUESTIONS)
- Onset after age 40 or frequent / severe ulcers:
  - CBC with differential, red cell indices
  - B12, folate, serum iron / TIBC => ANEMIAS



## Recurrent Aphthous Stomatitis

- **ANEMIA**: decreased oxygen carrying capacity
  - **RBC destruction** - hemolysis (infection, hypersplenism, autoimmune; G6PD deficiency, sickle cell and thalassemias)
  - **Blood loss** - iron deficiency
  - **decreased RBC production**: pernicious, B12 and folate anemia
- **Signs and Symptoms**:
  - skin v. mucosal pallor, fatigue, dyspnea
  - atrophic, erythematous tongue and mucosa





## Anemia - Laboratory Evaluation

- **Hgb < 11mg/dl**
- **MCV > 95-99: Macrocytic Anemia**
  - B12, folate
  - Pernicious Anemia (anti IF, Shilling test)
- **MCV < 80: Microcytic anemia**
  - iron deficiency (blood loss v. dietary), thalassemia
- Serum B12, folate, iron



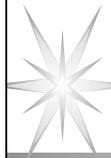
## Treatment Recurrent Aphthous

- **MINOR:**
  - topical moderate-weak steroid
  - aphthasol ointment, debacterol cautery
  - new OTCs on the way
- **MAJOR:**
  - topical potent steroid if accessible
  - steroid rinse (decadron elixir 0.5mg/5cc, tid)
  - injectable steroid (aristospan, dexamethasone)
  - medrol dosepak, 4mg x 21 tabs over 6 days

## Topical Steroid Relative Potency

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## Severe Recurrent Aphthous

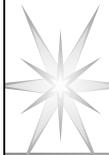
- **If underlying disease - treat**
  - anemia, malabsorption, other systemic dz
- **If no underlying disease**
  - steroid rinse (decadron elixir 0.5mg/5cc, tid)
  - tetracycline rinse
  - judicious use of low dose prednisone
  - DMDs: dapson, levamisol, colchicine
  - ??: lysine, thalidomide, pentoxifylline





## Immunologic - Erythema Multiforme

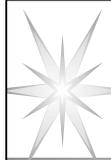
- Acute, generalized, variable lesion with or without skin involvement (target / iris lesion); hands, feet, face most common
- hypersensitivity reaction (CMI, immune complexes)
- immunopathologic features nonspecific
- identified precipitating factors:
  - medications, infection, foods, oral hygiene products, HSV
  - sulfonamides, pcn, phenobarb, bactrim



## Immunologic - Erythema Multiforme

- EM: acute onset with only mucosal involvement
- Stevens Johnson: skin, oral, ocular, genital
- Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis: > 25% skin surfaces; significant risk for infection, dehydration, electrolyte imbalance, visceral dz => death.





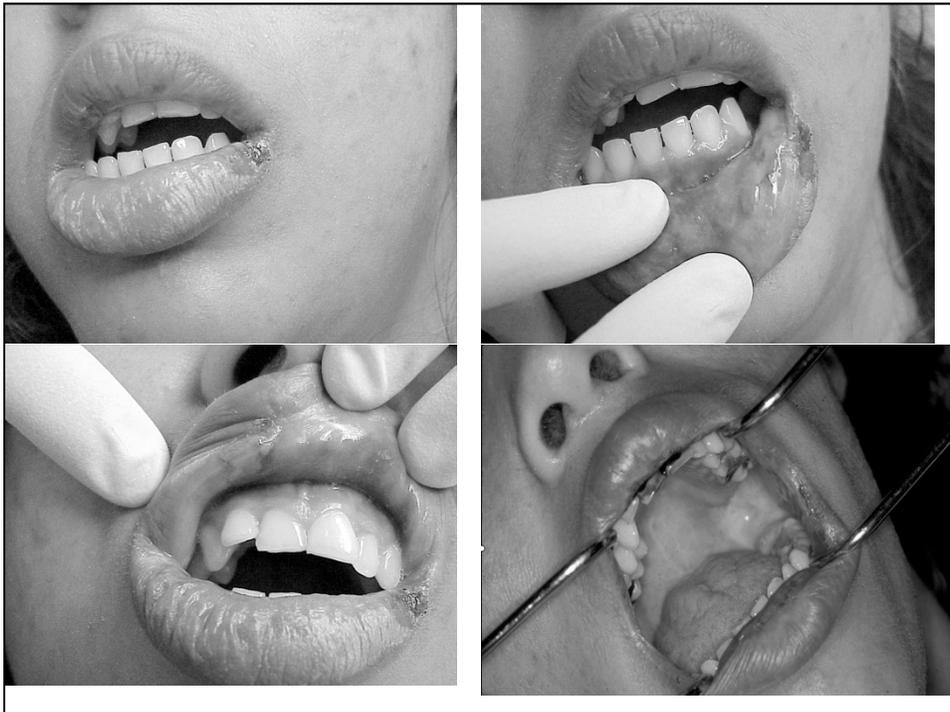
## Immunologic - Erythema Multiforme

- Treatment
- palliative - OTC anti-inflammatory analgesic
- medrol dosepak 4mg x 21 tabs over 6 days
- prednisone



## Recurrent / Chronic Erythema Multiforme

- relationship to HSV
- 15% with h/o oral HSV
- increased serum HSV Ab titers

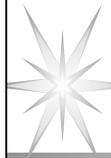




 **Recurrent / Chronic Erythema Multiforme**

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- **empirical acyclovir prophylaxis and re-eval**



## Behcets Disease

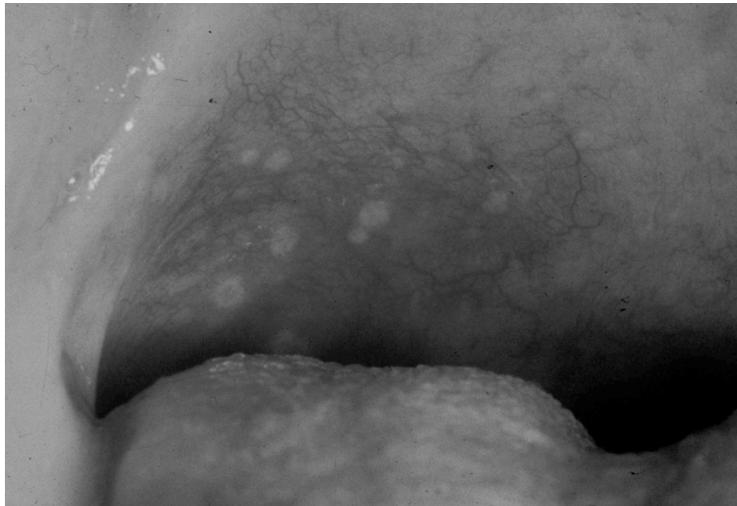
- recurring aphthous-like oral ulcers,
  - recurring genital ulcers
  - eye lesions: uveitis or retinal vasculitis
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- Immunocomplexes, vasculitis of small and medium-sized blood vessels, immunocompetent T lymphocytes and plasma cell
  - genetic component to the disease, with a strong association with HLA-B51
- 
- TX: varies based on severity: azathioprine, pentoxifylline, cyclosporin, colchicine; or palliative topical steroid





## HAND-FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

- caused by infection with coxsackievirus A16
- low-grade fever
- RAS-like oral vesicles and ulcers
- Cutaneous nonpruritic macules, papules, and vesicles, particularly on the extensor surfaces of the hands and feet.
- TX: Palliative





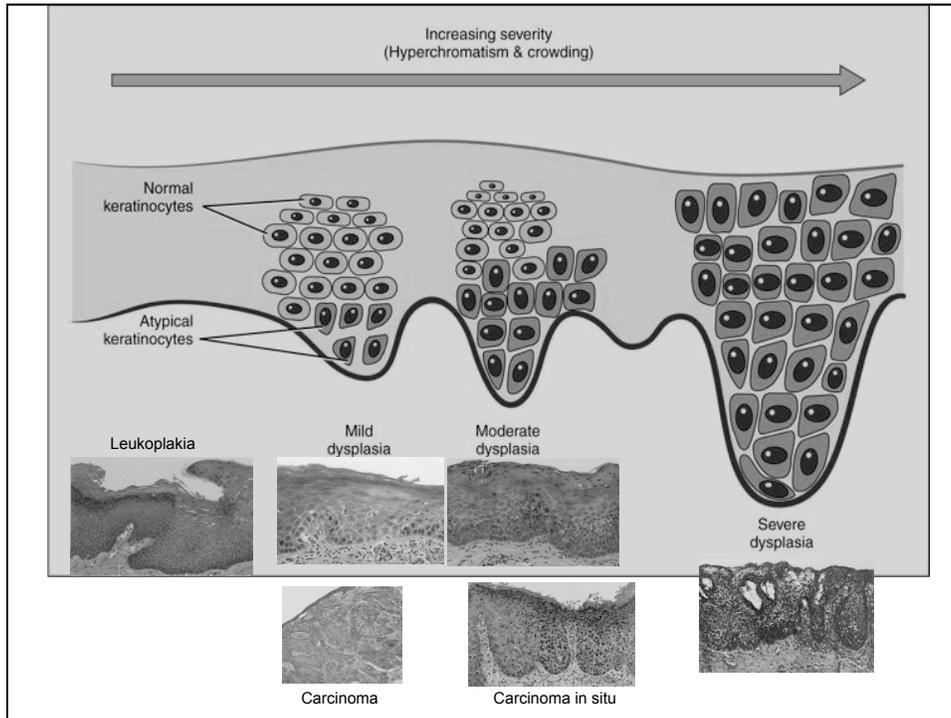


## Oropharyngeal Carcinoma

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- 31,000 new cases yearly: 3.5 diagnoses each hour
- 9,000 deaths yearly: 1 death per hour
  - more deaths than from cervical cancer, malignant melanoma, Hodgkin's disease
- Oral cancer is more common than:
 

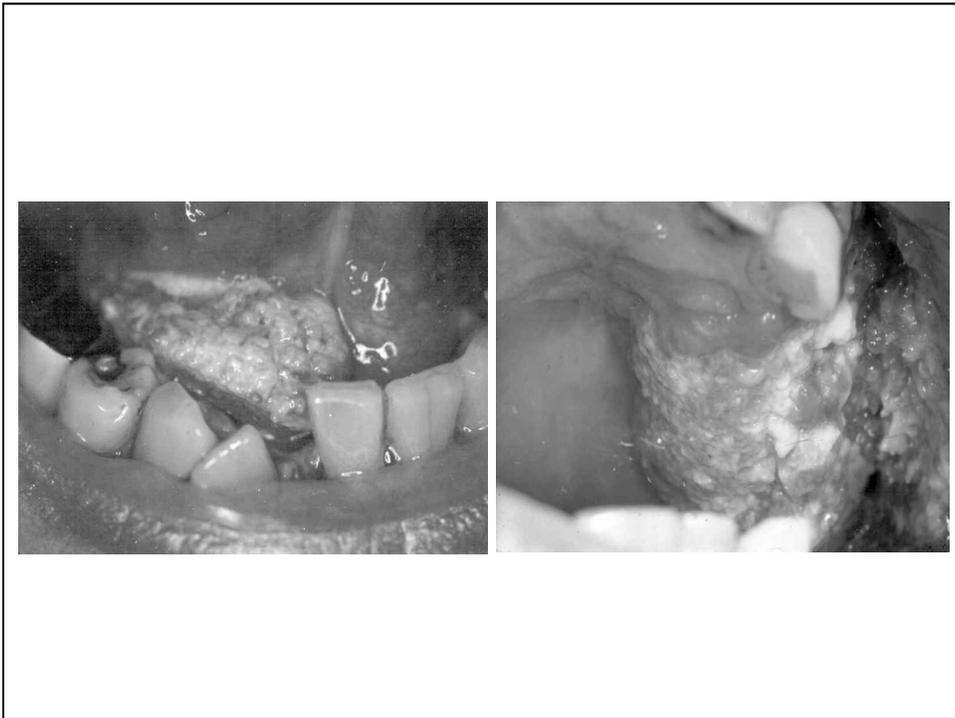
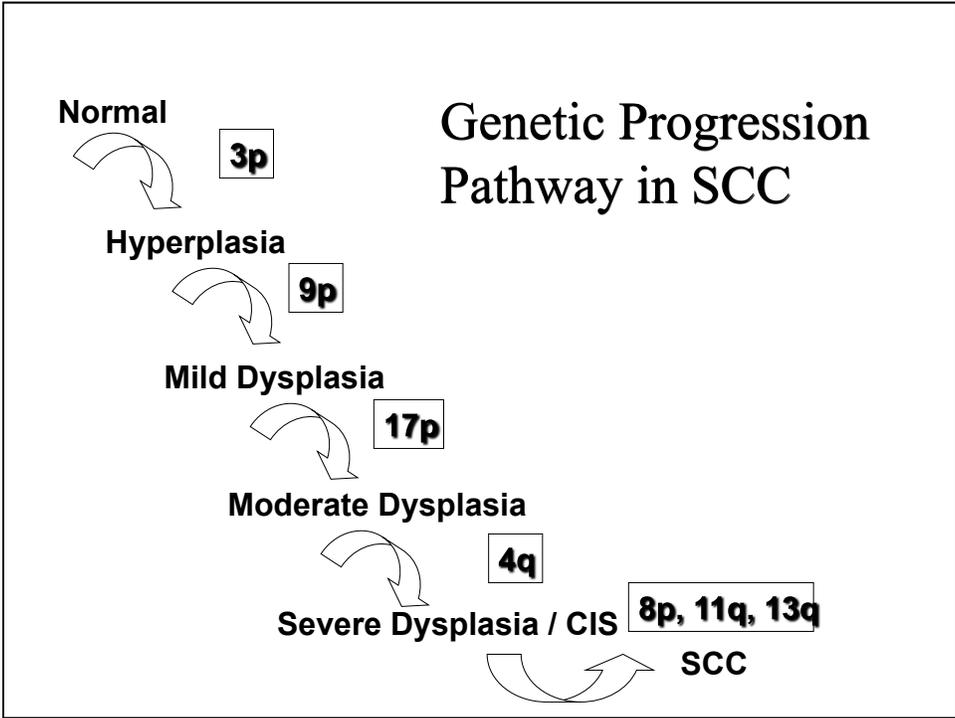
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brain	liver	bone
		stomach

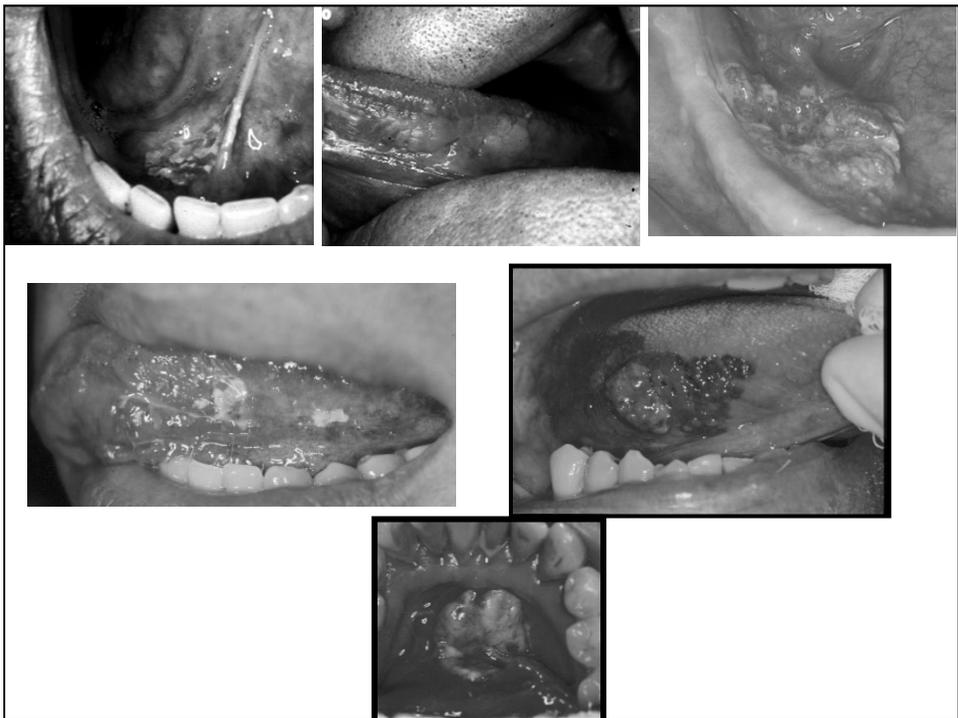
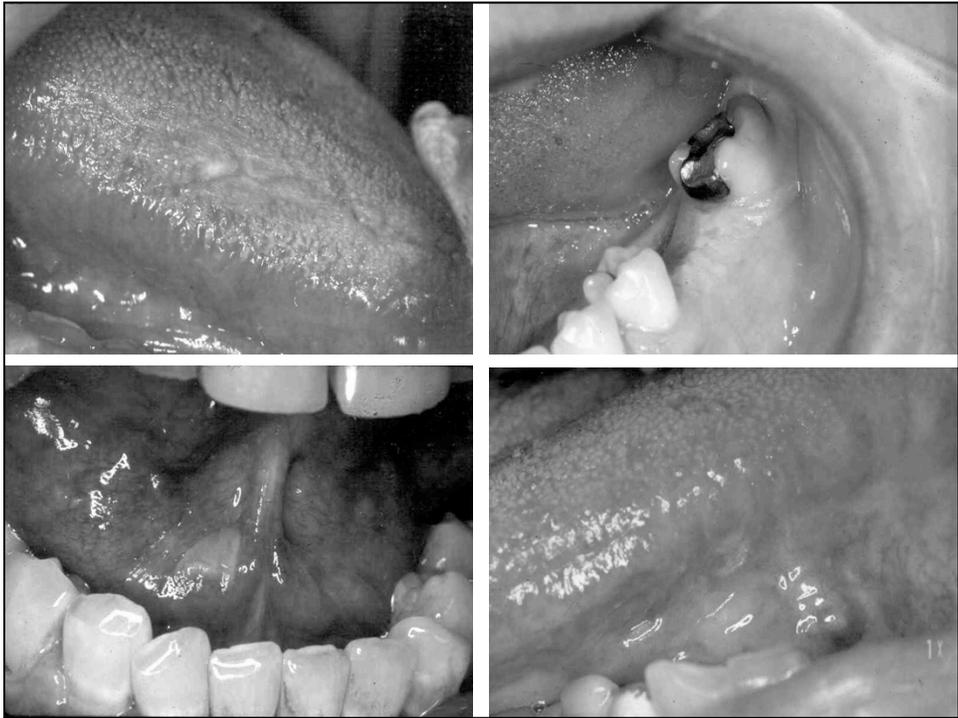


## Molecular Events Culminating in Cancer

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- Increased cell cycling
- Loss of tumor suppressor genes; expression of oncogenes
- Angiogenesis
- Cell motility
- Extracellular matrix invasion
- Vascular penetration
- Tumor cell adhesins bind to endothelium, penetration, invasion of connective tissue
  
- Responses associated with growth factors (eg: EGF, PDGF), growth factor receptors & altered tumor suppressor genes (eg: P53, Rb)





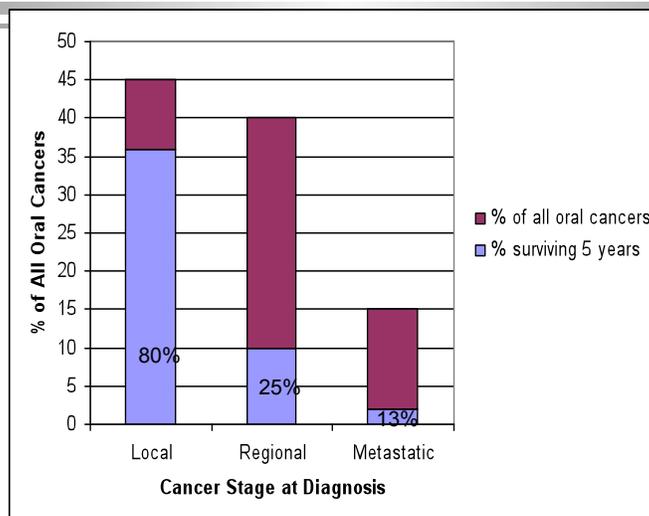
# U.S. OROPHARYNGEAL CANCER STATISTICS

31,000 new cases yearly (3.5 every hour)

- Overall 5 year survival rate 50%
- 60% with advanced disease at diagnosis
- Mortality rate unchanged for 50 years
- Early detection = Improved survival



5 year survival rate for oral cancer by stage at diagnosis





## Staging of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma

### T=Tumor

- T1 – tumor less than 2 cm in diameter
- T2 – tumor 2-4 cm in diameter
- T3 – tumor greater than 4 cm in diameter
- T4 – tumor invades adjacent structures

### N= Node

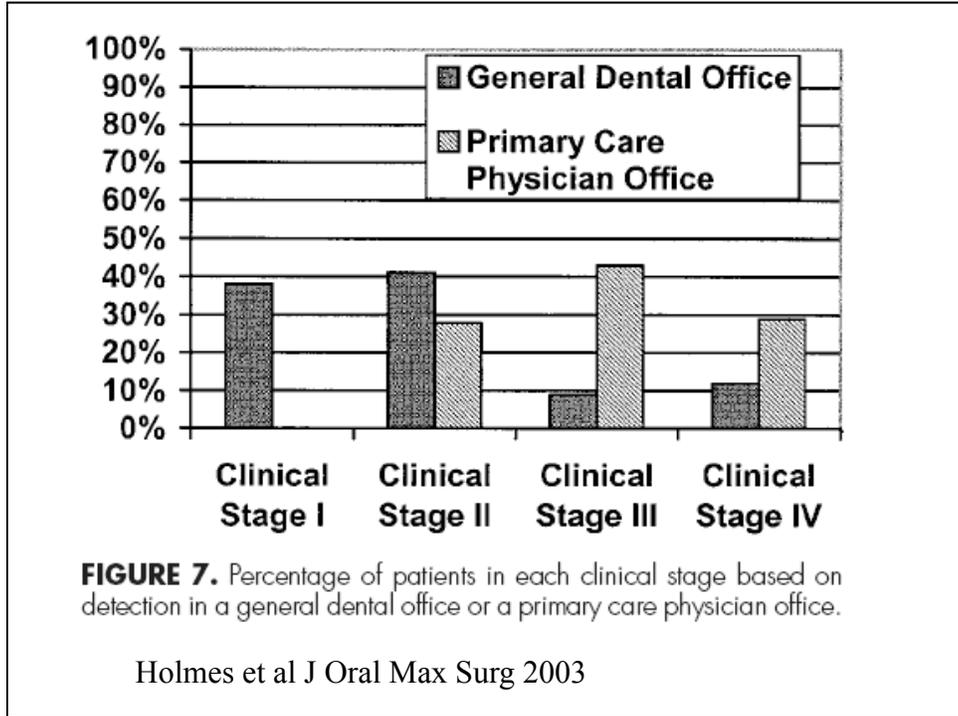
- N0 – No palpable nodes
- N1 – Ipsilateral (same side as primary tumor) palpable nodes
- N2 – Contralateral (opposite side from primary tumor) or bilateral nodes
- N3 – Fixed palpable node(s)

### M= Metastasis

- M0 – No metastasis
- M – Clinical evidence of metastasis

## TMN Staging System

Stage I	T1	N0	M0	
Stage II	T2	N0	M0	
Stage III	T3	N0	M0	
	T1		N1	M0
	T2		N1	M0
	T3		N1	M0
Stage IV	T1	N2	M0	
	T2		N2	M0
	T3		N2	M0
	T1		N3	M0
	T2		N3	M0
	T3		N3	M0
	T4		N0	M0
	Any patients with M1			





## Detecting Early Oral Cancer

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**natural history of oral cancer is such that the asymptomatic, pre-malignant lesion can be identified long before malignant transformation if individuals are properly evaluated and adequate assessment technology exists to support the diagnostic process**



# The Difficulty With Oral Cancer Screening

Classic features of oral cancer:

Nodularity

Chronic ulcer, red, white or mixed red/white lesion

Fixation

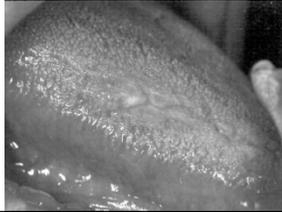
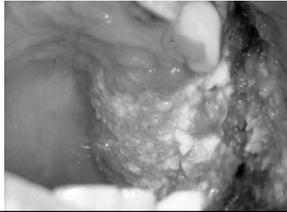
Large size are features of advanced lesions, not early ones

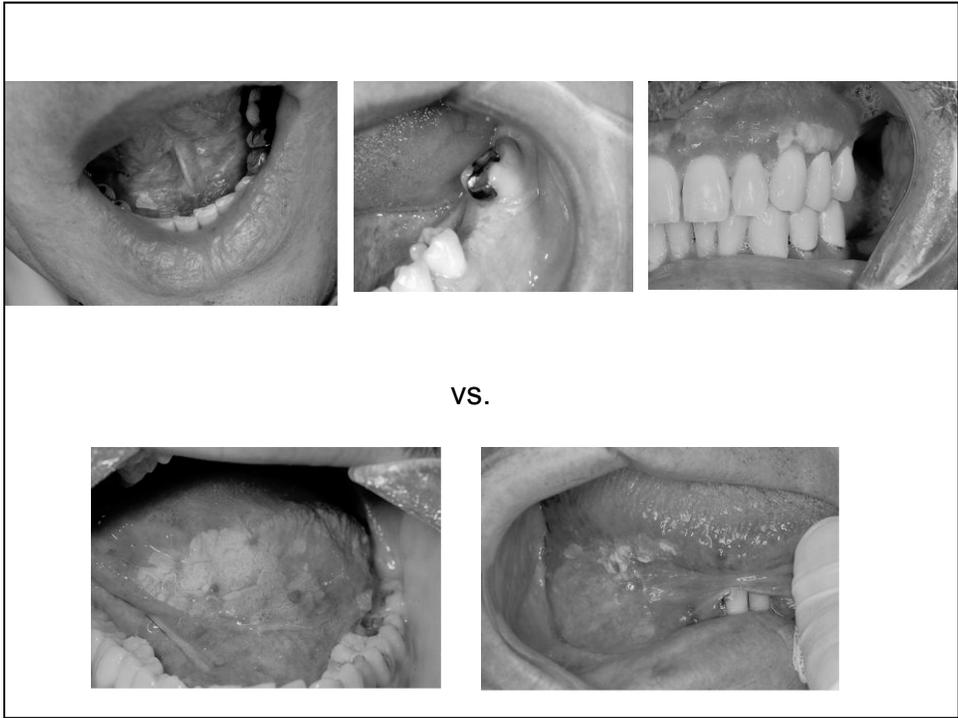
Precancerous and early cancerous lesions appear identical to common, benign-looking lesions- no distinctive features

Benign-looking but dangerous lesions are left to progress to advanced stages

**Obvious**

**Not so obvious**





vs.



## What is the “state of the art”?

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**C O V E R** S T O R Y

**Adjunctive techniques for oral cancer examination and lesion diagnosis**

A systematic review of the literature

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*JADA 2008;139(7):896-905*

*Systematic review of 23 papers meeting quality criteria*

**Conclusions.** There is evidence that TB is effective as a diagnostic adjunct for use in high-risk populations and suspicious mucosal lesions. OralCDx is useful in assessment of dysplastic changes in clinically suspicious lesions; however, there are insufficient data meeting the inclusion criteria to assess usefulness in innocuous mucosal lesions. Overall, there is insufficient evidence to support or refute the use of visually based examination adjuncts.

**Practical Implications.** Given the lack of data on the effectiveness of adjunctive cancer detection techniques in general dental practice settings, clinicians must rely on a thorough oral mucosal examination supported by specialty referral and/or tissue biopsy for OPML diagnosis.

*Toluidine Blue*

*Vizilite + TB*

*Vizilite*

*Microlux*

*Orascope*

*VELScope*

*Oral CDx Brush*



## What is the “state of the art”?

### Critical evaluation of diagnostic aids for the detection of oral cancer ☆

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**Summary** Historically, the screening of patients for signs of oral cancer and precancerous lesions has relied upon the conventional oral examination. A variety of commercial diagnostic aids and adjunctive techniques are available to potentially assist in the screening of healthy patients for evidence of otherwise occult cancerous change or to assess the biologic potential of clinically abnormal mucosal lesions. This manuscript systematically and critically examines the literature associated with current oral cancer screening and case-finding aids or adjuncts such as toluidine blue, brush cytology, tissue reflectance and autofluorescence. The characteristics of an ideal screening test are outlined and the authors pose several questions for clinicians and scientists to consider in the evaluation of current and future studies of oral cancer detection and diagnosis. Although the increased public awareness of oral cancer made possible by the marketing of recently-introduced screening adjuncts is commendable, the tantalizing implication that such technologies may improve detection of oral cancers and precancers beyond conventional oral examination alone has yet to be rigorously confirmed.

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### Evidence-based clinical recommendations regarding screening for oral squamous cell carcinomas

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**Results.** The panel concluded that screening by means of visual and tactile examination to detect potentially malignant and malignant lesions may result in detection of oral cancers at early stages of development, but that there is insufficient evidence to determine if screening alters disease-specific mortality in asymptomatic people seeking dental care.

**Clinical Implications.** The panel suggested that clinicians remain alert for signs of potentially malignant lesions or early-stage cancers while performing routine visual and tactile examinations in all patients, but particularly in those who use tobacco or who consume alcohol heavily. Additional research regarding oral cancer screening and the use of adjuncts is needed.



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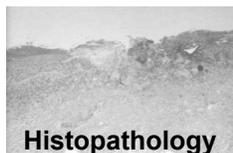
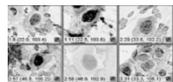
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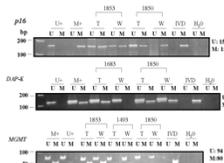


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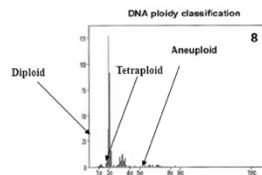
**Saliva Markers**



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**Ploidy Analysis**



**Velscope**



## 269 subjects with

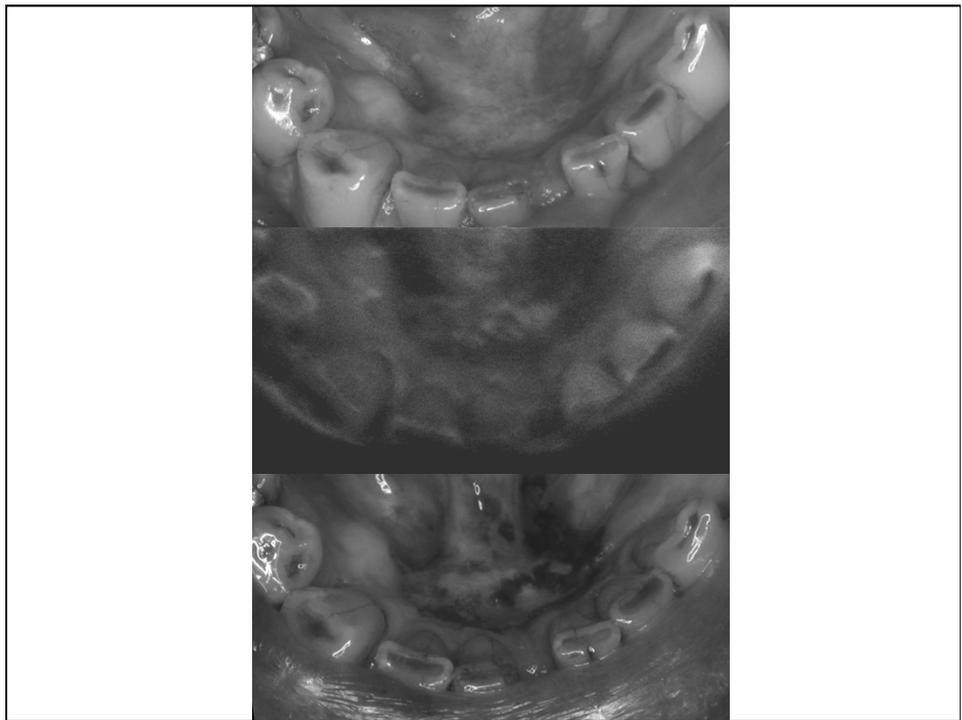
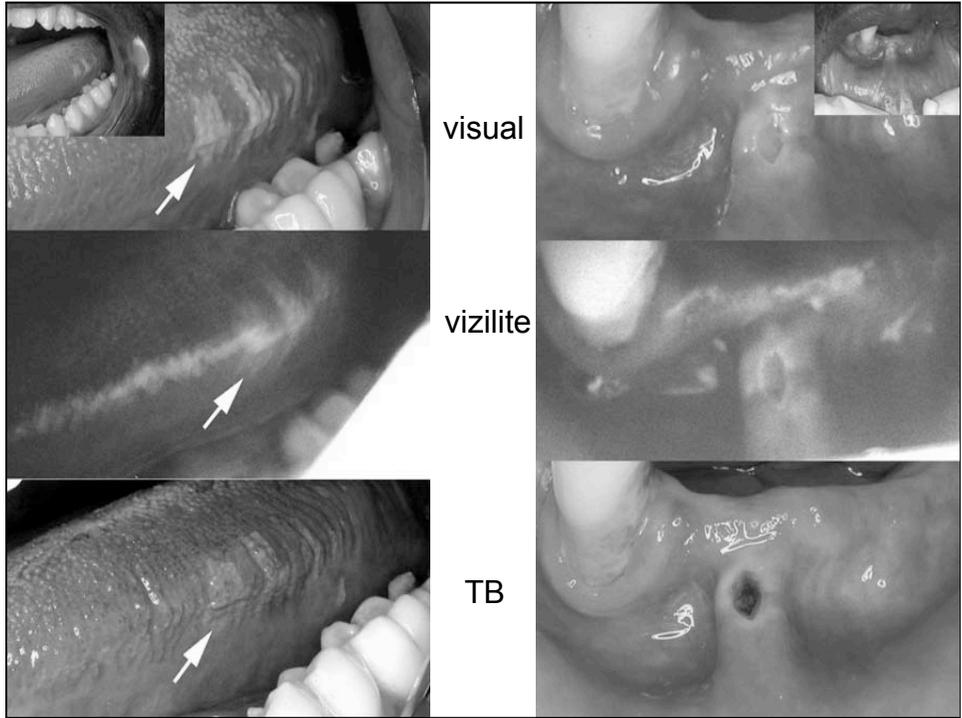
TABLE 3a. Demographic Characteristics by Enrollment Risk Group\*

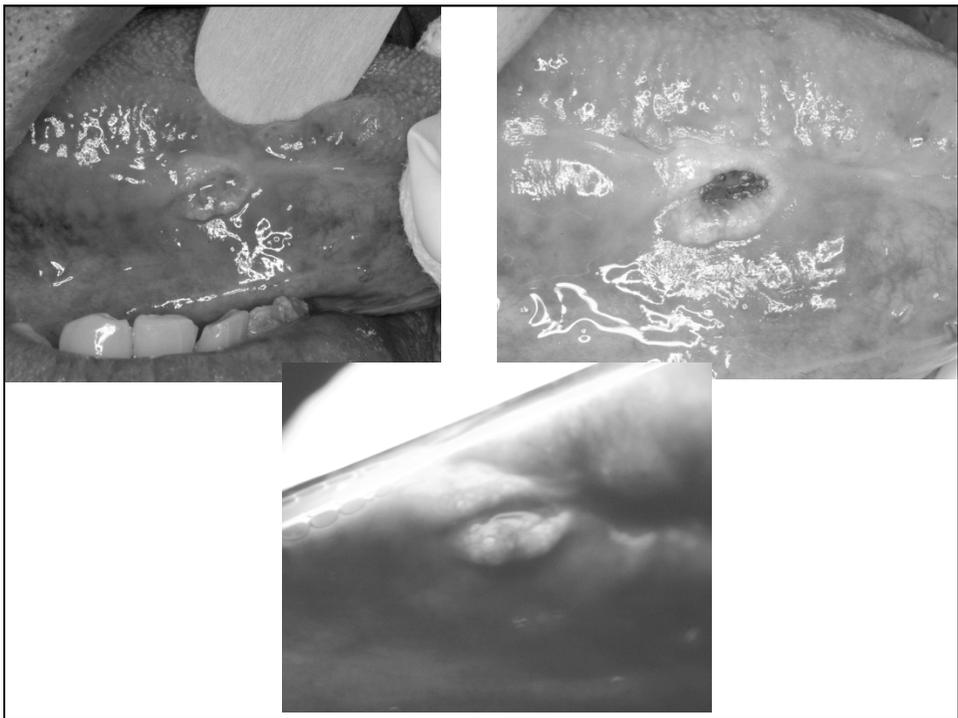
DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS	Low risk enrollment N=132 (100%)	High risk enrollment N=97 (100%)	Known cancer enrollment N=40 (100%)	Total N=269 (100%)	p-value**
Sex					0.29
Male	87 (65.9%)	62 (63.9%)	31 (77.5%)	180 (66.9%)	
Female	45 (34.1%)	35 (36.1%)	9 (22.5%)	89 (33.1%)	
Age (mean ± sd)	50.5±13.3	55.9±12.5	59.0±12.0	53.7±13.2	0.001
Age(25,50,75 percentile)	42, 51, 5, 59	47, 56, 64	51, 56, 65	44, 54, 60	
Race					0.26
White	90 (68.2%)	70 (72.1%)	27 (67.5%)	187 (69.5%)	
African American	36 (27.3%)	19 (19.6%)	8 (20.0%)	63 (23.4%)	
Hawaii – Pac Islander	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	
Asian	4 (3.0%)	8 (8.3%)	4 (10.0%)	16 (6.0%)	
American Indian	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	
Mestiza	2 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.5%)	3 (1.1%)	
Ethnicity					0.08
Hispanic – Latino	43 (32.6%)	45 (46.4%)	18 (45.0%)	106 (39.4%)	
Non Hispanic-Latino	89 (67.4%)	52 (53.6%)	22 (55.0%)	163 (60.6%)	
SOURCE INSTITUTION					
NYU Dental School	104 (78.8%)	67 (69.1%)	17 (42.5%)	188 (69.9%)	
Cancer Center Affiliates	5 ( 3.8%)	10 (10.3%)	11 (27.5%)	26 ( 9.7%)	
U of Puerto Rico	23 (17.4%)	20 (20.6%)	12 (30.0%)	55 (20.4%)	

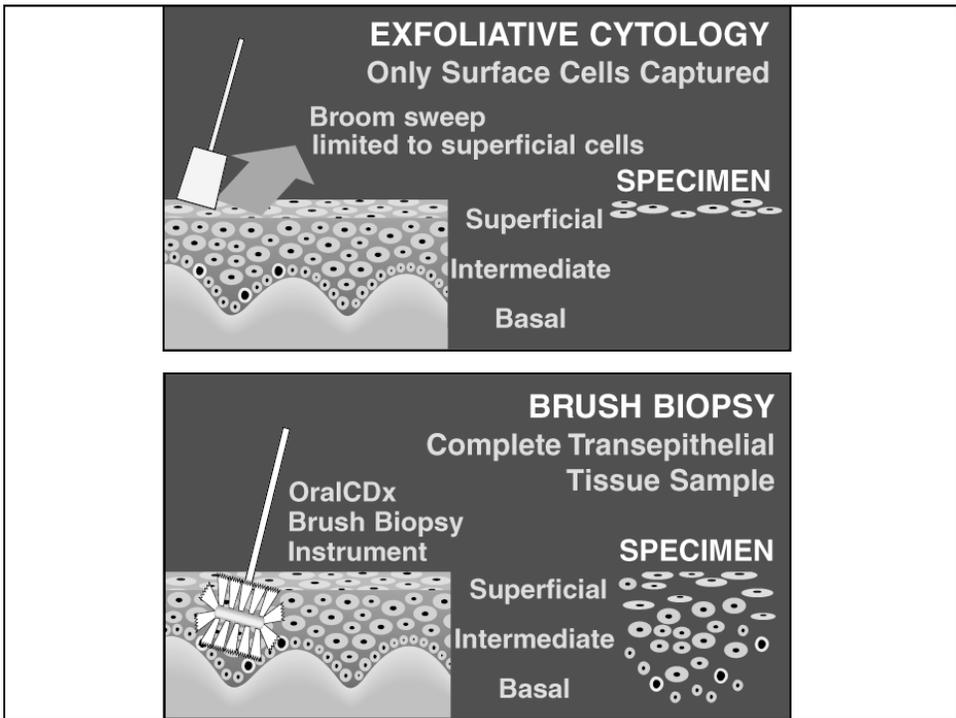
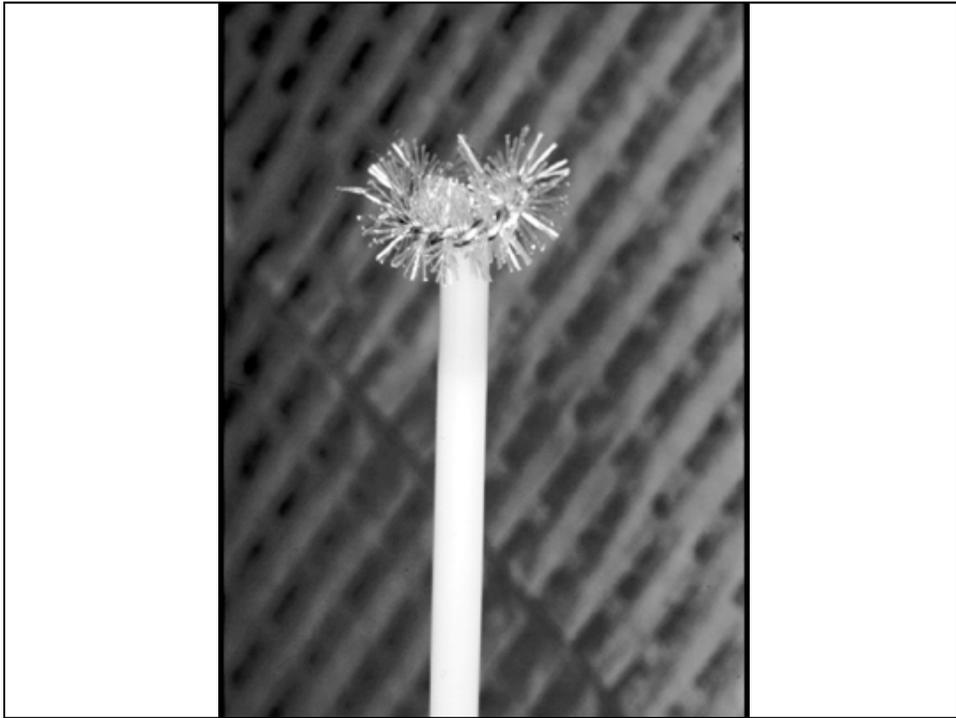
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\*\* Nonparametric statistics were used for all group comparisons.

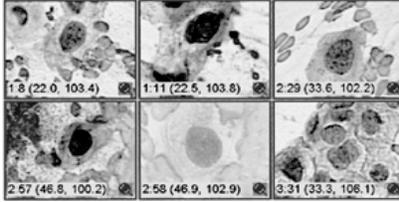








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OralCDx Test Report

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Biopsy Date: 12/13/1999 Barcode: Fax:

PATIENT INFORMATION

Last Name First Name Middle Name Sex  
Social Security Number Date Of Birth Phone Number  
Street Address  
City State Zip

LOCATION OF ORAL LESION

Lateral Tongue Left

ORALCDx RESULTS

Microscopic Description: Dysplastic epithelial cells  
Cellular Representation: Superficial, intermediate, and basal cells  
OralCDx Result: Positive for dysplasia or carcinoma

  
Matthew Klein M.D.  
Cytopathologist  
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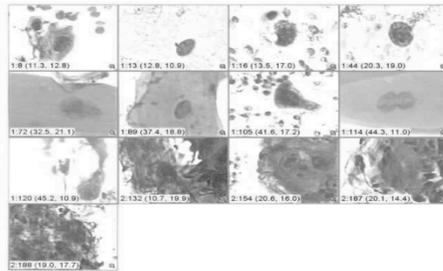
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Microscopic Description: Mild atypia

Cellular Representation: Superficial, intermediate, and basal cells

OralCDx Result: **Atypical epithelial cells-warranting further investigation**



April 15, 2002

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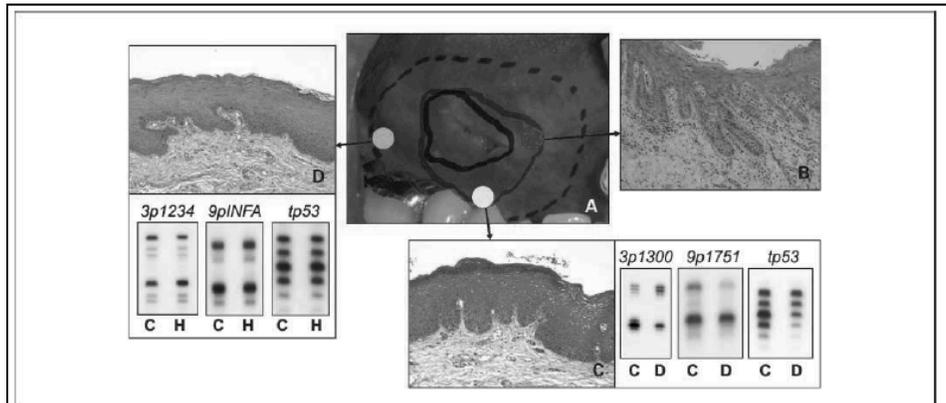
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Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew Klein  
Cytopathologist  
(Electronically Signed)

VELscope – example of autofluorescence technology

The advertisement includes a photograph of the VELscope device, a clinician using the device on a patient's tongue, and two clinical images showing the autofluorescence of oral tissue. A diagram illustrates the mechanism: Blue Excitation Light is applied to the Epithelium. Normal Epithelial Cells produce fluorescence and appear as an apple-green glow. Abnormal epithelial tissue and underlying stromal disruption cause a loss of fluorescence. The diagram also labels the Basement Membrane and Stroma, showing Normal Stroma and Disruption of Stromal Collagen.



**Fig. 3.** Presence of high-grade histology or molecular clones in FVL margins outside of clinically apparent tumor. *A*, mapping of surgical field showing three boundaries: clinically apparent tumor (*blue*), FVL boundary (*green*), and boundary of surgical specimen (*red*). *B*, photomicrograph of FVL margin (*red circle*) showing high-grade dysplasia. *C*, photomicrograph and LOH images of FVL margin (*yellow circle*) showing mild dysplasia with LOH at *D3S7300*, *D91751*, and *tp53*. *D*, photomicrograph and LOH images of FVR margin (*green circle*) showing no dysplasia and heterozygosity (no LOH) at *D3S7234*, *D91NFA*, and *tp53*. Magnification,  $\times 100$ .

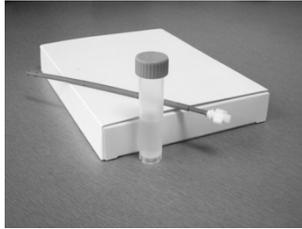
### Fluorescence Visualization Detection of Field Alterations in Tumor Margins of Oral Cancer Patients

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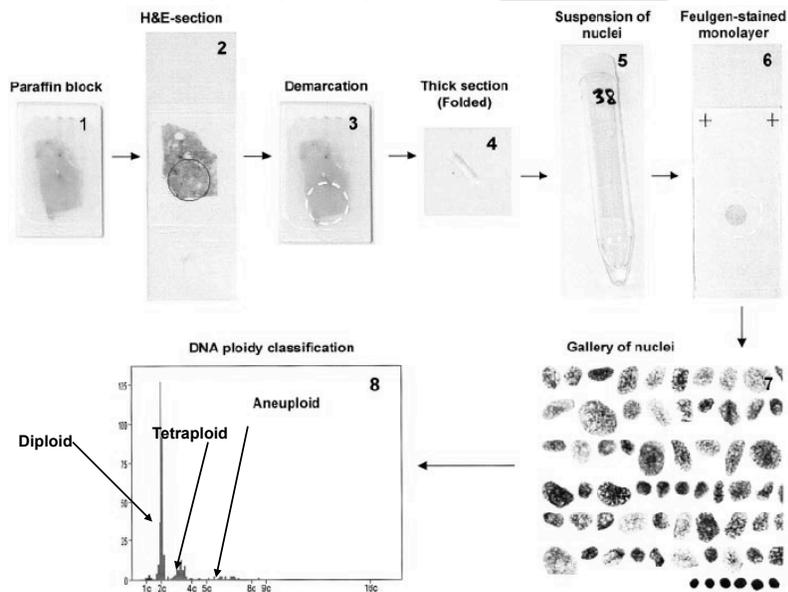
## DNA Ploidy

- Refers to quantitative DNA content within cell nuclei
- A normal nucleus in interphase has diploid DNA content (2N)
- Polyploidy refers to an increase in DNA content by whole number multiples of the entire set of chromosomes (eg tetraploidy (4N) in S-phase)
- Aneuploidy indicates a deviation from the normal 2N complement of chromosomes that is usually accompanied by structural losses/gains of chromosomes



Perceptronix Oral Advance System™ using ClearCyte™ automated image cytometer

*Workflow for ploidy analysis from tissue block*



Test Type	Sensitivity			Specificity		
	Sample size (# lesions)	Point Estimate	95% Confidence Interval	Sample Size (# lesions)	Point Estimate	95% Confidence Interval
Clinical Examination	142	0.70	(0.62, 0.78)	234	0.74	(0.68, 0.80)
Vizilite	142	0.61	(0.53, 0.69)	234	0.41	(0.34, 0.48)
Toluidine Blue	142	0.81	(0.73, 0.87)	234	0.56	(0.49, 0.63)
Brush Biopsy	133	0.62	(0.52, 0.70)	226	0.83	(0.77, 0.88)

Table 13. Summary of results of logistic regression models to identify dysplasia or cancer based on the worst lesions identified on the scalpel biopsy. All patients (N=258), dysplasia and cancer (N=108).

Model Components	CLINICAL EXAM		CLINICAL EXAM, VIZILITE		CLINICAL EXAM, TOLUIDINE		CLINICAL EXAM, BRUSH BIOPSY		CLINICAL EXAM, VIZILITE, TOLUIDINE		CLINICAL EXAM, VIZILITE, BRUSH BIOPSY		CLINICAL EXAM, TOLUIDINE, BRUSH BIOPSY		CLINICAL EXAM, VIZILITE, TOLUIDINE, BRUSH BIOPSY	
	Coefficient	p	Coefficient	p	Coefficient	p	Coefficient	p	Coefficient	p	Coefficient	p	Coefficient	p	Coefficient	p
Intercept	-1.31	<.0001	-1.45	<.0001	-1.66	<.0001	-1.58	<.0001	-1.81	<.0001	-1.70	<.0001	-1.79	<.0001	-1.91	<.0001
Clinical exam	2.00	<.0001	2.02	<.0001	1.64	<.0001	1.38	<.0001	1.66	<.0001	1.39	<.0001	1.18	0.0006	1.20	0.0005
Vizilite			-0.07	0.44					0.24	0.42	0.18	0.56			0.19	0.54
Toluidine stain					0.82	.02			0.82	0.02			0.52	0.15	0.52	0.14
Brush biopsy							1.61	<.0001			1.61	<.0001	1.53	<.0001	1.52	<.0001
<b>Model Fit Statistics</b>																
	Chi-Square	p	Chi-Square	p	Chi-Square	p	Chi-Square	p	Chi-Square	p	Chi-Square	p	Chi-Square	p	Chi-Square	p
Likelihood ratio test	55.89	<.0001	56.50	<.0001	61.70	<.0001	80.64	<.0001	62.35	<.0001	80.97	<.0001	83.71	<.0001	83.09	<.0001
Score Statistic	54.13	<.0001	54.61	<.0001	58.64	<.0001	75.92	<.0001	59.08	<.0001	76.15	<.0001	77.40	<.0001	77.62	<.0001
Wald	49.58	<.0001	49.79	<.0001	51.87	<.0001	62.26	<.0001	51.98	<.0001	62.61	<.0001	63.26	<.0001	63.25	<.0001
AUC																

Combining tests.... Only the BB improves the Clinical Exam Outcome