

CURRENT ADVANCEMENT IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF ORAL MUCOSAL DISEASES IN JHARKHAND

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Abstract:

The goal was to figure out what should be prioritised in terms of oral health education and prevention, as well as who needed treatment the most. Excision of tiny, superficial, possibly malignant lesions of the oral mucosa (or fiberotomy in cases of oral submucous fibrosis) was used to generate 26 wounds, which were then grafted with autologous PRF membrane and clinically examined at 7, 15, 30, and 60 days.

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INTRODUCTION

A wide variety of OML has sparked interest in epidemiologic research all around the world, but only a few investigations have recorded the whole spectrum of potential lesions. Despite the fact that the World Health Organization's (WHO) "Guide to epidemiology and diagnosis of oral mucosal illness and conditions," published in 1980, provides a holistic method to data collecting, the epidemiologic literature on oral mucosal diseases in this nation is fairly sparse.

With the continued global increase in incidence, cancer has long been a concern for medical research. Oral cancer rates have grown dramatically, with about 263,900 new cases and 128,000 fatalities recorded globally in 2006.

Psychogenic disorders such as anxiety and depression generate physiologic alterations that lead to the development of oral mucosal diseases such as OLP, RAS, and BMS, according to several studies. The incidence of these oral problems in mental patients has not been researched in a pool of India's untapped population; typically, the oral health of such individuals is devalued. As a result, there is a growing need to comprehend the distribution of these illnesses in mental patients.

Emotional variables can affect the body, causing pathological alterations or subjective symptoms in healthy oral mucosa. Several studies have attempted to elucidate the role of psychological state, emotional instability, and personality modulation in the precipitation of various oral diseases such as RAS, OLP, and BMS, but no studies on the prevalence of oral diseases in psychiatric conditions such as Anxiety and Depression are available. Psychological problems are thought to play a role in the development and progression of oral illnesses. Oral symptoms are a typical psychosomatic manifestation because the oral tissues are extremely receptive to psychological stimuli. Psychological factors cause changes in the nervous system markers Catecholamines, Adrenaline, Noradrenaline, and Dopamine, the endocrine system markers Cortical and Aldosterone, and the immune system markers T cells, B cells, and Natural Killer cells, Immunoglobulins, all of which contribute to the initiation/pathogenesis of oral disease.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Over the course of a year, the current hospital-based observational study was done at the departments of psychiatry and oral medicine and radiology. Patients who presented to the psychiatric department for the first time and were diagnosed with anxiety or depression by a senior psychiatrist using the Hamilton Anxiety and Depression scale were exposed to a thorough oral examination by an experienced oral diagnostician. The study included an equal number of controls.

Healthy people who had been sent to the dental outpatient section served as controls. The institutional ethics committee granted permission to proceed. All three groups' subjects agreed to participate willingly by signing a signed consent form. Adults aged 18 to 49 years were separated into two groups: those aged 50 to 77 years and those aged 50 to 77 years. The clinical examination of the oral mucosa was performed according to WHO criteria, utilising a mouth mirror to check for OLP, RAS, and BMS under artificial illumination in a dentist chair. Subjects diagnosed with anxiety or depression between the ages of 18 and 77 were included in the study. Those with any systemic disorders, smoking, presence of local irritating elements such as sharp cusp, overhanging repair, calculus, etc., and subjects on psychoactive medicines such as antidepressants, sedatives, and narcotics were all excluded.

DIAGNOSIS

The presence of bilaterally symmetrical lacelike gray-white, radiating reticular, annular, plaque-type lesions at the time of the examination confirmed the clinical diagnosis of the oral mucosa. Histopathological investigation of clinically diagnosed oral mucosa was used to confirm the diagnosis.

The patient's history and clinical findings led to the diagnosis of oral mucosal. The research included patients who had recurring bouts of round or ovoid ulcers encircled by an erythematous halo, with each episode lasting a few days to weeks. The ulcers had to be present when the clinical evaluation took place.

When oral burning or pain sensations were present at the time of clinical examination, but there were no apparent mucosal alterations, BMS was diagnosed.

Over the course of a year, from January to December 2005, 8866 patients were examined. Patients from 15 to 75 years old who attended the Institute of Dental Studies and Technologies India's Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology participated in the research. The individuals were classified into 13 groups with a 5-year interval based on gender, age (divided into 13 groups with a 5-year interval), tobacco usage (cigarette/bidi smoking and smokeless tobacco), and dental prosthesis use. Three trained examiners who were given visual guides in accordance with WHO recommendations performed a standardised extraoral and intraoral examination. Using Kappa statistics, the examiners' reliability was found to be about 80%–85% ($\kappa = 0.82$), resulting in a high degree of agreement among the examiners that was not due to chance. A fully reclining dental chair, diagnostic instruments, direct and indirect light, gauze, disposable gloves, mouth masks, drape, plane mouth mirrors, straight and curved probes, tweezers, sterilised and used instrument containers, surgi-scrub, concentrated sterilising solution Dettol, hand towels, proforma, and consent form were all used during the examinations.

Oral mucosal diagnostic criteria, such as leukoplakia, lichen planus, oral cancer, oral submucous fibrosis, smoker's palate, and candidiasis, were based on WHO guidelines from 1980. Axell et al. criteria were employed for lesions such as angular cheilitis, denture stomatitis, median rhomboid glossitis, and other mucosal variations. Oral mucosal diagnostic criteria, such as leukoplakia, lichen planus, oral cancer, oral submucous fibrosis, smoker's palate, and candidiasis, were based on WHO guidelines from 1980. Axell et al. criteria were employed for lesions such as angular cheilitis, denture stomatitis, median rhomboid glossitis, and other mucosal variations.

The Kleinman et al. recommendations on the technique in epidemiologic research and the coloured atlas were used to come up with diagnostic criteria.

Patients who were unable to open their mouths sufficiently for intraoral examination, were unconscious or sedated, had a recent history of maxillofacial trauma, were postsurgical cases, were undergoing orofacial radiation therapy, or intermaxillary fixation treatment, or were revisiting the OPD during this time period were all excluded from the study.

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Figure 1: Aphthous sores on the mucosa of the lower lip.

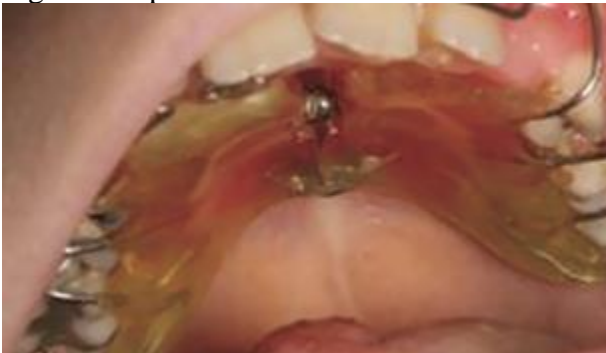


Figure 2: Friction against the palatal screw causes erosion of the tongue mucosa.



Figure 3: Inter dental clasps produce persistent mucosal irritation, resulting in buccal mucosa desquamation.

Treatments

Patients with unique requirements, such as mental patients, require extra attention to their oral health. The findings of this study give data on the prevalence of oral mucosal illnesses in the mental and general populations. Oral lesions are substantially more common in those who suffer from anxiety and depression than in people who are mentally and physically well. It is the oral health provider's job to offer appropriate dental treatment for patients with mental impairments. As a complement to traditional therapy, psychiatric evaluation and intervention should be considered in the treatment of certain oral disorders. Furthermore, during fixed appliance orthodontic treatment, a difficult oral hygiene scenario caused by trapped food and oral waste surrounding brackets may lead to the development of gingival inflammation.

Excision, with or without the application of a covering agent, is one of the main treatment choices for oral mucosal lesions (e.g., leukoplakia and lichen planus). Platelet-rich fibrin (PRF) membranes are fibrin scaffolds that contain entrapped platelets that release a variety of growth factors and cytokines to aid wound healing. The purpose of this paper was to describe PRF membrane grafting following excision of superficial possibly malignant oral lesions, as well as the method, postoperative wound management, and clinical outcomes.

The study 278 anxiety and 398 depression individuals, as well as an equal number of controls. Oral illnesses were found in 58 (or 20.86 percent) of 278 anxiety patients and 36 (or 9.04 percent)

Groups	of patients with oral diseases	Mean Rank	- ANNOVA	value
anxiety (287)	20.86%	99.96		
depression(398)	9.04%	79.85	5.25	00
control (676)	17%	106.00		

Table: Oral disease prevalence in anxiety, depression, and the control group

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Because we only included new anxiety and depression patients who had not previously taken any medication, the prevalence rate in our research was lower. The high frequency of RAS, BMS, and OLP in psychiatrist patients might be linked to higher psychological stress, and mental disease can alter immune functioning, according to the authors. According to psychological studies, the oral mucosa is a complex and fragile area that is highly responsive to psychological effects. As a result, based on the research, the causes for the higher occurrence of RAS, BMS, and OLP in psychiatric patients might be several and include the interplay of biological and psychological systems.

The severity and frequency of the episodes vary on a case-by-case basis; however, it usually decreases with age. Many epidemiologic studies and our own observations confirmed the higher incidence of RAS in people with higher psychological alterations.

According to a recent study on RAS prevalence, the incidence of RAS varies depending on the ethnic background of the patient population and the diagnostic criteria system utilised by different research institutes. The real prevalence rate of RAS is likely to be greater than reported rates due to

the recurrent nature of the disease, and cross-sectional clinical surveys may underestimate the true prevalence rate since active lesions may not be present at the time of evaluation.

Anxiety patients had a prevalence rate of 2.87 percent, depression patients had a prevalence rate of 3.01 percent, and the control group had a prevalence rate of 1.62 percent.

The incidence of BMS tends to be overstated due to inadequacies and a lack of universally recognized diagnostic criteria. The low prevalence of BMS in our study might be explained by the large age range of patients in both sexes. When BMS was diagnosed only on the basis of a constant burning sensation of the oral mucosa, a prevalence incidence of 14.8 percent was determined. When BMS was diagnosed using more precise criteria, the prevalence of the disease was lowered to 0.8 percent. This study has clearly shown the psychological component of BMS. This is supported by studies that demonstrate BMS patients have higher degrees of depression and anxiety than non-BMS patients.

Conclusions

Patients with unique requirements, such as mental patients, require extra attention to their oral health. The findings of this study give data on the prevalence of oral mucosal illnesses in the mental and general populations. Oral lesions are substantially more common in those who suffer from anxiety and depression than in people who are mentally and physically well. It is the oral health provider's job to offer appropriate dental treatment for patients with mental impairments. As a result, as an adjunct to standard treatment in these cases. The findings of this study reveal that PRF membrane is an effective covering agent for healing superficial oral mucosal lesions. More comparative studies are needed to determine its effectiveness in comparison to other medications. Patients with unique requirements, such as mental patients, require extra attention to their oral health. The findings of this study give data on the prevalence of oral mucosal illnesses in the mental and general populations. Oral lesions are substantially more common in those who suffer from anxiety and depression than in people who are mentally and physically well. It is the oral health provider's job to offer appropriate dental treatment for patients with mental impairments. As a result, as an adjunct to standard treatment in these cases. The findings of this study reveal that PRF membrane is an effective covering agent for healing superficial oral mucosal lesions. More comparative studies are needed to determine its effectiveness in comparison to other medications.

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