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Presentation Title: COMMON ORAL LESIONS AND PROPER MANAGEMENT FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

General practitioners can encounter a wide variety of oral lesions in dental practice. Most of these lesions may present similar characteristics making diagnosis quite challenging. After initial recognition, the next step in successful therapeutic management of oral mucosal diseases or lesions depends upon creating a differential diagnosis. A multitude of different diagnoses ranging from benign to malignant may be present for a single lesion. Obtaining a thorough patient history and performing a comprehensive clinical examination will provide important clues to the diagnosis of the lesion. By carefully reviewing the history of a lesion and knowing the most frequent lesion in each location of the oral cavity, the primary care provider can dramatically increase the odds of properly diagnosing oral mucosal lesions and subsequently provide appropriate treatment.

This presentation will focus on: characteristics of the most common oral pathological diseases, oral manifestations of systemic diseases, recommendations during screening examination, differentiating lesions with seemingly similar clinical appearances and differentiating between benign and malignant lesions. The recommended management and treatment of the lesions will be presented. To aid in diagnosis, the lesions have been grouped according to location on the oral cavity.