

General Membership Meeting - April 2025

A Practical Approach to Oral Cancer and OPMD's

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Dr. Paras Patel is a board certified oral and maxillofacial pathologist who obtained his dental degree from Howard University College of Dentistry in 2011. After graduation, he practiced general dentistry for a few years in the Lubbock area with the Community Health Center of Lubbock, as their staff dentist on the mobile dental unit. In 2014, he began his residency in oral and maxillofacial pathology at TAMU (Baylor) School of Dentistry. Upon completion of his residency, he took a position at the college of dentistry as a full-time faculty member. After 5 years in academia, Dr. Patel transitioned into private practice and helped establish the Center for Oral Pathology, where he continues his clinical practice. He also had the opportunity to continue his practice of surgical pathology in conjunction with ProPath and helped establish the division of oral and maxillofacial pathology, where he currently serves as director. Dr. Patel stays active in clinical research involving oral potentially malignant disorders/ precancerous lesions and oral cancer and is the current US laboratory director for Proteocyte AI.

As oral cancer has received more publicity over recent decades, partly due to the evidence of Human Papillomavirus infection and its relationship to oropharyngeal cancer, the oral healthcare provider should feel comfortable about educating and discussing these topics with their patients. Our discussion will provide a brief overview of the statistics and predicted rates of both oral and oropharyngeal cancer. We will go into brief detail about what populations are at risk as well as discuss the risk factors that contribute to the development of oral cancer. Additionally and most importantly, we will identify the clinical characteristics of oral potentially malignant disorders and malignant lesions.

Audience: Dentists
AGD Code: 610/670
CE Hours: 2 technical and/or scientific
CE Verification provided
Conflict of Interest: Proteocyte AI

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the basic concepts that contribute to the development of oral cancer
- Identify individuals at high risk for the development of oral potentially malignant disorders and oral cancers
- Identify oral potentially malignant disorders and lesions suspicious for oral cancer

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