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Diagnostic aids for oral pre-malignancies

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Majority of oral cancers are found to develop from oral premalignant lesions such as leukoplakia, erythroplakia, erythroleukoplakia, dysplasia and carcinoma in situ. The malignant transformation rates of oral premalignant lesions are reported to be up to 47%. This indicates the importance of early diagnosis and interventions. In addition, these oral lesions are not homogenous so, may need multiple biopsies to avoid misdiagnosis of most severe part of lesion. In the present era of technological advancements, many novel investigatory techniques shall play a major role in diagnosis of potentially premalignant lesions which includes Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT), Chemiluminescence, Spectroscopy and Tissue Fluoroscence Imaging. To reduce the patient's sufferings from multiple biopsies, the best non- invasive, efficient and time saving methods to choose the most appropriate site for biopsy and to detect potentially premalignant lesions are here forth presented.

Biography

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