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Oral Precancer and Cancer: Clinical Recognition and Early Intervention

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Oral potentially malignant disorders (OPMDs) are clinically defined mucosal conditions carrying a variable risk of progression to oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC). This lecture covers the recognition of the principal OPMDs, the role of epithelial dysplasia in stratifying that risk, and features of OSCC. We will also review how to perform a thorough head and neck examination, the most effective means of detecting these lesions early and interrupting progression to invasive cancer.

- Define oral potentially malignant disorders and recognize their principal clinical presentations, including leukoplakia, erythroplakia, and erythroleukoplakia.

Buffet Dinner at 6pm Lecture at 7pm

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- Explain the concept of oral epithelial dysplasia and its grading and describe how dysplasia grade stratifies the risk of malignant transformation.
- Describe the clinical and histopathological features of oral squamous cell carcinoma and explain why early detection is critical to improving patient outcomes.
- Perform a thorough and systematic head and neck examination for the detection of high-risk oral lesions.
- Apply this knowledge to a series of illustrative clinical cases demonstrating the appearance of these lesions across different oral sites.

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Dr. Wolk is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at New York University College of Dentistry, where she teaches oral and maxillofacial pathology and oral medicine, practices oral medicine clinically, and provides microscopic biopsy diagnoses in the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology diagnostics laboratory. She is also an Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Pathology at NYU Grossman School of Medicine, diagnosing head and neck pathology cases microscopically. A Fellow of the AAOMP and a Diplomate of the ABOMP, she completed a fellowship in Head and Neck Pathology at the University of Chicago and and serves on the editorial board of Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology and Oral Radiology and as Co-Editor of Head and Neck Pathology. She also maintains a private practice at the NYU Faculty Practice focused on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of oral diseases.



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