

Special Issue

Oral Diseases with Orofacial Manifestations

Message from the Guest Editors

About 15 percent of the 6000 to 8000 known rare diseases worldwide show orofacial manifestations. In addition to changes in the shape and/or number of teeth (e.g., x-linked hypophosphatemia; ectodermal dysplasia), these can also include changes in the oral mucosa, for example. Changes can indicate the onset of a rare disease (e.g., Crohn's disease), support the diagnosis of a rare disease (e.g., systemic scleroderma), or draw attention to a recurrence of a rare disease (e.g., granulomatosis with polyangiitis). Rare disease patients often experience a marathon of doctor visits and misdiagnoses because these conditions and symptoms are not present in the daily clinic routine. Because of the small number of people affected, therapies are often based on individual case reports or, at best, case series. This Special Issue will therefore focus on rare diseases with orofacial manifestations. The focus is particularly on the area of clinical signs, therapy, and quality of life.

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