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New Perspectives in Diseases of the Salivary Glands: Diagnostic Approach and Treatment Strategies

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Dear Colleagues,

The diagnosis and treatment of salivary gland diseases have experienced a revolutionary development in the last few decades: in the field of salivary gland tumors, the refinement of established diagnostic modalities (e.g. ultrasound-based elastography) has offered additional possibilities for preoperative identification of malignant lesions and optimization of the treatment strategy. In cases with obstructive sialopathy, combined utilisation of established diagnostic (ultrasound) and therapeutic modalities (sialendoscopy, laser) has opened new horizons in the era of minimally invasive approaches to the patient and individualised medicine. Last but not least, the emerging knowledge, the expanding general experience and the increasing expertise concerning the biological behavior of a variety of malignant lesions of the salivary glands ("a changing mosaic") can only be of significant benefit for our patients.

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