Exuberant pyogenic granuloma in extragingival site

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INTRODUCTION

Non-neoplastic proliferative processes are a group of disorders relatively common in the oral cavity. Among them we stress the pyogenic granuloma (PG) because of its occurrence, typical classical characteristic presentation and distribution in gingival sites in over 80% of the cases⁵. Nonetheless, when extragingival lesions appear, a rare condition listed in the literature, diagnosis may be late¹⁻⁷. Thus, this paper aims at reporting a case of exuberant pyogenic granuloma in a non-gingival site.

CASE REPORT

16-year old female black patient came to the stomatology ward of the Universidade Federal do Ceará, Campus Sobral, complaining of a “growth in her tongue” with pain, bleeding upon touch, perceived two months after an accident. Upon intraoral physical exam (Figure 1A), we spotted a reddish exophytic lesion was seen, with an ulcerated surface, bleeding upon minimum manipulation, soft, measuring approximately 3.0cm in its longest diameter, and located in the posterior region of the right tongue border. Upon extraroral exam, nothing important was noticed. Having that, the main diagnostic considered was that of a pyogenic granuloma. Considering the medical interview and the clinical findings, treatment was based on complete lesion exeresis. In an outpatient ward - 7% of the cases. As far as the etiology is concerned, it has been reported that 80% of the patients with extragingival oral pyogenic granuloma responded positively on local injuries where the lesions appeared. The main age range was within the second and third decades of life and females were the most affected in 100% of the cases studied - which corroborated the case hereby reported.

The lesion exeresis, as per carried out in the present case, is according to the literature, the best treatment approach for these pyogenic granulomas.

Regarding the low occurrence of PG in extragingival sites, it is pertaining to emphasize the importance of the correct diagnosis of these lesions, distinguishing them from other entities which have similar characteristics, so as to obtain a proper treatment approach. In this paper, we stress the importance of professionals who work with the oral cavity, notably dentists and otorhinolaryngologists, in recognizing hyperplastic reactive lesions, even when located in unusual sites, aiming at an early treatment, without harming the patient.

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