Preface

Oral and Maxillofacial Pain

Painful conditions in the oral and maxillofacial region are common. Due to the complex anatomy of this region of the body with specialized structures and physiology, evaluation, diagnosis, and management can be difficult. Making an accurate diagnosis and providing diagnosis-specific, evidence-based therapy are essential to successful patient care.

The articles in this issue explore the differential diagnosis of painful conditions in the oral and maxillofacial region. Specific pain disorders are presented by a panel of experts in the field who review common and uncommon conditions and potentially dangerous conditions that present with pain. Current diagnostic classifications and guidelines for treatment are highlighted.

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