
IMPORTANCE OF EXAMINATION OF THE BUCCAL CAVITY IN PEDIATRICS

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ABSTRACT
The aim of this work is to show the importance of oral cavity examination in infancy and childhood. This study also serves as a survey to the incidence of the oral cavity signs in different pediatric diseases. The aim is to show the various manifestations of the diseases in the oral cavity and its importance in clinical diagnosis. No one can deny that oral cavity examination is of high clinical importance and should not be neglected during routine examination of a patient, as it may lead to diagnosis or exclusion of other diseases. Three hundred patients selected randomly from those visiting the out-patient clinic of Benha university hospital. A complete clinical examination was done with special emphasis on examination of the buccal cavity. The buccal cavity shows manifestations in both local diseases and systemic diseases. Some of these local diseases in the mouth are lichen planus, dental caries, moniliasis and aphthous ulcerations as shown in table I. Some of the systemic diseases show also manifestations in the oral cavity as P. C. M. measles, scarlet fever and G. E. in table V. The oral manifestations of diseases shown in table VI - to XIII. As shown in these tables, it is advisable to examine the oral cavity routinely during systemic examination of the child. Delaying the examination at the end of the routine examination is annoying to the child, which we can avoid by examining the oral cavity first. The window for diagnosis of many diseases is.