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## Management of dental pathologies and odontogenic cysts and tumors of the jaws in pediatric patients: Our experience

Few oral surgeons have extensive experience in the management of dental and jaw pathologies in children and adolescents. Treatment of such rare pathologies is usually multidisciplinary, but the main core is often surgical, yet not always followed by reconstructive surgery. In addition to establishing a sound histopathologic diagnosis, it is important to understand and evaluate the biological behavior of such pathologies; some of these, despite being labeled as benign, are quite aggressive clinically and can cause significant bone loss and impairment if not diagnosed early and adequately treated. Pediatric odontogenic jaw cysts and tumors are unusual, and most of them are asymptomatic, the most common lesions being the dentigerous cysts and the keratocystic odontogenic tumor. It is of utmost importance that pediatric dentists, orthodontists, and general practitioners should be familiar with these three groups of lesions which can manifest as jaw swelling, delays in dental eruptions, facial asymmetry, displacement of teeth, alteration in occlusion and loosening of associated or adjacent teeth. In our presentation, we will address a case series of pediatric dental irregularities (impacted teeth and teeth-like structures) and odontogenic cysts and tumors. All these pathologies required surgical intervention, including surgical extraction, biopsy, curettage, ostectomy, enucleation and chemoablation.

## **Biography**

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