ROLE OF DENTISTS IN EARLY DETECTION OF UNDIAGNOSED HIV INFECTION

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Abstract:
A HIV seropositive individual may be unaware of their underlying condition, resulting in an increased risk of transmission to their partners and associated poor disease prognosis leading to AIDS. In this context the dental surgeon plays an important role in the early identification and detection of the many oral lesions that may suggest an underlying HIV infection. This poster tabulates the initial orofacial clinical appearance of the many opportunistic infections and neoplasms in which HIV screening of the individual must be recommended. The poster also looks at the centre for disease prevention and control (CDC) recommended rapid diagnostic tests using blood and saliva samples.