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演題: 「Strange Teeth, Strange Gum, and Their Clinical Implications」

This lecture will cover variety of rare dental and gingival anomalies and how they tell us about the systemic conditions of the patients. The molecular genetics of the smallest and the biggest teeth in the world will be presented. The presence of supernumerary teeth may suggest that patients may have Cleidocranial Dysplasia or Tricho-Rhino-Phalangeal syndrome, or Familial adenomatous polyposis syndrome. Mesiodens is the supernumerary tooth in the premaxilla. Recently, our group has identified 8 genes which are associated with the pathogenesis of mesiodens. The presence of gingival fibromatosis my suggest us as dentists to look for other associated conditions including nephrocalcinosis, kidney stones, cherubism-like lesions, hearing loss, hirsutism, or even epilepsy. For the past 2 years, our group has identified and published 8 genes responsible for the formation of mesiodens and oral exostoses.

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