

Orofacial Pain: Specialty Recognition



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The Problem

- The lack of access to care for patients suffering from chronic orofacial pain disorders.

Problem: access to care for chronic orofacial pain disorders.

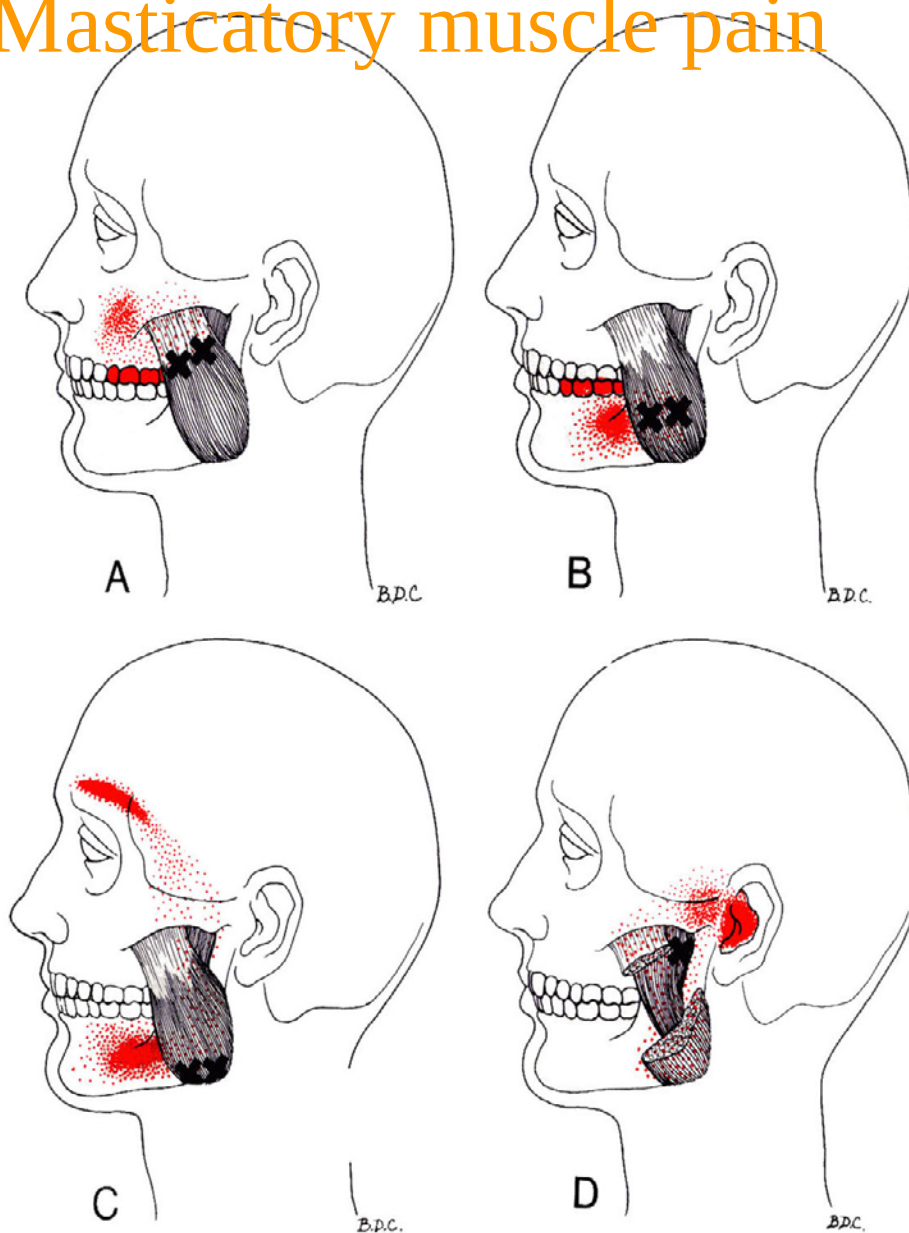
- 10 million people with chronic orofacial pain go without care each year. *Aaop.org
- One in 6 patients who visited a general dentist reported orofacial pain within the past year. *Horst. J Am Dent Assoc. 2015
- 4 out of 10 patients with chronic pain report inadequate relief 5 years after symptom presentation and treatment initiation. *Portenoy R. Amer Pain Soc News 1999.

Masticatory muscle pain

TMJ arthralgia



Neuropathic pain





Orofacial Pain

The state of the art

- Intracranial disorders
- 1^o Headache disorders
- 2^o Headache disorders
- Neuropathic pain
- Intraoral pain disorders
- TMDs
- Cervical pain disorders
- Associated structures
- Axis II mental disorders

2^o = temporal arteritis, post trauma headache, medication overuse headache

Neuropathic; episodic (TN) and constant, SMP

TMD: TMJ, masticatory muscle

Assoc structures: extra-cranial: ENT, sinus, salivary

Problem: access to care

- Orofacial pain includes neuropathic, musculoskeletal, vascular, odontogenic, glandular, and intracranial etiologies
- 95% of dentist reported a preference to refer these patients to orofacial pain specialists

*Rosenbaum RS. J Mass Dent Soc. 2001

- 32% of dentists stated the reason they refer such patients is because of low reimbursement by insurance agencies

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Specialty recognition would
expand:

Insurance Coverage

Referral Networks

Improved Care

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Specialty Requirements

- Represented by a sponsoring organization
- Membership reflective of specialty
- Certifying board

Specialty Board

- Each board shall certify qualified dentists as diplomats
- No more than one board shall be recognized for the certification of diplomats

Formal advanced education programs

- of at least two years accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation
- to provide the special knowledge and skills required for practice of the specialty.

AAOP: Clinicians and Educators

A Network of Healthcare Providers treating Orofacial Pain

- Approximate 400 members nationwide
- International chapters on five continents
- Over 1000 members worldwide
- 75% of private practitioners devoting practice to the management of orofacial pain
- 25% Educators based in universities and teaching hospitals



ADA Recognition

- In 2000, the AAOP first attempted to gain full status recognition by the ADA as a specialty of dentistry
- AAOP develops written and oral specialty examination to establish diplomat status in OFP.
- AAOP develops CODA accreditation standards for 2 year residency
- In 2016 Twelve OFP programs had achieved CODA accreditation

Specialty Recognition

- ABDS created
- ADA loses lawsuits in Florida and Texas in favor of OFP specialty recognition by ABDS
- 2018 : Dental Boards in Mn, NC, Ohio recognize OFP specialty
- ADA proposes New Agency to Recognize Dental Specialties and Certifying Board

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ADA Recognition

- It is the Association's belief that the needs of the public are best served if the profession is oriented primarily to general practice.
- Specialties are recognized in those areas where advanced knowledge and skills are essential to maintain or restore oral health.

Specialty recognition

- proposed specialty must be a distinct and well-defined field which requires unique knowledge and skills beyond those commonly possessed by dental school graduates

The scope of the proposed specialty requires advanced knowledge and skills that:

- (a) are separate and distinct from the knowledge and skills required to practice in any recognized dental specialty;
- (b) cannot be accommodated through minimal modification of a recognized dental specialty.

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