

BRANCH VI - ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AND ORAL MICROBIOLOGY

Objectives:

- To train a post graduate dental surgeon so as to ensure higher competence in both general and special pathology dealing with the nature of oral diseases, their causes, processes and effects.
- An oral pathologist is expected to perform routine histopathological evaluation of specimens relating to oral and perioral tissues, to carry out routine diagnostic procedures including hematological, cytological, microbiological, Immunological and ultra structural investigations.
- He/she is expected to have an understanding of current research methodology, collection and interpretation of data, ability to carry out research projects on clinical and or epidemiological aspects, a working knowledge on current databases, automated data retrieval systems, referencing and skill in writing scientific papers.
- He/she is expected to present scientific data pertaining to the field, in conferences both as poster and verbal presentations and totake part in group discussions.

Teaching / Learning Activities:

Broad Outline of Theoretical, Clinical and Practical Courses

I MDS:

1. *Biostatistics and Research Methodology:*

- Basic principles of biostatistics and study as applied to dentistry and research
- Collection/ organization of data/ measurement scales / presentation of data and analysis
- Measures of central tendency
- Measures of variability
- Sampling and planning of health survey
- Probability, normal distribution & indicative statistics
- Estimating population values
- Tests of significance(parametric/non-parametric qualitative methods)
- Analysis of variance
- Association, correlation and regression

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures

2. *Applied Gross Anatomy of head and neck, histology and genetics :*

- Temporo-mandibular joint
- Trigeminal nerve and facial nerve
- Muscles of mastication
- Tongue
- Salivary glands
- Nerve supply, blood supply, lymphatic drainage & venous drainage of oro-dental tissues
- Development of face, palate, mandible, maxilla, tongue and applied aspects of the same
- Development of teeth & dental tissues and developmental defects of oral and maxilla- facial region & abnormalities of teeth
- Maxillary sinus
- Jaw muscles and facial muscles

- Introduction to genetics
- Modes of inheritance
- Chromosomal anomalies of oral tissues & single gene disorders

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures
- Postings in the Department of Anatomy for dissection of Head, Face and Neck

3. *Physiology (General & Oral) :*

- Saliva
- Pain
- Mastication
- Taste
- Deglutition
- Wound healing
- Vitamins (influence on growth, development and structure of oral soft and hard tissues & paraoral tissues)
- Calcium metabolism
- Theories of mineralization
- Tooth eruption and shedding
- Blood and its constituents
- Hormones (influence on growth, development and structure of oral soft and hard tissues & paraoral tissues)

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures

4. *Cell Biology :*

- Cell structure and function (ultra structural & molecular aspects)
- Intercellular junctions
- Cell cycle and division
- Cell cycle regulators
- Cell–cell & cell-extracellular matrix interactions
- Detailed molecular aspects of DNA,RNA and intracellular organelles, transcription and translation and molecular biology techniques

Approach:

- Seminars & Didactic Lectures

5. *General Histology :*

- Light & electron microscopy considerations of epithelial tissues and glands,bone.
- Light & electron microscopy considerations of hemopoetic system, lymphatic system, muscle, neural tissue, endocrinal system (thyroid, pituitary, parathyroid)

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures
- Postings in the Department of Anatomy & Histology for slide discussion
- Record book to be maintained

6. Biochemistry :

- Chemistry of carbohydrates, lipids and proteins
- Methods of identification and purification
- Metabolism of carbohydrates, lipids and proteins
- Biological oxidation
- Various techniques-cell fractionation and ultra filtration, centrifugation, electrophoresis, spectrophotometry and radioactive techniques

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures
- Postings in the Department of Biochemistry to familiarize with various techniques
- Record book to be maintained

7. General Pathology :

- Inflammation and chemical mediator
- Thrombosis
- Embolism
- Necrosis
- Repair
- Degeneration
- Shock
- Hemorrhage
- Pathogenic mechanisms at molecular level
- Blood dyscrasias
- Carcinogenesis and neoplasia

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures & Seminars
- General Pathology posting - 15 days

8. General Microbiology :

- Definitions of various types of infections
- Routes of infection and spread
- Sterilization ,disinfection and antiseptics
- Bacterial genetics
- Physiology, growth of microorganisms

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures & Seminars

9. Basic Immunology :

- Basic principles of immunity, antigen and antibody reaction
- Cell mediated and humoral immunity
- Immunology of hypersensitivity
- Immunological basis of auto immune phenomena
- Immunodeficiency with relevance to opportunistic infections
- Basic principles of transplantation and tumor immunity

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures & Seminars

10. Systemic Microbiology / Applied Microbiology :

Morphology, classification, pathogenicity, mode of transmission, methods of prevention, collection and transport of specimen for laboratory diagnosis, staining methods, common culture media, interpretation of laboratory reports and antibiotic sensitivity tests.

- Staphylococci
- Streptococci
- Corynebacterium diphtheria
- Mycobacteria
- Clostridia, bacteroids & fusobacteria
- Actinomycetales
- Spirochetes
- General structure, broad classification of viruses, pathogenesis, pathology of viral infections
- Herpes virus
- Hepatitis virus
- HIV
- General properties of fungi
- Superficial, subcutaneous, deep opportunistic infections
- General principles of fungal infections, method of collection of samples, diagnosis and examination of fungi

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures & Seminars
- Postings in the Department of Microbiology to familiarize with relevant diagnostic methods – 15 days
- Record book to be maintained

11. Oral biology (Oral and Dental Histology) :

- Study of morphology of permanent and deciduous teeth
- Structure and function of oral, dental and paraoral tissues including their ultra structure, molecular and biochemical aspects

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures & Seminars
- Slide discussion on histological appearance of normal oral tissues
- Record book to be maintained

12. Basic Histo-Techniques and Microscopy :

- Routine hematological tests and clinical significance of the same
- Biopsy procedures for oral lesions
- Tissue processing
- Microtome and principles of microtomy
- Various stains used in histopathology and their applications
- Microscope, principles and theories of microscopy
- Light microscopy and various other types including electron microscopy

- Fixation and fixatives
- Ground sections and decalcified sections
- Cytological smears

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures & Seminars
- Postings in Clinical Pathology and Microbiology for relevant training
- Preparation of Ground and decalcified sections, tissue processing, sectioning and staining
- Tooth Carving (Permanent Dentition)
- Record book to be maintained

II MDS:

1. Oral and Dental Pathology:

- Developmental disorders of oral and paraoral structures
- Potentially malignant disorders
- Benign and malignant tumors of the oral cavity
- Odontogenic cysts and tumors
- Pathology of salivary glands
- Regressive alterations of teeth
- Bacterial, fungal, viral and protozoal infections of the oral cavity
- Dental caries
- Diseases of pulp and periapical region
- Spread of oral infection
- Healing of oral wounds
- Physical and chemical injuries of oral cavity
- Oral aspects of metabolic diseases
- Diseases of bones and joints
- Diseases of skin and mucous membrane
- Diseases of periodontia
- Diseases of blood and blood forming organs
- Diseases of nerves and muscles
- Oro-facial pain
- Immunological diseases of oral cavity including tumor immunology
- Molecular pathology
- Oral Microbiology

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures & Seminars
- Postings in the Department of Dermatology of a Medical College – 15 days
- Postings in a Cancer Centre – 15 days

2. Basic histo-techniques and microscopy:

- Enzyme histochemistry
- Principles, techniques and applications of immunofluorescence
- Principles, techniques and applications of immunohistochemistry
- Preparation of frozen sections
- Museum set up
- Quality control
- Animal models

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures & Seminars
- Training to be imparted in the Department or in other institutions having the facility
- Visit to the centre of animal experimentation to be familiarize with laboratory techniques, upkeep and care of animals – 15 days
- Record book to be maintained

3. Recent Molecular Techniques:

- **Basic principles, techniques and applications of –**
 - PCR
 - BLOTS
 - Hybridization
 - Recombinant DNA technology
 - Micro array
 - DNA sequencing
 - Cell culture and cloning

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures & Seminars
- Training to be imparted in the Department or in other institutions having the facility – 15 days
- Record book to be maintained

4. Recording of Case History and Clinico-Pathological Discussions:

Approach:

- Postings in the Department of Oral Medicine, Diagnosis & Radiology – 6 months
- Oral surgery posting - 2 months
- Record of minimum 10 case histories to be maintained

5. Histopathology – Slide discussion:

- Record book to be maintained

III MDS:

- Forensic odontology
- Giant cell lesions
- Clear cell lesions
- Round cell lesions
- Spindle cell lesions
- Pigmented lesions
- Fibro-osseous lesions
- Mechanism of formation and expansion of cysts of orofacial region
- Mechanism of growth and metastasis of tumors
- Lab diagnosis of bacterial infections
- Lab diagnosis of viral infections

- Lab diagnosis of fungal infections
- Hamartomas
- Phakomatoses
- Vascular tumors of oro-facial region
- Genodermatoses

- Tumor markers
- Histogenesis of salivary gland tumors
- Tumor angiogenesis
- Concept of premalignancy
- Blue cell lesions
- Molecular basics of oral squamous cell carcinoma
- Matrix remodelling in pathological condition
- Etiopathogenesis of developmental defects of teeth
- Viral oncogenesis
- Lesions associated with impacted and missing teeth
- Syndromes affecting oro-facial region
- Hereditary oral defects
- Techniques to assess the prognosis of neoplastic lesions
- Vesiculo-bullous lesions
- Lymphoreticular malignancy
- Haemopoietic malignancy
- Micronutrients
- Oral aspects of metabolic disorders
- Hormones and oro-maxillofacial lesions
- Matrix metalloproteinases
- Current concepts in HIV related oral diseases
- Current concepts in OSMF
- Epithelial –connective tissue interaction
- Stem cell research

Approach:

- Didactic Lectures & Seminars
- Postings in the Department of Forensic Medicine / Sciences – 15 days
- Record book to be maintained
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Research Methodology Workshop

All MDS candidates shall compulsorily attend the Research Methodology Workshop conducted by the University within 6 months from the date of joining the course. In this regard, the candidates will be issued a completion Certificate by the University.

Monitoring Learning Progress:

It is essential to monitor the learning progress of each candidate through continuous appraisal and regular assessment. It not only helps teachers to evaluate students, but also students to evaluate themselves. The monitoring should be done by the staff of the department based on participation of students in various teaching / learning activities. It may be structured and assessment is done using checklists that assess various aspects. Checklists are given in Section IV.

TEACHING LEARNING METHODS (including Clinical Study)

(a) LECTURES:

There shall be some didactic lectures in the speciality and in the allied fields. The departments shall encourage guest lectures in the required areas and integrated lectures by multi-disciplinary teams on selected topics, to strengthen the training programmes.

(b) JOURNAL REVIEW:

The journal review meetings shall be held at least once a week. All trainees, associate and staff associated with the post-graduate programme are expected to participate actively and enter relevant details in the logbook. The trainee shall make presentations from the allotted journals of selected articles.

(c) SEMINARS:

The seminars shall be held at least twice a week in each department. All trainees are expected to participate actively and enter relevant details in logbook.

(d) SYMPOSIUM:

It is recommended to hold symposium on topics covering multiple disciplines.

(e) CLINICAL POSTINGS:

Each trainee shall work in the clinics on regular basis to acquire adequate professional skills and competency in managing various cases.

(f) CLINICO-PATHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE:

The clinico pathological conference shall be held once a month involving the faculties of Oral Medicine and Radiology, Oral Pathology and allied clinical departments. The trainees shall be encouraged to present the clinical details, radiological and histo-pathological interpretations and participation in the discussions.

(g) INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS:

To encourage integration among various specialities, there shall be inter-departmental meeting chaired by the Dean with all heads of post-graduate departments at least once a month.

(h) TEACHING SKILLS:

All the trainees shall be encouraged to take part in undergraduate teaching programmes either in the form of lectures or group discussion.

(i) DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES:

Each department shall organise dental education programmes on regular basis involving other institutions. The trainees shall also be encouraged to attend such programmes conducted outside their university or institute.

(j) CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/ADVANCED COURSES:

The trainees shall be encouraged to attend conference/workshops/advanced courses and also to present at least two scientific papers and two posters at State/national level speciality and allied conferences/conventions during the training period.

(k) ROTATION AND POSTING IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS:

To bring in more integration among the specialities and allied fields, each department shall workout a programme to rotate the trainees in related disciplines.

DISSERTATION

Every candidate appearing for the post-graduate degree examination shall at least six months prior to the examinations, submit with his form for examination, four typewritten copies of the dissertation undertaken by the candidate, prepared under the direction and guidance of his/her guide.

It must be approved by the Institutional Review Board consisting of Principal, all the HOD's, an advocate, medical specialties and social worker within the first six months after the commencement of the course. The application for registration of dissertation topic

must be sent through the Principal duly forwarded by the Professor/ HOD. The University will register such dissertation topic. In case the students want to change the topic of dissertation, they can do it within the next three months. No change in the Guide/dissertation topic shall be made without prior approval of the University.

The aim of dissertation is to train a postgraduate student in research methodology. It includes identification of a problem with recent advances, designing of research study on collection of data, practical analysis and comparison of results and drawing conclusions.

The dissertation should be written under the following headings.

Introduction /Aims and Objective /Review and literature /Materials & Methods/Result /Discussion

Conclusion/Summary

The written text of dissertation shall not be less than 100pages. It should be neatly typed in double line spacing on one side (A4 size, 8. 27"x 11.69") and bounded properly. Photos, charts, tables, tables and graphs can be attached where ever necessary. Spiral binding should not be used. The dissertation shall be certified by the Guide and Head of the department and forwarded by the Principal to the University.

The dissertation so submitted shall be referred to the examiners for their examination and acceptance of it shall be a condition precedent to allow the candidate to appear for the written part of the examination.

Provided that a candidate whose dissertation has been accepted by the examiner, but declared failed at the examination, shall be permitted to re-appear at the subsequent examination without a new dissertation.

Provided further that if the dissertation is rejected by the examiner, the examiner shall assign reasons thereof with suggestions for its improvement to the candidate and such candidate shall re-submit his/ her dissertation to the examiner who shall accept it before appearing in the examination.

Scheme of Examination:

A. Theory: Part-I:	Basic Sciences Paper	-	100 Marks
Part-II:	Paper-I, Paper-II & Paper-III	-	300 Marks
			(100 Marks for each Paper)

Written examination shall consist of Basic Sciences Paper (Part-I) of three hours duration and should be conducted at the end of First year of MDS course. Part-II Examination will be conducted at the end of Third year of MDS course. Part-II Examination will consist of Paper-I, Paper-II & Paper-III, each of three hours duration. Paper-I & Paper-II shall consist of two long answer questions carrying 25 marks each and five questions carrying 10 marks each. Paper-III will be on Essays. Three Questions will be given and student has to answer any two questions. Each question carries 50 marks. Questions on recent advances may be asked in any or all the papers. Distribution of topics for each paper will be as follows: *

PART-I :

Applied Basic Sciences: Applied Anatomy, Physiology (General and oral), Cell Biology, General Histology, Biochemistry, General Pathology, General Pharmacology specially related to drug induced oral mucosal lesions, General and systemic Microbiology, Virology, Mycology, Basic Immunology, Oral Biology (Oral and Dental Histology), Biostatistics and Research Methodology

PART-II

Paper-I	: Oral pathology, Oral Microbiology & Immunology and Forensic Odontology
Paper-II	: Laboratory techniques & Diagnosis and Oral Oncology
Paper-III	: Essays (descriptive and analyzing type questions)

** The topics assigned to the different papers are generally evaluated under those sections. However a strict division of the subject may not be possible and some overlapping of topics is inevitable. Students should be prepared to answer overlapping topics.*

B) Practical/Clinical Examination	-	200 Marks
1. Case Presentation		
a) Long case –	20 marks	
b) Short case –	10 marks	
2. Clinical Hematology (any two investigations)	-	20 Marks
Hb%, bleeding time, clotting time, Total WBC count, Differential WBC count and ESR		
3. Smear Presentation	-	20 marks
Cytology or microbial smear and staining		
4. Paraffin sectioning and H & E Staining	-	30 Marks
5. Histopathology slide discussion	-	100 Marks
C. Viva Voce	-	100 Marks
i. Viva-Voce examination	-	80 marks

All examiners will conduct viva-voce conjointly on candidate's comprehension, analytical approach, expression, interpretation of data and communication skills. It includes all components of course contents.

ii. Pedagogy Exercise

– 20 marks

A topic be given to each candidate in the beginning of clinical examination. He/she is asked to make a presentation on the topic for 8-10 minutes.

REFERENCE BOOKS

1. Robbins Basic Pathology –by Kumar.
2. Theory and practice of histological techniques – by Bancroft.
3. Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology – by Neville.
4. Diagnostic Surgical Pathology of Head and Neck –by Gnepp.
5. Contemporary Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology – by Sapp.
6. Lever's Histopathology of the Skin – by Elder.
7. Diagnostic Histopathology of tumors – by Fletcher.
8. Head and neck cancer – by Brockstein.
9. Oral Cancer –by Silverman.
10. Odontogenic tumors and allied lesions –by Reichart.
11. Cysts of the oral and maxillofacial regions –by Shear.
12. Tumors of salivary glands – by Ellis.
13. Dorfman and Czerniak's Bone tumors – by Czerniak.
14. Lymph nodes – by Weiss.
15. Enzinger and Weiss's Soft Tissue Tumors –by Goldblum.
16. Diagnostic immunohistochemistry –by Dabbs.
17. Immunohistochemistry and immunocytochemistry –by Renshaw.
18. ABC of haematology –by Provan.
19. Immunology –by Riott.
20. Essential microbiology for dentistry –by Samaranayake.

JOURNALS

1. Journal of Oral Pathology & Medicine
2. Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
3. Indian Journal of Pathology and Microbiology
4. Head and Neck Pathology
5. Oral Oncology
6. British Journal of Cancer
7. Histopathology
8. American Journal of Surgical Pathology
9. Modern Pathology
10. The American Journal of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
11. Human Pathology
12. Pathology Case Reviews/AJSP: Reviews and Reports
13. Annals of Diagnostic Pathology
14. Current Diagnostic Pathology
15. Journal of Clinical Pathology
16. Virchows Archives
17. The Journal of Pathology
18. International Journal of Surgical Pathology
19. International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Pathology
20. Journal of Cytology
21. The Journal of American Society of Cytopathology

22. Journal of Applied Immunohistochemistry and Molecular Morphology
23. Journal of Cancer
24. Journal of Dental Research
25. Indian Journal of Dental Research
26. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
27. Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
28. Journal of Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery
29. Oral Surgery Oral Medicine Oral Pathology and Oral Radiology
30. Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Medicine and Pathology
31. Dentomaxillofacial Radiology
32. Journal of Forensic Dental Science
33. Indian Journal of Forensic Odontology
34. Journal of American Academy of Dermatology
35. New England Journal of Medicine
36. Cell
37. Nature
38. Developmental Dynamics
39. Differentiation
40. Cell death and differentiation
41. Lancet