

Diseases of the salivary glands

Salivary diseases are dividend into **2 groups**:

1. **Tumor diseases** (benign tumors, malignant tumors, possibly also so-called pseudotumors - cysts and pseudocysts);
2. **Non-cancerous diseases** (sialoadenitis, sialolithiasis, sialoadenosis).

Investigative methods

- **Anamnesis**,
- **Physical examination** (aspection and palpation),
- **USG, USG + FNAB** (fine needle aspiration biopsy),
- **Sialography** to display contrast of sialolithiasis,
- **CT**,
- **MRI**.

Developmental defects

- **Aplasia** of one or more glands, rarely missing of all salivary glands,
- **Doubling or anomalous outcome** of salivary glands.

Functional disorders

- **Sialorea** – excessive salivation,
- **Hyposialia** – decreased salivation.

Tumor diseases

- Benign tumors of the salivary glands
- Malignant tumors of the salivary glands

Non-cancerous diseases

- Sialoadenitis
- Sialolithiasis
- Sialoadenosis

References

Related articles

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