

ORIGINAL ARTICLE ORAL SURGERY

Dry socket in relation to predisposing factors in Mosul dental teaching hospital patients

ABSTRACT:

Dry socket is one of the popular side effects of exodontia. It is an annoying problem that causes discomfort for the patient and affects their daily activities, reducing quality of life. It occurs more in the lower teeth than the upper, especially during lower third molar removal, and increases when a high difficulty percentage of extraction is present. It is associated with various agents like young age, female sex, high local anesthetic dose, smoking, and contraceptive drugs. It is characterized by severe throbbing radiating pain that increases gradually with red inflamed gingiva surrounding dental sockets that appear either empty or filled by food debris accompanied by bad odor and taste. The treatment of this matter is easy, but it takes time and resources, so preventing or reducing its prevalence is easier and more effective in saving time and resources, and most importantly, avoiding patients from this harmful experience. Our study focused on revealing the precise factors that can increase the occurrence of dry socket and avoiding them.

OBJECTIVES

To detect dry socket development in patients with predisposing factors at present and if there are any changes in relation to these factors and dry socket.