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Odontogenic Lesions – Part 1

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Embryology Questions

- 1. Which of the following embryologic elements is responsible for the formation of dentin?
 - A. Stellate reticulum
 - B. Odontoblasts
 - C. Ameloblasts
 - D. Mesenchymal cells outside the tooth
 - E. None of the above
- 2. Tomes' fibers, which are 200µm long unmyelinated nerve fibers, are found in which of the following tooth associated structures, and are responsible for sensation?
 - A. Dentin
 - B. Enamel
 - C. Periodontal ligament
 - D. Cementum
 - E. All of the above

Cystic Lesions

- 3. Cysts that occur at the junctions of developing structures in the head and neck are called:
 - A. Periapical cyst
 - B. Dentigerous cyst
 - C. Odontogenic keratocyst
 - D. Lateral periodontal cyst
 - E. Fissural cyst
- 4. All of the following are needed to accurately classify an odontogenic cyst EXCEPT:
 - A. If there is association with a tooth
 - B. Radiological appearance
 - C. Location
 - D. Entire submission for histologic examination
 - E. Patient age
- 5. This cyst develops from epithelial rests of Malassez after tooth development, has a non-keratinized squamous epithelial lining, and is located at the root of a non-vital tooth. The best diagnosis is:
 - A. Radicular cyst
 - B. Odontogenic keratocyst
 - C. Calcifying epithelial odontogenic cyst
 - D. Dentigerous cyst
 - E. Residual cyst
- 6. This lesion is characterized by thin layer of para-keratinized stratified squamous epithelium with a corrugated appearance and a prominent palisaded basal layer. The best diagnosis is:
 - A. Dentigerous cyst
 - B. Odontogenic keratocyst
 - C. Calcifying odontogenic cyst
 - D. Periapical cyst
 - E. Glandular odontogenic cyst

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- 7. Which of the following tumors is characterized by sheets of hyperchromatic, pleomorphic cells with foci of mineralization. These islands and sheets of cells are dispersed throughout a nonspecific fibrous stroma. Foci of eosinophilic material c/w amyloid by congo red staining are also found with this tumor. The best diagnosis is:
 - A. Calcifying (epithelial) odontogenic tumor
 - B. Clear cell odontogenic carcinoma
 - C. Adenomatoid odontogenic tumor
 - D. Ameloblastoma
 - E. Squamous odontogenic tumor
- 8. All of the following are specific patterns of an ameloblastoma EXCEPT:
 - A. Follicular pattern
 - B. Plexiform cell pattern
 - C. Granular cell pattern
 - D. Acanthomatous pattern
 - E. All of the above are correct

Unknown Cases - Website

- 9. This lesion arose in a 25 y/o male, and was associated with an embedded tooth. Based on the images for Case #1 on the website for this question set, the best diagnosis is:
 - A. Adenomatoid odontogenic tumor
 - B. Ameloblastoma
 - C. Ameloblastic odontoma
 - D. Squamous odontogenic tumor
 - E. Calcifying Odontogenic Tumor
- 10. A cystic lesion is found in a 27 y/o female. Based on the images for Case #2 on the website for this question set, the best diagnosis is:
 - A. Unicystic ameloblastoma
 - B. Odontogenic Keratocyst
 - C. Radicular Cyst
 - D. Calcifying odontogenic cyst
 - E. Glandular odontogenic cyst
- 11. A cystic lesion arises in a 32 y/o male. Based on the images for Case #3 on the website for this question set, the best diagnosis is:
 - A. Unicystic ameloblastoma
 - B. Odontogenic Keratocyst
 - C. Radicular Cyst
 - D. Calcifying odontogenic cyst
 - E. Glandular odontogenic cyst
- 12. A 30 y/o male presents with an odontogenic lesion. Based on the findings in the images associated with Case #4 on the website for this question set, the best diagnosis is:
 - A. Giant Cell Granuloma
 - B. Giant Cell Tumor
 - C. Fibrous dysplasia
 - D. Epitheloid sarcoma
 - E. Ossifying fibroma

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- 13. A 30 y/o male presents with a cystic odontogenic lesion. Based on the findings in the images associated with Case #5 on the website for this question set, the best diagnosis is:
 - A. Odontogenic keratocyst
 - B. Unicystic ameloblastoma
 - C. Calcifying Odontogenic Cyst
 - D. Radicular cyst
 - E. Periapical cyst
- 14. A 12 year old male presented to a dental office with an asymptomatic swelling of the right posterior mandible. He was referred to an oral surgeon, and representative images of the histology are presented in Case #6 on the website associated with this question set. Based on the findings, the best diagnosis is:
 - A. Fibrous dysplasia
 - B. Desmoplastic fibroma
 - C. Juvenile ossifying fibroma
 - D. Cementifying fibroma
 - E. Odontogenic fibroma