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# Oral and craniofacial challenges in osteogenesis imperfecta – a clinical overview

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# Osteogenesis imperfecta (OI)

OI type	DGI*	Clinical features	Inheritance**
IA	-	Normal or short stature Little or no bone deformity Blue sclerae Hearing loss common	AD
IB	+		
II	?	Severe osseous fragility, perinatally lethal	AD (de novo mutations) AR (rare)
III	+/-	Very short stature Progressively deforming bones Scleral hue varies Hearing loss less common than type I	AD AR (uncommon)
IVA	-	Variable short stature Mild to moderate bone deformity Normal sclerae Hearing loss less common than type I	AD
IVB	+		

Modified from Sillence 1979

\*AD = autosomal dominant; AR = autosomal recessive

# Dentin

- Under enamel
- Supports the enamel
- Protecting the pulp
- Hydroxyapatite
- Collagen type I
- Similarities to bone tissue

# Dentin formation

- Dental papilla
- Collagen type I trimers, III, GA, GP and PG
- Odontoblast differentiation
- Predentin
- Collagen type I increases

# Bone vs. dentin

## Bone

- 70 % hydroxyapatite
- 20 % organic
- Remodellation
- Response to hormones

## Dentin

- 70 % hydroxyapatite
- 20 % organic
- No remodellation

# Assessment of DGI

- Clinical assessment
  - Color
  - Attrition?
  - Fractures?
- Radiographic assessment
- Histological assessment?
- More common when qualitative defects
- Both dentitions affected more often when qualitative defects

*Levin et al. 1980*  
*Lund et al. 1998*  
*O'Connell and Marini 1999*  
*Rauch et al. 2010*  
*Lindahl et al. 2015*  
*Andersson et al. 2017*

# Radiological assessment of DGI

- Cervical constriction
- Obliteration
- Short roots
- Pulp stones have also been reported

*Shields et al., 1973*

*Lukinmaa et al., 1987*

*Malmgren and Norgren, 2002*

# Assessment of dental variables in OI

- May be of importance for OI diagnosis
- Initially based on clinical findings
- Radiographic and histologic examination may be necessary
- Tooth agenesis, taurodontism, second molar retention and aberrant craniofacial development

*Lukinmaa et al., 1987*

*Malmgren and Norgren, 2002*

*Malmgren et al., 2016*

*Andersson et al., 2017*



# Tooth agenesis in OI

- Congenital absence of one or more teeth
- Agenesis common in OI (17-22%)
- Hypodontia 11%
- Oligodontia 6%

*Lukinmaa et al., 1987*  
*Malmgren and Norgren, 2002*  
*Malmgren et al., 2016*

# Taurodontism

- Lack of cervical constriction at the level of the cemento-enamel junction
- Enlarged pulp chamber
- Apical displacement of the pulpal floor
- 0.3-2.5% general population
- Common in OI (6-42%)

*Lukinmaa et al., 1987*  
*Malmgren and Norgren, 2002*  
*Bäckman and Wahlin, 2001*  
*Gupta et al., 2011*  
*Malmgren et al., 2016*  
*Andersson et al., 2017*

# Retention of permanent second molars

- Frequency 31-37%
- More common in individuals with qualitatively defect collagen type I, 50% vs. 16% (p=0.003)
- $2.3 \pm 1.2$  molars
- No effect of Pamidronate treatment

# Malocclusion

- Abnormal craniofacial development
- Class III malocclusion
- Crossbites
- Open bites
- Inhibition of maxillary growth
- Maxillary hypoplasia
- Mandibular protrusion

*Jensen and Lund (1997)*

*Malmgren and Norgren (2002)*

*Waltimo-Sirén (2005)*

*Chang et al. (2007)*

*Rizkallah et al. (2013)*

# Clinical challenges in OI

- Loss of occlusion
  - DGI
  - Agenesis
  - Abnormal craniofacial development
  - Infections
- What do we know about dental implants in individuals with OI?
- Can we be safe with oral surgery in OI?
- Esthetic concerns
  - What can we do?

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