

Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Oral Cavity: A Summarized Overview

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Abstract : Objectives: The purpose of this paper is to provides an overview of the neuroendocrine tumors that arise in the oral cavity. Material and Methods: An overview of the relevant papers on neuroendocrine tumors of the oral cavity by various authors was studied and summarized. Results: On the basis of the relevant studies, this paper provides an overview of the classification and histological differentiation of the neuroendocrine tumors that arise in the oral cavity. Conclusions: The basis of classification of neuroendocrine tumors is largely determined by their histologic differentiation. Though they reveal biologic heterogeneity, there should be an awareness of the occurrence of such lesions in the oral cavity to enable them to be detected and treated early.

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