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Malignant Transformation in Potentially Malignant Lesions

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Image Case

Early detection and prompt treatment of precancers as well as early detection of any malignancy in these precancers is of equal importance for the successful reduction of morbidity and mortality rates of oral cancers. An inexpensive, noninvasive, and accessible diagnostic methodology to detect the malignant conversion of oral premalignant lesions is required (Figures 1 to 4).

The goal of a cancer-screening program is to detect tumors at a stage early enough that treatment is likely to be successful.



Figure 1 Leukoplakia with malignant transfomation.



Figure 2 Leukoplakia with malignant transfomation.



Figure 3 Erosive lichen planus.



Figure 4 Erosive lichen planus with malignant transformation.

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