

Xerostomia (1 hour)

Xerostomia is a prevalent condition. Not only can it cause discomfort for patients, it can also place patients at a higher risk for caries, periodontitis, oral fungal infections, and acid erosion.

This program discusses the role of saliva in oral health, causes of xerostomia, and complications due to a reduction in saliva. Prevention and management of oral complications of xerostomia and palliative treatment are included.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the role of saliva in maintaining oral health
- Know the causes of xerostomia
- Recognize oral complications and manifestations of xerostomia
- Identify prevention and treatment options for oral complications due to xerostomia