

Forensic Odontology – Legal Hand Of A Dentist

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Introduction

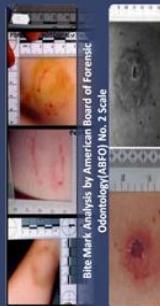
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Role in Child Abuse



The most common site to be non-accidentally traumatized is the head in case of abusive injuries in children

Identification By Bite Marks



Bite Mark Analysis by American Board of Forensic Odontology (ABFO) No. 2 Scale
UV photography on a bite mark some 8 weeks after assault: (A) injury to the skin is visible; (B) under UV condition unique features of the dentition can be visualized.

Identification By Saliva, Teeth and Skull (Dental Age estimation)



DNA from saliva of the Patient is helpful in the identification of the living or deceased

Role in Mass Fatality incidences



The mass casualties are normally associated with aviation disasters

Methods of Playing these roles

By Preparing casts, impressions, radiographs, photographs

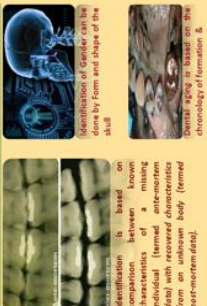


Role in Violence against Females and Elderly



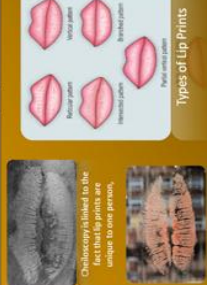
Domestic violence is one of the most common causes to project issues

Role in Human Identification



Identification is based on characteristics of a mixture individual (termed ante-mortem dental) with recovered characteristics from an unknown body (termed post-mortem dental)

Identification By Lip Prints



Chromatography linked to the lip prints can be used to identify a unique print to one person.

Conclusion

Finally....
Dentist not only improves health by doing treatment in private clinic or preventive program in a community, but also play a major role in Justice Achievement.

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Abstract

Forensic Odontology is an upcoming branch of dentistry that utilizes the dentist's knowledge to serve the judicial system. Worldwide, dentists qualified in forensic science are giving expert opinion in cases related to human identification, bitemark analysis, craniofacial trauma and malpractice. In addition to their important functions in mastication and esthetics, the teeth may also be used as a weapon and under certain circumstances, may leave information as to the identity of the biter. The individuality of the human dentition frequently allows the Forensic Odontologist to reach a strong opinion of association in cases of identification and bite mark analysis. Such analysis can often be useful during the investigation of violent crimes, especially those involving sexual assault. The high number of murder, rape, and child abuse cases has led to increased numbers of forensic cases being heard in courts. Along with other healthcare providers, dentists encounter cases of injuries which could be non-accidental. Detection, interpretation and management are important from a legal and humanitarian point of view. Dentists should be aware of the legal impact those cases have, and should refer them to the appropriate authorities for suitable action.

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