Symptomatology of inflammatory parodontal disease

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Abstract

On the basis of own observations and literature analysis of the most frequently prevalence clinical symptoms in cases of inflammatory parodontal disease is given and their pathogenetic fundamentals are disclosed. Clinical symptoms of inflammatory diseases are considered as sublimation of their pathogenetic fundamentals and as clinical manifestations the basic for pathology processes of tissue structure.

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1. Introduction

The most frequently occurring clinical symptoms of inflammatory parodontal disease and their pathogenetic fundamentals are discussed in this article. The author describes mechanisms of chronic inflammatory process symptoms formation in parodontal tissues. Clinical symptoms of inflammatory diseases are considered as sublimation of their pathogenetic fundamentals [3, 4]. Investigations of inflammatory parodontal disease and its pathological mechanisms were regularly carried out. However diagnostic errors often occur. Theoretical knowledge of the dentist, individual and general clinical experiences are of great importance in diagnostics and parodontal disease treatment.

The symptomatology of inflammatory parodontal disease is characterized by a number of common features [1, 4, 5, 6]. Usually patients seek medical advice of the doctor only when they have chronic inflammatory parodontal disease. This phenomenon can be explained by their underestimation of pathological parodontal changes. Destructive changes prevail in the clinical symptoms of the chronic inflammatory process. Important inflammatory parodontal symptoms are connected with modifications in blood vessels, such as reddening, swelling and stomatorrhagia.

The purpose of research was to study all symptoms mentioned above have a pathogenetic similarity.

2. Results of the investigation and their discussion

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Oedema may appear on the background of inflammatory chronic parodontal disease. Oedema is an enlarging of the gum volume. It is connected with the yield of plasmatic proteins and cell elements beyond the limits of blood wallsides as a result of their permeability violation and increasing of osmotic and oncotic pressure. It increases due to interstitial substance degradation originating under the influence of inflammatory cytokines. The gum structure undergoes changes because of the oedema [8, 7].

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The pathogenesis of this symptom is associated with increasing damage of vessel wallsides as inflammation progresses. During this process the membranes permeability of expanded microblood vessels and their wallside fragility are a deciding factor. Susceptibility to ruptures of blood vessels is increasing. This produces a hemorrhagic effect [2, 10].

Parodontitis pain may be provoked by teeth and inflated gums. Teeth hyperesthesia at the denudation of their dental cervix / tooth roots is an usual case on the background of an acute inflammatory parodontal process. It is connected with the opening of
dentinal canaliculus and with the development of hydrodynamic reactions inside them as well as with the changes of osmotic and onctic pressure in the dentinal liquid [1, 2].

Gum aches are not as regular as tooth aches. Complaints about discomfort and painful symptoms relatively occur not very often and become evident only when the chronic disease grows acute and manifests itself.

Complex mechanisms of alarm signals provoking under inflammation the development of stress organism reactions (systematic or local) are the basis of ache as a clinical symptom [9].

There are only a few clinical investigations of pain with inflammatory parodontal disease in our home and foreign stomatology. The pathophysiological fundamentals of this disease are practically not studied. In adjacent medical and clinical fields more attention is paid to the problem of pain [11].

Very often gum inflammation without pain males easier the life of a practicing dentist and prevents him from a crowd of patients with pain. In the same time because of its absence patients appear at the parodontologist’s too late.

One of the hidden symptoms of parodontitis is the parodontal pocket. Its formation separates this nasologic type of illness from the preceding chronic gingivitis. The formation of the parodontal pocket starts with the deepening of the dentogingival sulcus. During medical inspection with probing we can not learn whether the parodontal pocket was formed or not [7, 10].

The only criterion for exact diagnostics may be the (un accessible for clinical methods) estimation of the dentogingival junction state.

It is necessary to note that the microbe plaque and the dental calculus (especially the subgingival one) play the most important role in the pathogenesis of parodontal destructive processes, including the parodontal pocket formation.

It is generally recognized that there exists a direct correlation between the parodontal pocket depth and the parodontitis stage. Therefore the indices of the parodontal pocket depth are applied to deter mining the parodontium degree in the clinics, though the existing methods for measuring the parodontal pocket depth are extremely imperfect.

One of the main specific features of parodontitis is the pathological mobility of teeth. This symptom is connected with the damage processes on the background of inflammation in the parodontal ligament, in the surrounding interstitial substance as well as in the dental alveolus tissue [4, 10].

One of the very apparent clinical symptoms of an active inflammatory destructive parodontal process is the tooth root denudation.

During our clinical observations this denudation was found in patients having a light parodontitis and in patients with a medium parodontitis. The development of tooth root denudation is directly associated with destruction of the bearing tooth tissues and with reduction of their volume. We must remember that as a result of an active root denudation clinically discovered parodontal pocket depth decreases.

The indices of hygiene state and mouth cavity are not symptoms, they rather refer to the sphere of quantitative estimation of the etiological microbe factor in relation to parodontal inflammation. Clinical experiments proved that the processes of dental calculus formation (microbe plaque) and parodontal inflammatory dynamics are parallel. Usually this inflammation starts with typical gingivitis symptoms which are transformed in the course of time into parodontitis.

Our investigations have shown that together with the dental deposit and dental calculus the parodontal inflammation starts in the dentogingival junction. It is due to the influence of microorganisms on the epithelial cells of the gum and gingival mucosa, and under the microbe invasion – on the subepithelial conjunctive tissue basis.

The toxic influence of microorganisms vital function products activates cell and humoral inflammatory mediators and modulators, which sharply increase the permeability of dental blood wallsides. An active hyperaemia turning into a vessel stasis is developing [3, 11].

The above mentioned clinical symptoms of inflammatory parodontal disease do not cover all the complexity and variety of the problem, among them: the x-ray method; the laboratory methods (cytological, biochemical, microbiological) in order to determine the parodontal disease features.

3. Conclusions

Thus, the parodontal disease clinical symptoms can be divided into two groups: symptoms common for gingivitis and parodontitis and symptoms characteristic only of parodontium.

Common symptoms are vascular reactions and disfunctions, as well as a bad smell from the mouth, feeling of discomfort, pains in the gums, teeth hyperesthesia [1, 11].

Extremely important for a correct diagnosis of the parodontal disease is the evaluation of the month cavity hygiene with the help of hygienic indices.

The pathological mobility of teeth and the formation of parodontal pocket refer to the second group of clinical symptoms. These clinical symptoms reveal themselves when the destructive component symptoms become apparent (parodontal pocket, pathological mobility of teeth, their dislocation etc.).

The first group of clinical symptoms only shows if the given pathology is a standard or a disease [2, 10].

The second group of clinical symptoms can serve as an objective criterion for differentiating gingivitis from parodontium. However it is possible only in the case of a well developed parodontium with evident parodontal clinical symptomatology.

4. References


