Ossifying fibroma of the jaws: a case report.

Abstract:

This communication presents the first case report of ossifying fibroma of the jaw from Kenya and reviews the literature including the available published case reports from Africa. The relationship between ossifying fibroma and other related benign fibro-osseous lesion of the jaws is briefly discussed. Intensified research work on this condition in Africans is called for so that more cases should be published since it is reportedly more common in black race. The majority of the African cases are generally reported in advanced stages indicating neglect or delay in seeking for medical help. Since ossifying fibroma is a well encapsulated and expansile benign bone neoplasm, surgical enucleation appears to be the treatment of choice; recurrence is rare.