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# MODERN APPROACHES IN ODONTOGENIC MAXILLARY SINUSITIS

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**ABSTRACT:** Odontogenic maxillary sinusitis (OMS), also known as chronic maxillary sinusitis of dental origin, is a well-known condition in dentistry, otorhinolaryngological, and allergy settings. Any disorders that originate in dental or dentoalveolar tissues may damage the Schneiderian membrane (SM), resulting in a variety of pathologic disease presentations in the maxillary sinus. Exact and correct identification of odontogenic origin is required to avoid long-term prescription of unsuitable drugs or unneeded surgical intervention.

**KEYWORDS:** diagnosis, rapid treatment, and avoidance of sequelae.

## INTRODUCTION

This article aims to compare the pathophysiology of OMS to chronic or acute maxillary sinusitis, such as chronic rhinitis (CRS) and acute bacterial rhinosinusitis (ABRS). This article reviews the clinical characteristics, etiology, and microbiology of OMS. It also summarizes effective management strategies such as accurate diagnosis, rapid treatment, and avoidance of sequelae.

## MAIN TEST

Meaning and Etiology of OMS

Odontogenic disorders can affect the maxillary sinus, its lining, neighboring paranasal sinuses, dental tissues, or bone expansion into the sinus. The most prevalent cause of OMS is tooth extraction, followed by dentigerous cysts, radicular lesions, dental caries, impacted teeth, and root infections of external resorbed molars. The molar area is most commonly involved (47.68%), followed by the first (22.51%), third (17.21%), and second (3.97%). The premolar area accounts for 5.96%, followed by the canine at 0.66%.

The definition of OMS by otorhinolaryngologists and physicians as an iatrogenic dental illness is untrue because of their lack of understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the maxillary sinus. The most frequent causes of OMS include periodontitis, persistent root infections, oroantral fistula (OAF) with or without tooth extraction, as well as other linked odontogenic disorders. Extruded endodontic obstructive materials, foreign bodies present after apicoectomy, surgical extraction of an impacted third molar, sinus floor perforation or poor positioning during dental implant fixture installation, and inferior maxillary sinus floor elevation following bone graft procedures are all potential iatrogenic causes of OMS.

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But even in cases when patients have highly pneumatized maxillary sinuses, all of these treatments can be rendered safer when medical professionals employ precise, safe techniques. Treatment of odontogenic maxillary sinusitis

**Early diagnosis and management**

Accurate and timely identification of chronic sinusitis, such as CRS and OMS, is crucial for effective care. CRS typically does not cause facial discomfort, and dentists may overlook it in patients with orofacial pain. To treat nasal blockages or polyps, endoscopic examination or CT scans should be used first, followed by nasal irrigation and decongestants. To treat polyps, start with topical or systemic steroids, and use nasal decongestants sparingly. Before considering surgery for CSD or recurrent sinus disease, it's important to establish proper MCC function and clean OMU opening. Mucous retention cysts can be mistaken for odontogenic inflammatory cysts on panoramic and CT scans of the maxillary sinus floor. Endoscopic removal is a viable option for expanding and non-self-resolving retention cysts, despite the fact that no therapy is typically indicated. When sinus drainage is obstructed, mucoceles are most commonly observed in the frontal sinus. They arise when produced mucus accumulates and causes bone growth with a severe pressure effect. CRS following high-dose radiotherapy or in cystic fibrosis patients may necessitate early management because to thick mucus discharges and recurring scar development.

Otorhinolaryngologists should use endoscopic views to handle aberrant abnormalities such deviated septum, obstructed polyps or turbinate, enlarged ostium size, and hypertrophy middle meatus tissues. Following initial treatment, the dentist or maxillofacial surgeon should investigate potential odontogenic reasons. CRS following high-dose radiotherapy or in cystic fibrosis patients may necessitate early management because to thick mucus discharges and recurring scar development.

OMS is characterized by chronic or recalcitrant discomfort with or without bad odor. However, dentists face challenges in accurately diagnosing it. Panoramic and Water's views, rather than CT scans or cone-beam CT, can identify sinusitis of dental origin. Therefore, dental care alone may be sufficient to resolve OMS initially, followed by surgical techniques such as FESS or CLP. Facial discomfort and tightness Upper respiratory tract infections can cause headaches and temporomandibular joint disorders, which might be confused for OMS. However, discomfort from the sinuses or nasal cavity should be evaluated for proper diagnosis. Traditional surgical approaches to the maxillary sinus, such as the CLP and ESS, remain popular among surgeons, despite their associated complications. CLP, sometimes known as the Caldwell Luc procedure, is commonly utilized since it is simple to perform and provides immediate relief from symptoms. However, postoperative maxillary cysts (POMC) and inferior osteotomy blockage are common consequences. Classic CLP may cause postoperative face edema, infraorbital nerve involvement, and maxillary sinus wall sclerosis. Additionally, treating unforeseen situations makes it difficult to restore the alveolar ridge for implant or prosthetic rehabilitation.

## CONCLUSIONS

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OMS affects around 30-40% of CMS cases, above previously reported rates. The specific etiology of OMS is unknown, although common iatrogenic causes include dental treatment for posterior maxillary teeth or implant treatments. Infected SM with communication to the generating dental components may cause BB development and should be checked initially. Otorhinolaryngologists should do early endoscopic and radiographic investigations, and dentists should follow up with intraoral diagnosis utilizing panoramic or Water's views for chronic recalcitrant CRS patients. Innovative therapeutic options for OMS should be prioritized above traditional CLP, FESS, and MESS due to reduced complications and greater preservation of the antral lining.

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