

FORENSIC ANALYSIS OF INJURIES IN DENTISTRY

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Introduction: Analysing the dental injuries we found the documentation and opinions being rather problematic. It needs a professional evaluation, why the dental injury is out of focus, and how the diagnosis, the pattern and the treatment is influenced by the new possibilities of dentistry.

Aims: Tipization of the dental injuries, the comparison of the literature and our own research data on the type and characteristics of the injuries, setting a diagnostic scheme.

Method: Analysis of the expert's reports in 2009-2013 at the University of Szeged, Department of Forensic Medicine.

Results: In circa 7000 reports there were 20 cases, while according to the literature dental injuries occur significantly more often.

Conclusion: There are negligibly few „dental cases” among the reports, while there were more cases, where the trauma probably affected the teeth being not documented. Origine of the injuries, the therapeutic strategy and prognosis needs a higher thoughtfulness in the future.

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