



Oral manifestations of celiac disease

A recent article published in the Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology (Pastore et al. 2008, January 24) reviews previously published studies on oral manifestations of celiac disease, and concludes that dental enamel defects are the oral lesions most closely related to Celiac disease. There is also an increased incidence of oral aphthae and idiopathic atrophic glossitis but this association is less clear. The authors conclude that patients with systematic dental enamel defects should be screened for CD even in the absence of gastrointestinal symptoms.

Bottom line: This information is not new, as it was known that such dental defects can be seen often in celiac patients, but it is certainly a welcome refresher to physicians and dentists who seem often times to ignore the close association of enamel defects with celiac disease. And remember: only permanent teeth are affected, so do not look for these changes in your 4 year old!!

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