

## **Significance of Orofacial Manifestations Associated with Anemia: A Review**

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### **ABSTRACT:**

When there is decrease in total erythrocyte count and oxygen carrying tendency of blood, it results in anemia. The common clinical features include fatigue, weakness and pallor. The oral cavity is affected by this disease and the common sites are labial mucosa, gingiva, tongue, periodontium and dentition. Oral findings include changes in the oral mucosa, periodontal inflammation, angular cheilitis, glossitis, mucosal ulceration and dental anomalies. According to World Health Organization (WHO), one third of the world population suffers from anemia because of improper food consumption and improper nutrition. Careful assessment should be done to recognize the oral manifestations of this disease, so that correct diagnosis can be done.

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