

**RECURRENCE OF ODONTOGENIC
KERATOCYSTS
- A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY**



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Philipsen⁵¹ used the term Odontogenic Keratocyst in 1956 to describe a cyst that demonstrated keratinisation of its lining epithelium.

There is a general agreement that Odontogenic keratocyst represents a specific type of non-inflammatory cyst originating from primordial odontogenic epithelium with distinctive microscopic features and the potential for recurrence.

From a clinical point of view, the odontogenic keratocyst is one of the most aggressive odontogenic cysts due to its high recurrence rates, its relatively fast growth and its tendency to invade adjacent soft tissues.

The odontogenic keratocyst grow silently to a considerable size before being detected. These cysts pose a diagnostic and therapeutic challenge. The diagnostic problems are mainly related to the relative lack of specific clinical and radiographic features that unequivocally point to the proper diagnosis.