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- A PRELIMINARY CLINICAL STUDY**

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INTRODUCTION

Cysts of the jaws have long been recognized as a clinical problem, even before the modern era. Though mostly benign, these require treatment due to the deformity and functional disturbances caused by them. Various treatment methods have also been described and the effort is still continuing for bettering the available methods and to find out new ones.

Earlier methods of treatment of jaw cysts included simple opening of the lesion or extraction of the involved teeth. The different surgical techniques became standardized by the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the present century. Marsupialization and enucleation techniques came to the forefront by then and are the basic forms of treatment followed even now, with various modifications being described by many authors.¹⁹

Ever since the proposal of the enucleation technique by Partsch in 1910, there has been a tendency to enucleate and primarily close even large cysts, as marsupialization takes a long time to heal and is distressing to the patient. But primary closure of large cysts may not always be successful as breakdown of suture line occurs in some cases. A large blood