

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF THE INFECTIOUS PROCESS IN EPIDEMIC PAROTITIS

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Abstract

Epidemic parotitis (Mumps - the word "mumps" originally meant "to mumble", and came to be applied to the disease because of the side effects it causes) has been a common disease for centuries. Hippocrates wrote about it almost 2500 years ago.

The disease is worldwide in distribution; it can occur in epidemics and is still a significant threat to public health. Its incidence is highest in childhood, but mumps may attack persons of any age. The name of epidemic parotitis derives from the parotis salivary gland that is most often affected. The disease sometimes involves the sex glands, the meninges, or the pancreas.

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