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## I. DIAGNOSIS

The four chapters in part I discuss the clinical and histological aspects of tumors of the oral mucosa, jaws, and the salivary glands. They are all written by scientists who have a high repute for valuable and original contributions in their fields

Tumors of oral mucosa, jaws, and salivary glands are areas characterized by a vivid scientific activity in recent years both with regard to clinical aspects and histopathological features. This fact is documented by the extensive bibliographies accompanying the chapters.

All six authors have succeeded in giving a comprehensive but still succinct and readable state-of-the-art in their respective fields.

When one compares just 25 years ago with the content of these four chapters, one is astonished to see how much progress has been made. The progress has led to an improvement in our diagnostic capabilities and thereby to a better service to our patients.

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