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**Ectopically placed mandibular posterior teeth & dentigerous cysts**

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**Abstract**

Ectopic impaction is the one which is in unusual position or far from their anatomical position. Ectopic eruption of a tooth into dental structures is a common entity, while ectopic impaction of a tooth in other sites is infrequent . In literature there is limited knowledge about the ectopic impactions of mandibular posterior teeth with dentigerous cysts. Presence of multiple impacted teeth including supernumerary teeth is also not reported much .Most cases of ectopic impactions reported in literature are assymptomatic & are found during routine radiographic investigations. The aim of this article is to report the unusual ectopic impactions of mandibular posterior teeth i.e mandibular third molars ,2nd premolars & supernumerary molar & which if left un diagnosed / untreated can lead to complications like large dentigerous cysts involving angle ,ramus ,subcondylar region & pathologic fracture of mandible.

 **Key words**: Mandibular molars, Ectopic impactions, dentigerous cysts