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Brief CV: Nikolaos G. Nikitakis, DDS, PhD received his dental degree from the University of Athens, Greece (1996), and his Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (2001) and PhD in Oral and Experimental Pathology (2002) from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. He became a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology in 2003. He is a member of various European, American and International scientific societies of Oral Medicine, Oral, Head and Neck Pathology, and Cancer Research, while he is a fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Diagnostic Sciences and Pathology, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, where he actively participates in the teaching and mentorship of undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as in clinical activities in the fields of Oral Pathology and Medicine. His research interests primarily focus on oral, head and neck cancer, including a) the application of immunohistochemical and molecular techniques for identifying diagnostic and prognostic markers and b) the investigation of the effectiveness and molecular mechanisms of action of new pharmacologic antineoplastic agents. He has over 50 scientific publications and over 50 invited lectures and presentations in scientific meetings to his credit.