**Table 2**: Summary of physical examination findings on admission of pharyngeal mucosal space abscesses patients.

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|  | **n = 106** | **%** |
| **ORAL CAVITY** |  |  |
| odontogenic source of infection | 0 | 0 |
| poor dentition | 46 | 43,4 |
| no clinically noticeable findings | 60 | 56,60 |
| **OROPHARYNX** |  |  |
| lateral pharyngeal wall edema | 106 | 100 |
| vallecula edema | 29 | 27,36 |
| uvula edema | 29 | 27,36 |
| peritonsillar edema | 28 | 26,42 |
| unilaterally enlarged tonsil | 19 | 17,92 |
| soft palate edema | 10 | 9,43 |
| posterior pillar edema | 6 | 5,66 |
| tonsillar exudate | 4 | 3,77 |
| anterior pillar edema | 3 | 2,83 |
| **HYPOPHARYNX** |  |  |
| pyriform sinus edema | 43 | 40,57 |
| **NASOPHARYNX** |  |  |
| edema / adenoiditis | 3 | 2,83 |
| no clinically noticeable findings | 103 | 97,17 |
| **LARYNX** |  |  |
| tenderness in palpation | 106 | 100 |
| **Supraglottic** |  |  |
| arytenoid cartilage edema | 21 | 19,81 |
| aryepiglottic fold edema | 9 | 8,49 |
| edema of the laryngeal surface of epiglottis *(retention cyst\*)* | 5 | 4,72 |
| no clinically noticeable findings | 81 | 76,42 |
| **Glottic** |  |  |
| true vocal cord edema *(Reinke edema\*)* | 2 | 1,89 |
| no clinically noticeable findings | 104 | 98,11 |
| **Subglottic** |  |  |
| no clinically noticeable findings | 106 | 100 |
| **NECK** |  |  |
| cervical lymph nodes | 26 | 24,53 |
| * *painless* | *13* | *12,26* |
| * *tenderness* | *13* | *12,26* |
| no clinically noticeable findings | 80 | 75,47 |
| **NASAL CAVITIES** |  |  |
| clear secretions | 14 | 13,21 |
| purulent secretions | 1 | 0,94 |
| no clinically noticeable findings | 91 | 85,85 |
| **SALIVARY GLANDS / CRANIAL NERVES / EARS** |  |  |
| no clinically noticeable findings | 106 | 100 |

*\*Follow up finding.*