



# **Oral Lesions**

Presentations, Pathology & the Practitioner.



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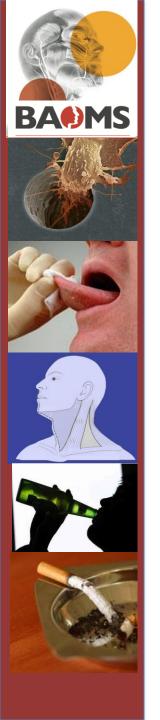
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## **Oral Lesions**

- Diagnostic Importance of Oral Cavity Lesions
- Normal Anatomy / Examination

Variations / Everyday findings

Specific Lesions and their significance

• ? Picture based referral Quiz



# Importance of the Oral Cavity





## Oral Cancer

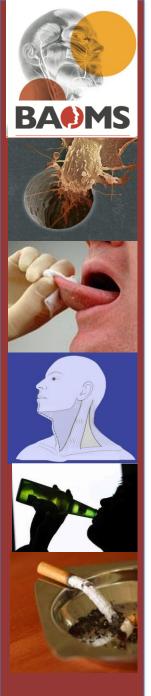
#### "Oral cancer" sites

- Lip
- Tongue
- Mouth
- Oropharynx
- Pyriform sinus
- Hypopharynx
- Other sites

Cancer Research UK 2010

#### **Statistics**

- 405,000 new cases worldwide
- 66,650 EU cases
- 5,325 UK diagnoses in 2006
- 3,450 males, 1,785 females
- 1,822 UK deaths in 2008
- Rate per 100,000 population = approx 9 cases
- M:F ratio roughly 2:1 (5:1 50yrs ago)



## **Oral Cancer**

- In the UK around 4,750 new cases of "mouth cancer" are diagnosed annually.(U.S. 34,000)
- The number of new mouth cancer cases increased by more than 30% percent in a period of 10yrs.

#### **DAHNO 2012**

8272 cases were presented for analysis, with a date of

Diagnosis - 1 November 2011 and 31 October 2012.

These comprised

2529 oral cavity cancers,

2303 oropharyngeal cancers,

1900 laryngeal cancers,

456 hypopharyngeal cancers,

444 major salivary gland cancers

364 nasal cavity and sinus,

172 nasopharyngeal cancers









## Caseload – Oral Cancer

Table 1.1: Number of	new	cases	and	rates	of
oral cano	er, U	K. 200	7		

		oral car	
	England	Wales	
Cases			
Males	2,818	209	
Females	1,443	119	
Persons	4,261	328	
Crude rate pe	r 100,000 p	opulation	
Males	11.2	14.4	
Females	56	7.8	
Persons	8.3	11.0	
Age-standard	ised rate (E	uropean)	
Males	10.3	12.0	
95% CI	9.9 10.7	10.4 1	
Females	4.3	5.6	
95% CI	4. 4.6	4.6	
Persons	7.2	8.7	
95% CI	7.0 7.4	7.8	

For population of 670,000
This roughly equates to
48 - 55 cases of
Oral Cancer
per year
in Sheffield,

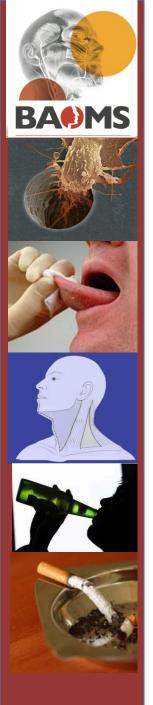
≈16-25 cases per year for Barnsley





# **Normal Anatomy**





## **Teeth**

Deciduous Dentition (Baby-Primary Teeth)

Permanent Dentition



**Upper Teeth** 





Lower Teeth



- 20 Children 2 incisors,1 canine,2 molars in each quadrant
- 32 Adult 2 incisors,1 canine,2premolars,3 molars in each quadrant
- Upper canines, second premolars, 3<sup>rd</sup> Molars commonly go "missing"
- Caries , periodontal disease recognisable



## Soft tissues

- Cheek , floor of mouth, vestibule thinly keratinised
- Attached Gingivae ,
   Palatal mucosa thick and resistant.
- Increased Keratin WHITE
- Reduced Keratin RED
- Injury provokes

   Frictional keratosis ,
   Frictional ulceration
   or granulation Papilloma





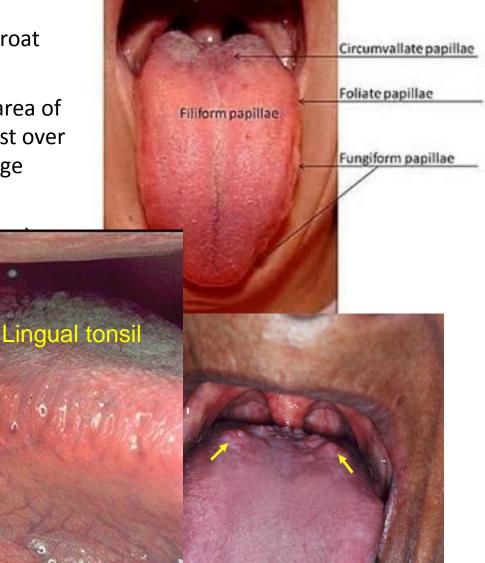
# Variations / Everyday Findings

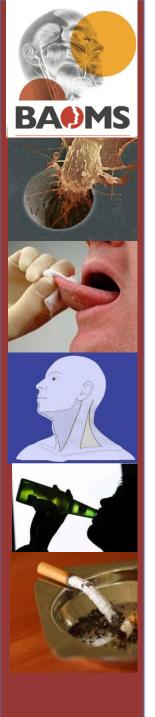


## Lingual Tonsil / Circumvallate Papillae

" Never" seen until sore throat

 Mirror view shows "ugly" area of raised convoluted tissue just over tongue horizon / lateral edge

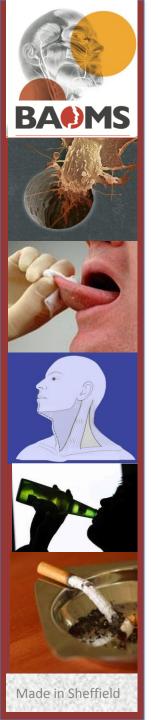




## Lingual Tori / Palatal Tori

- Unchanging hard mucosal covered bony mass(es)
- Typical site , typical position
- Commonly unrecognised until trauma, exodontia
- Affect fit of denture
- May be noticed by new GDP, GP
- Cortical bony exostosis innocent
  , easily treated





#### LOOSE TOOTH / TEETH

Lack of normal levels of support for dental structures.

MOST COMMON = Gum disease + bone loss.

?? Osteomyelitis / ORN etc

Tumour invasion of alveolar bone with, bone destruction and loosening of teeth, must be distinguished from periodontal causes.

Significant possibility of secondary tumours eg Breast, Prostate, Thyroid Ca

#### **ILL FITTING DENTURES**

Due to displacement of flanges by soft tissue masses – or just "tired" dentures / atrophic alveolus??





# **Ulcers**





#### **ULCER**

(Medicine / Pathology)

- a disintegration of the surface of the skin or a mucous membrane resulting in an open sore that heals very slowly

A break in the skin or a mucous membrane, accompanied by inflammation, pus, and loss of tissue

"Mouth Ulcers heal in 14d if treated, 2 weeks if untreated"

HENCE – 3 wks cutoff for TWW suspicion



Q – Duration, ? Soft or Hard ? Contact Bleeding ? Edge ?



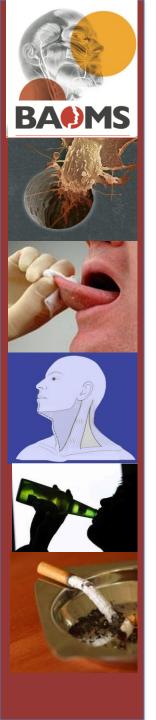
# Recurrent Aphthous Ulceration

### **Minor**

Small
Painful - "sore"
Multiple, Few
Yellow slough base
Surrounding red
Heal slowly

### <u>Major</u>

Large
Pain +++
Solitary
Large necrotic base
Weeks to heal,
with scarring



## Traumatic Ulcer

- Teeth
- Fillings, new / broken
- Broken enamel
- Denture clasps
- Habits

- Rubbing Denture base
- Atrophic alveolus
- Muscle attachments





# FEATURES OF A TYPICAL ORAL CANCER

Lump or ulcerated lump
Painless
Present for 4-6 wks
Steadily growing
Surface may bleed

Pt presents only when function affected / concerned / pain starts

Firm , raised, rolled edge
Base granular, friable or hard
Earache if tongue affected

Possible palpable nodes in neck
Pain if Bone affected, sensory loss or
tooth mobility

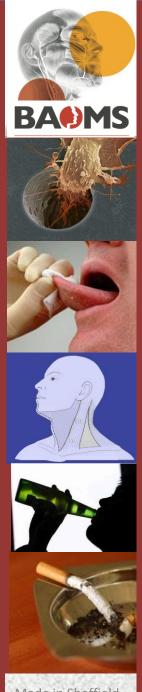




## **Patches**

Of the Oral Mucosa





#### WHITE PATCH

Materia Alba

Cellular, food or other debris with white appearance – removable

Candida
Wipes off, underlying erythema

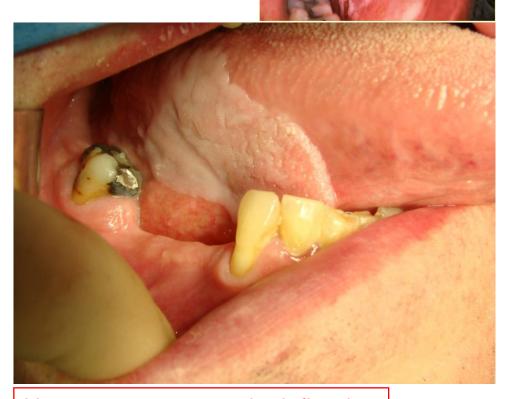
Hyperkeratosis

Due to friction, cellular change or response to irritant

Leukoplakia

A white patch on a mucous membrane that will not rub off, not explained by other factors.

What is its character? Homogeneous Heterogeneous



Heterogeneous, poorly defined, +/- contact bleeding most sinister



#### **RED AREA / PATCH**

**Erythroplakia** is a flat red patch or lesion in the mouth that cannot be attributed to any other pathology. A similar term is "erythroplasia", which has a papular appearance.





These lesions can be innocent, but unless transient, they merit investigation and consideration of biopsy.



#### **SPECKLED AREA / PATCH**

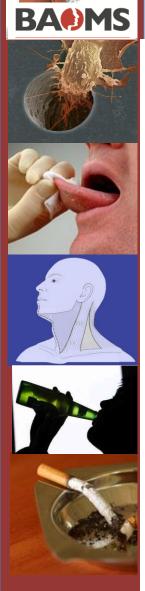
Components of White and Red (leukoplakic and erythroplakic) appearance –likely to be more severely dysplastic and has higher risk of progression to malignancy



Referral +/-Biopsy is justified



# **Lichenoid Patches**







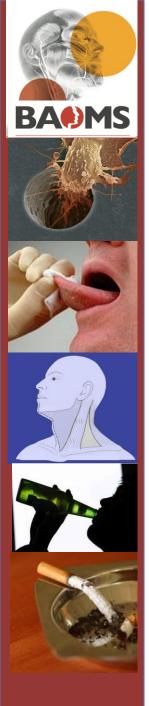
# Lumps

In the mouth



# Fibroepithelial polyp

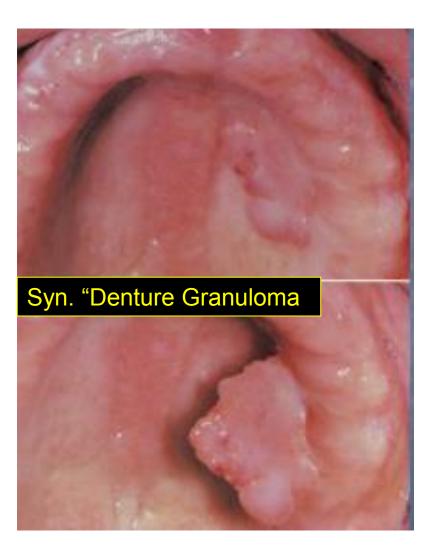




# Fibroepithelial polyp

















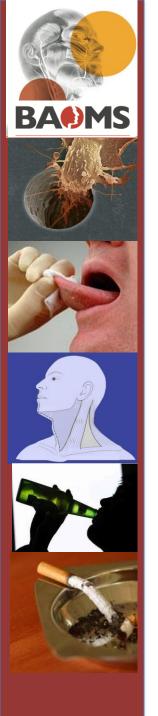


## Mucocoele



Either Mucous Retention Cyst, Mucous Extravasation Cyst

Or
Ranula
[associated with sublingual gland]



# **Salivary Tumours**

Minor salivary glands dotted throughout the oral mucosa

Can cause
Salivary Adenoma [
benign]
Mucoepidermoid Ca
Adenoid Cystic Ca

And other rarer variants





# Lumps

Of the Face



#### **LUMP / MASS**

(Medicine / Pathology)

any small swelling or tumour of tissues

Site

Size

Shape

Surface

**Texture** 

**Tethered** 

Fixity

**Anatomical location** 

PLUS

? Intraoral or Other

Findings?









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## Salivary Gland Cancer

- Relatively rare
- 2 cases per 100,000 in USA
- 66% in age 55+, peak age 64yrs
- Survival strongly depends on stage at diagnosis



- Early stage
   5yr survival 96%
- Nodal spread
   5yr survival 73%
- Distant metastases
   5yr survival 37%



# Facial Pain

Or Sensory Alteration



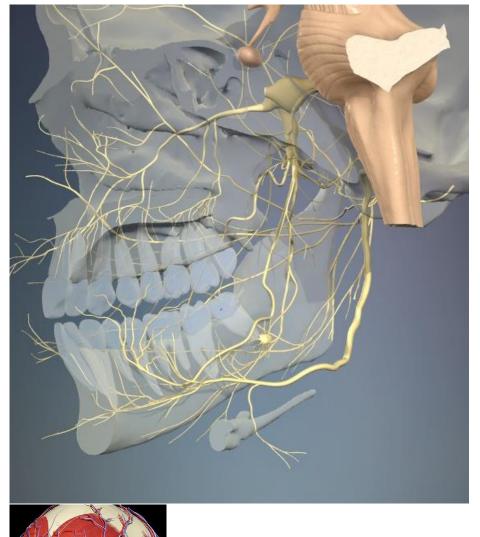
#### **NERVE SENSORY LOSS**

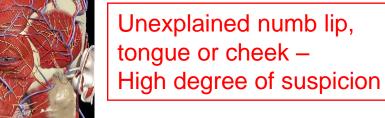
Impaired, abnormal or absent sensory function in the distribution of a peripheral or cranial nerve

Commonly in Ophthalmic, maxillary or mandibular divisions of Trigeminal (Vth Cranial) nerve

Indicative of malignant impingement or infiltration of the nerve trunk

Invasion of maxillary antrum or mandible







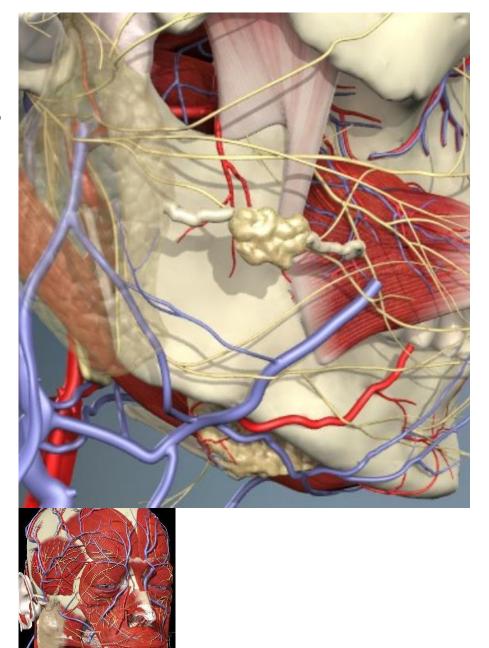
#### **NERVE MOTOR WEAKNESS**

Impaired, abnormal or absent motor function in peripheral or cranial motor nerve

Commonly in
Temporal,
Zygomatic,
Buccal,
Mandibular
Cervical branches of VIIth ( Facial) N

Indicative of malignant impingement or infiltration of the nerve trunk, Usually in Parotid region, can be in Temporal bone or Intracranial

High suspicion of malignant parotid mass if Bells Palsy excluded





#### **SWALLOWING DIFFICULTY**

Syn "dysphagia"

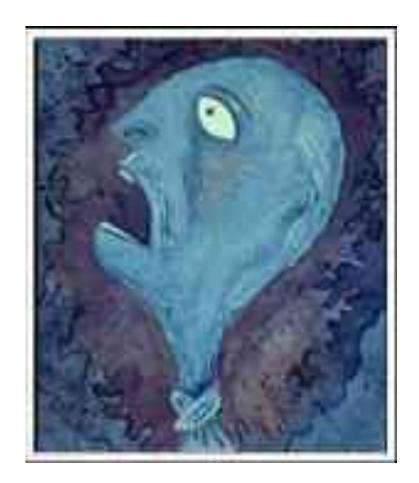
Difficulty in swallowing various textures of food

May be progressive, possibly with cough or spluttering, even pneumonia

Can be due to Base of tongue, hypopharynx, larynx or oesophageal types of H&N Ca.

Secondary tumours may cause neuromuscular problems due to metastatic disease affecting motor nerves

PROGRESSION TO STRIDOR IS A SURGICAL EMERGENCY





### Jaw Movement



## Jaw Symptoms

- Jaw clicks are COMMON
- Transient locking is COMMON
- Stiffness, mild discomfort is COMMON
- Short term joint pain is COMMON

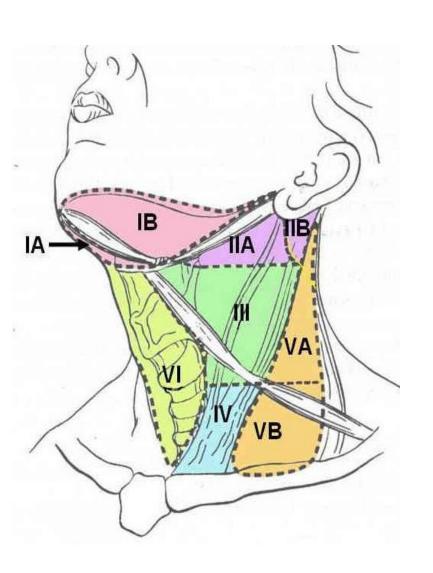
Persistent symptoms – refer DENTIST

 TMJ Refractory to TREATMENT – refer Hospital



# **Neck Lumps**





# Examination of the neck

Taught @ MB

Easily performed

Better with practice





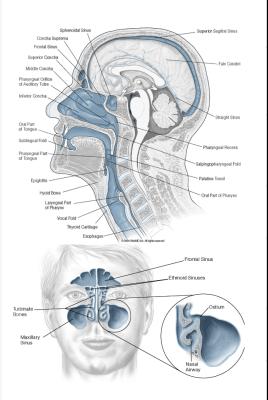








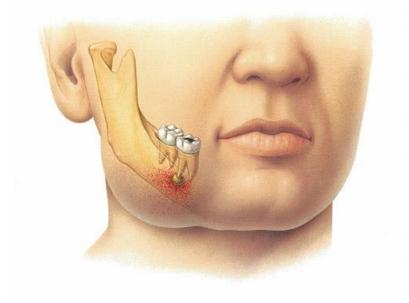
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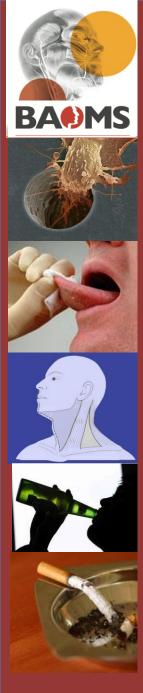


Occipital	drains	Post. scalp behind line joining tragus to tragus	
Postauricular	drains	Post. scalp, mastoid region and posterior pinna	
Parotid	drains	Extraglandular – Ant. scalp Intraglandular – Scalp and Parotid region	
Retropharyngeal	drains	Post. nasal cavity, sphenoid, ethmoids, palate, nasopharynx, Post. pharyngeal wall	
Level la	drains	Menton, Ant. Gingivae, Middle 2/3 lower lip, Ant. Tongue	
Level lb	drains	Ipsilat. Upper and lower lip, cheek, nose Med. Canthus, Oral cavity to tonsil	
Level II a&b	drain	Oral cavity, nasal cavity naso-, oro-, hypo-pharynx, larynx & parotid	
Level III	drains	Oral cavity, nasal cavity naso-, oro-, hypo-pharynx, larynx	
Level IV	drains	Hypopharynx, thyroid, cervical oesophagus & larynx	
Level V	drains	Nasopharynx, oropharynx, Post.scalp & neck skin	
Level VI	drains	Thyroid, glottis, subglottis, pyriform fossa cervical oesophagus	



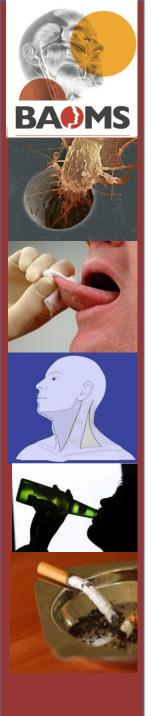
## **Dentofacial Infections**





# **Dentofacial Infections**





### H&N Skin Ca



- SCCa common in actinic damaged skin (scalp, nose, ears)
- Early diagnosis and simple treatment is effective
- Main problem if deep structures / nodal involvement
- 22% of melanomas in men, 14% of melanomas in women are in H&N area
- Rare in children, rises with age, overall trend is for all types to increase to 2024



### The Mouth - and other cancers

- Haemato-oncology patients
- Chemotherapy and immune suppression
- Distant metastases- non H&N Cancers
- Jaw effects of bone active drugs BRONJ / MRONJ
- OsteoRadioNecrosis ORN













# Stage at diagnosis – and 5yr survival figures

SITE	LIP	ORAL CAVITY	OROPHARYNX	PARANASAL SINUSES
STAGE I Disease	Approx 90%+	> 80%	60 – 70 %	60 – 70 %
STAGE II Disease	50 – 80 %	50 – 80 %	50 % + according to site	60 – 70 %
STAGE III Disease	20 – 50%	20 – 50%	20 – 30 %	25 – 35 %
STAGE IV Disease	< 20%	< 20%	14 – 20 %	10 – 25 %

I Early disease

II Locally advanced

III Tumour in lymph nodes

IV Metastatic



# Detection by clinicians





**Awareness** 



Guidelines →→



Experience



**Familiarity** 



Suspicion



Feedback ←← Referrals



**Treatment** 

#### MOUTH CANCER REFERRAL GUIDELINES FOR GPs

For patients presenting with mouth complaints, you may wish to follow the procedure outlined below:

#### Step 1: Obtain the following information

- . History of the complaint (including duration, site, size and description of the lesion).
- · Social history (tobacco and/or high alcohol consumptiongreatly increases risk of oral cancer).
- . Ask the patient when they were last examined by a dentist (registration lapses automatically after 15 months so if it is longer than this the patient is probably not registered)

#### Step 2: Carrying out an oral examination

- . GPs should check patients' mouths for cancerous or precancerous changes when suitable opportunities arise.
- . You will need good natural light, a small torch or exam tamp.
- . The patient should be seated and asked to remove any dentures.
- . The photos below illustrate an oral examination. The extraoral and perioral tissues are examined first, followed by the intraoral tissue.
- Assessing patients for mouth cancer symptoms requires a high level of suspicion, but many other conditions may present with similar charges. On the right are examples of malignant and potentially malignant lesions.



1. Faco 2. Lips



3. Left burgal mucosa

6. Tongue - left

margin



4. Gingiva 5. Tongue



7. Tongue ventral.



dorsum

8. Floor of 9. Hard palate mouth

#### NON-URGENT



Fibrospithelial polyp of the buccal mucces

#### PROMPT REFERRAL



Pauedomembranous candidoes of the buccal птисона



Lichen planux of the buccal mucces.



White patch on ventral surface of the tongue

#### URGENT REFERRAL - within 2 weeks



Solitary ultar with rolled borders on the lateral border of the tangue



Red patch on worted surface of tongue and floor of mouth



Speckled lesion on left buccal mucosa



Shallow uber on lower to

#### **MOUTH CANCER REFERRAL GUIDELINES FOR DENTISTS**

#### Assessing patients for mouth cancer

- · Patients should be examined for potential malignancy at every dental examination
- · Assessing patients for mouth cancer symptoms requires a high level of suspicion, but many other conditions may present with similar changes. On the right are examples of malignant and potentially malignant lesions.
- . The level of suspicion should be higher if the patient is a smoker or heavy alcohol drinker, chews betel nut (areca nut) or tobacco, or is over 40 years.

#### The Referral Process For Oral Soft Tissue Lesions

- · If an abnormal area has been detected in the mouth, a biopsy is the only way to know for certain whether or not it is malignant. This should be carried out in a specialist referral centre of either oral medicine, oral and maxillofacial surgery or plastic surgery.
- · Referrals should be divided into three categories (non-urgent, prompt and urgent) according to the urgency of the referral. The table opposite provides more detail on referral classification.

#### Referral details

It is essential for the consultant to know certain details about the patient, the lesion, and the clinical diagnosis, in order to prioritise the waiting list.

- · Patient's details including current telephone number so the patient can be contacted to attend a clinic at short notice
- · Short medical history including name and address of patient's general medical practitioner
- · Relevant social history including smoking and drinking
- · Detailed description of the lesion including duration, site, size, colour, texture and findings upon palpation
- · Clinical diagnosis (or diagnoses) in order to categorise the urgency of the referral

#### NON-URGENT



Fibroepithelial polyp of the buccal mucosa

#### PROMPT REFERRAL



Psuedomembranous candidosis of the buccal mucosa



Lichen planus of the buccal mucosa



White patch on ventral surface of the tongue

#### URGENT REFERRAL



Solitary ulcer with rolled borders on the lateral border of the tongue



Red patch on ventral surface of tongue and floor of mouth



Speckled lesion on left buccal mucosa



Shallow ulcer on lower lip

Nov 2005 Registered charity no.1089464



### N. Trent & H&N (Oral) Cancer

- WAS Governed by N Trent Ca Network.....
- Single specialist MDT –
   Sheffield based
   Barnsley, Sheffield, Rotherham,
   Doncaster, Chesterfield, Bassetlaw
- Centralised "Surgical Centre"
   Royal Hallamshire Hospital
- Oncological Centre WPH
- Centralised from 2015......









### Surgical management of Head & Neck Cancer



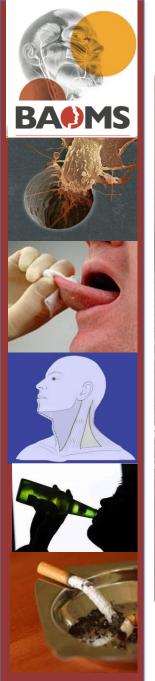


### **DECISION TIME!! Picture Quiz**

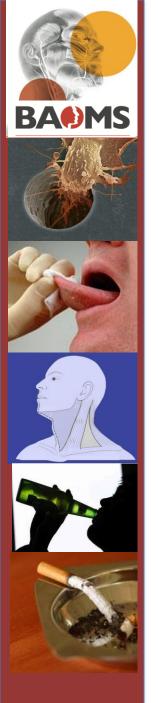
Consider nature and likely significance / urgency

### Choose from:

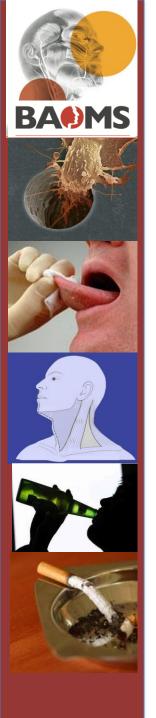
- ROUTINE
  - URGENT
    - TWW (Ca Pathway)
      - EMERGENCY 999



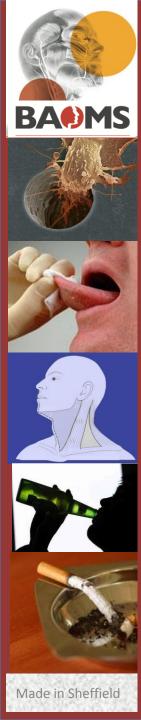












### Dentists' role?

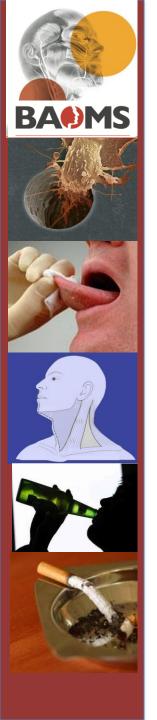
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## Success







Major resection including hemimandibulectomy

Scapular composite flap

Implants and fixed prosthesis



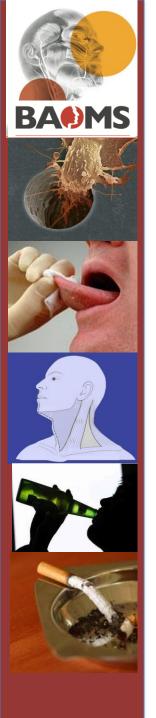


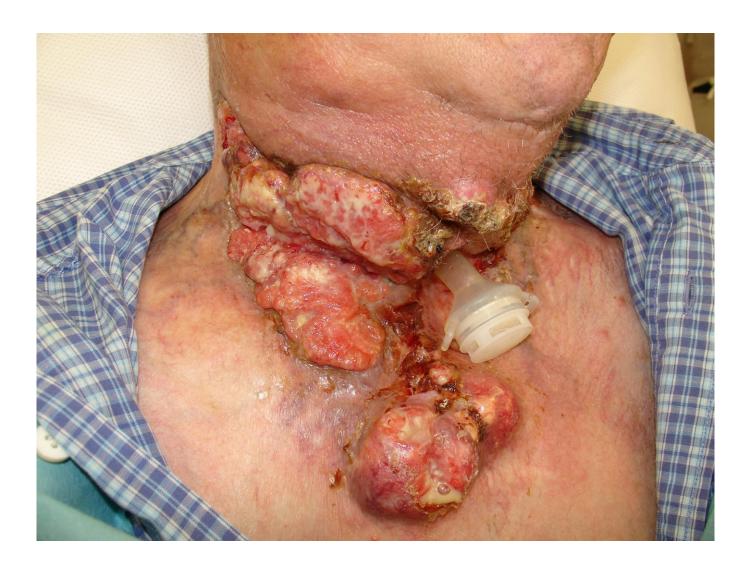
# **FAILURE**











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Presentation, Pathology... & the Practitioner





#### **SOURCES**



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- Manual for Ca Services ( Peer Review Measures 2004)
- Healthy Expectations 5yr commissioning strategy for Barnsley (April 2009)
- NHS Barnsley Local Ca Needs Assessment (2008-9)
- Cancer Improving Outcomes Guidance (IOG) 2007, 2011
- Vital Signs Targets
- N Trent Ca Network Plan (2009)
- NTCN Reducing health inequalities Awareness and Earlier detection of Cancer (2009-12)
- Awareness & Early Diagnosis Initiative (2011)
- NHS Outcomes Framework 2011-12
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- BAOMS Guidance Oral Cancer

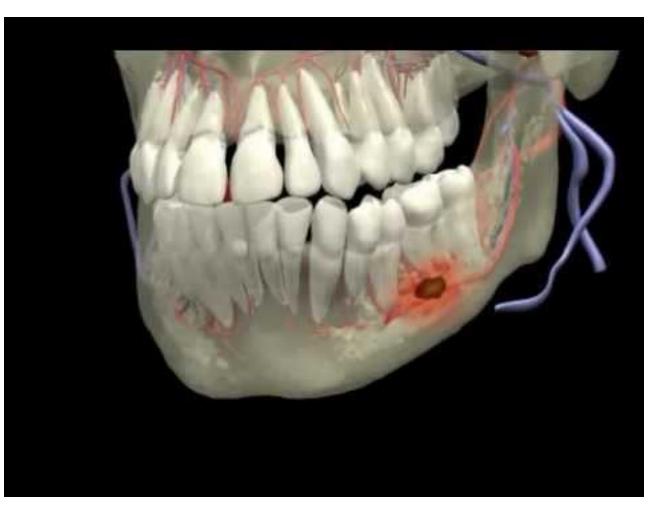


### Referral





















### Cancer in South Yorkshire





- Around 30% of Ca deaths aged < 75</li>
- Some areas of significant deprivation
- Disadvantaged areas have higher incidences of Cancer
- This applies to H&N / Oral Ca, and outcomes are worse for lowest socioeconomic groups
- Relevant to Barnsley







Improving Ou

A Strategy for

January 2011



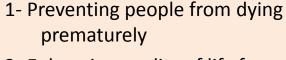




Made in Sheffield

### "What's New ...?"

5 imperative *Domains* 



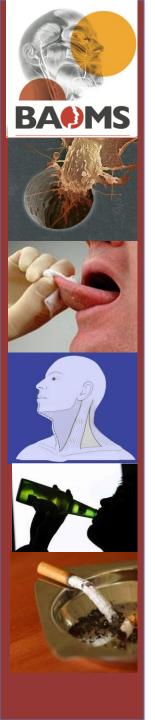
- 2- Enhancing quality of life for people with long term conditions
- 3- Helping people to recover from episodes of ill health
- 4- Ensuring people have a positive experience of care
- 5- Treating / caring for people in a safe environment, protecting from avoidable harm

Uplift public awareness of signs of cancer

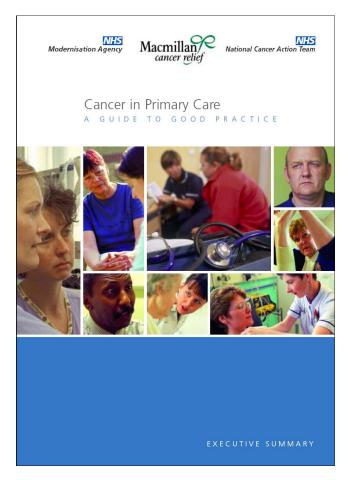
Improve referral rates

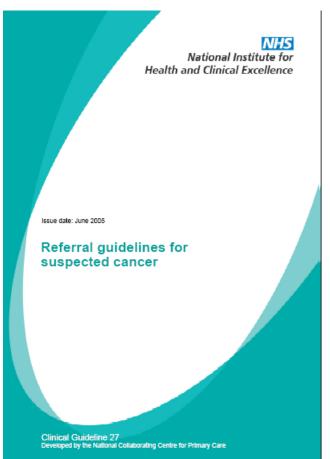
Improve conversion / detection rates

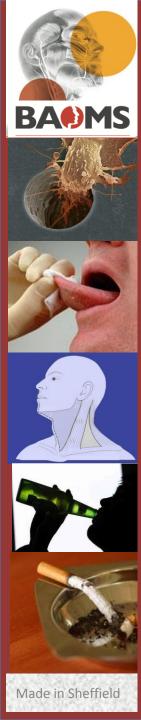
Use data to target practices.....?



# Referral guidance







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