

# Oral Pathology module

## Salivary gland diseases

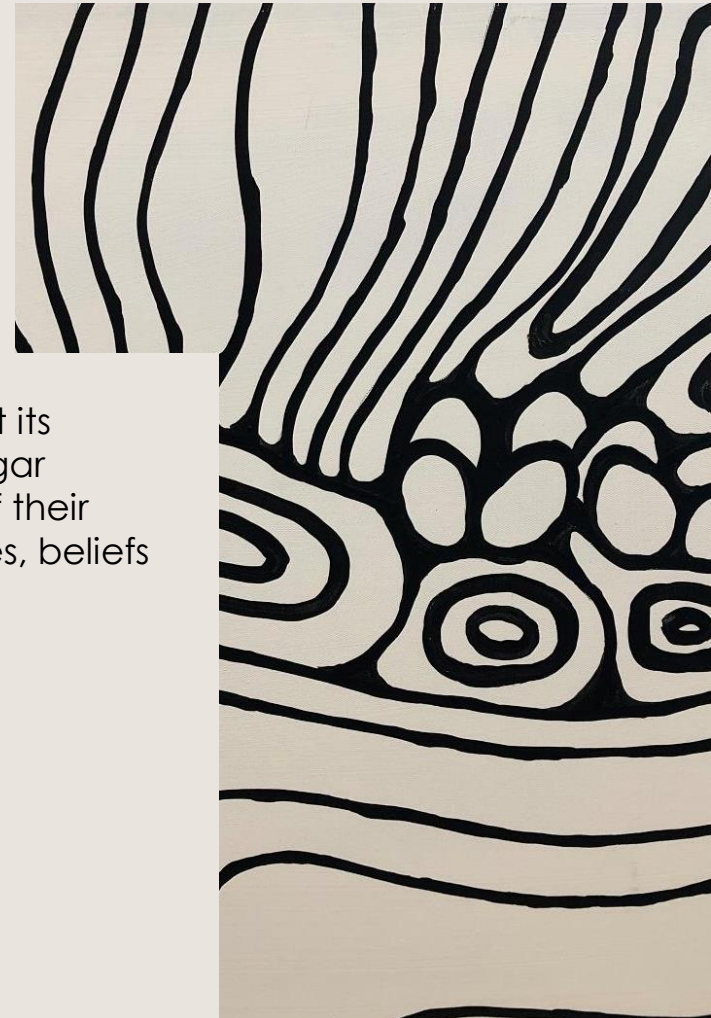
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# Learning outcomes

1. Learn salivary gland disorders, benign and malignant neoplasms

# CLASSIFICATION OF SALIVARY GLAND DISEASES

## A.DEVELOPMENTAL

- Congenital aplasia/agenesis
- Congenital hypoplasia
- Atresia
- Aberrance / ectopic gland
- Diverticuli
- Accessory duct
- Congenital fistula

## **B.INFLAMMATORY**

- **ACUTE OR CHRONIC**

STAPHYLOCOCCAL

STREPTOCOCCAL

ACTINOMYCOSIS

TUBERCULOSIS

- **VIRAL INFECTION**

MUMPS

CYTOMEGALO VIRUS INFECTION

PARAINFLUENZA

- **SARCOIDOSIS**

- **MELKERSON-ROSENTHAL SYNDROME**

- **ALLERGY**

- **SALIVARY FISTULA**

- **POST IRRADIATION TO ORAL TUMOUR**

## C.SIALOLITHIASIS

- **DUE TO STRICTURE OF DUCT**
- **DUE TO TRAUMA OR INFECTION**
- **DUE TO SALIVARY STONE**
- **MUCOUS PLUG**

## D.CYSTS

- **MUCOCELE**
- **RANULA**
- **LYMPHO EPITHELIAL CYST**
- **BRANCHIAL CYST**

## E. F.SIALADENOSIS

## G.SJOGRENS SYNDROME

# I. NEOPLASMS

## **BENIGN EPITHELIAL**

- **ADENOMA**
- **ONCOCYTOMA**
- **WARTHINS TUMOUR**
- **PLEOMORPHIC ADENOMA**

## **MALIGNANT EPITHELIAL**

- **ADENOCARCINOMA**
- **MUCOEPIDERMOID CARCINOMA**
- **ADENOCYSTIC CARCINOMA**
- **ACINIC CELL CARCINOMA**
- **MALIGNANT PLEOMORPHIC ADENOMA**

- **BENIGN MESENCHYMAL**

HEMANGIOMA

LYMPHANGIOMA

NEUROFIBROMA

SCHWANNOMA

LIPOMA

- **MALIGNANT MESENCHYMAL**

RHABDOMYOSARCOMA

HEMANGIOENDOTHELIOMA

- **OTHERS**

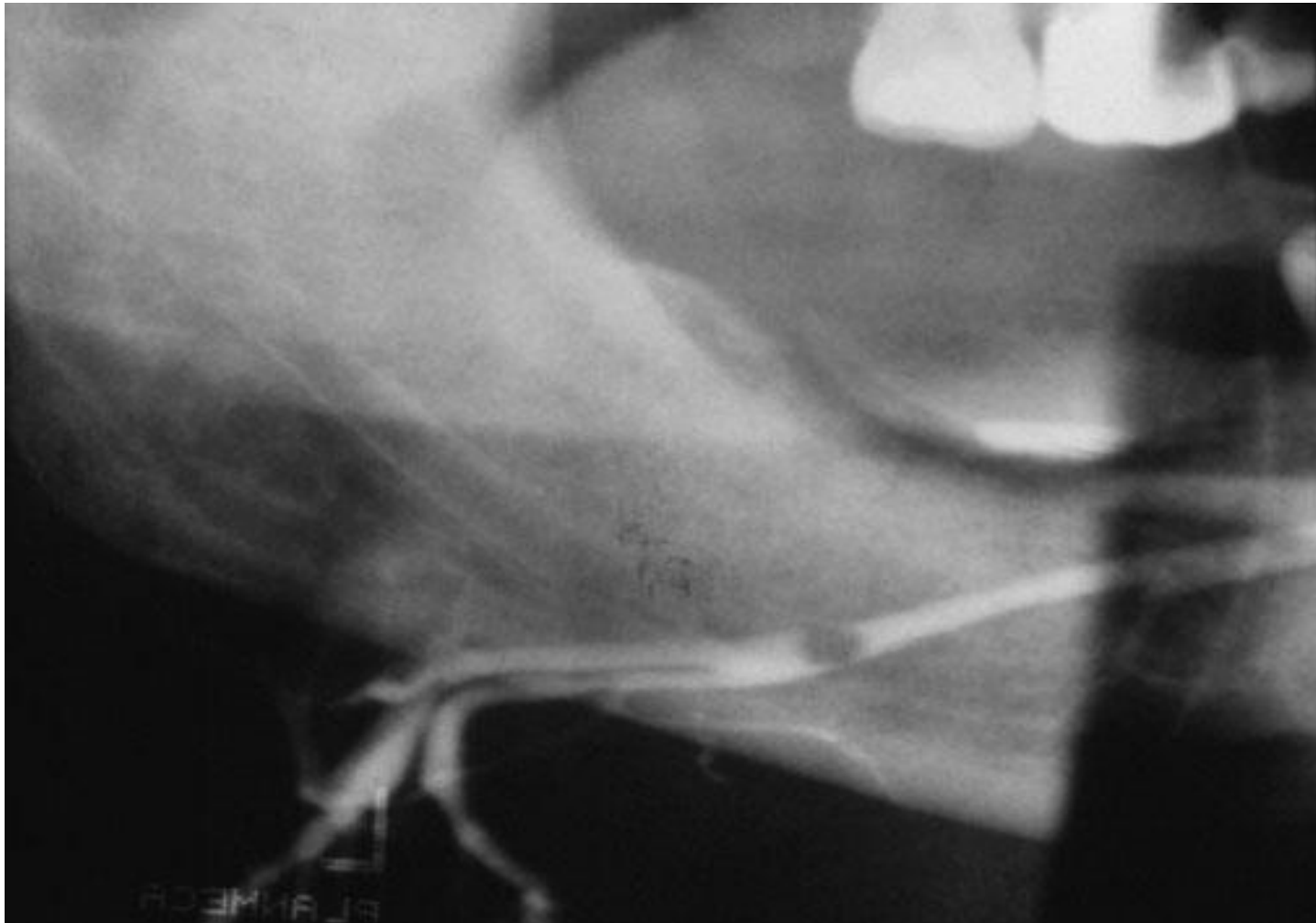
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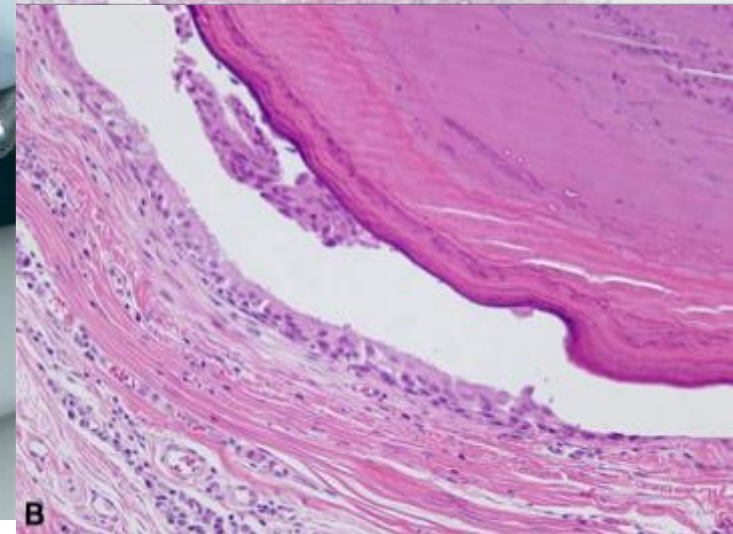
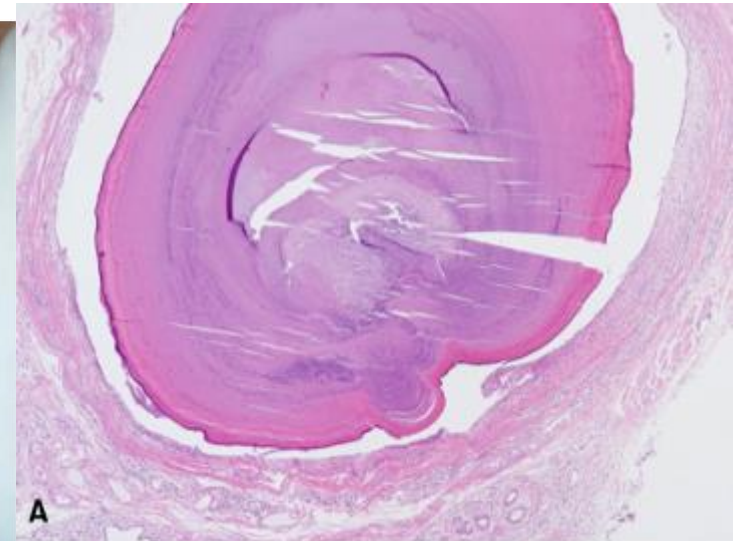
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# Sialolithiasis (Salivary Stones)

- Sialoliths are calcified and organic matter that form within the secretory system of the major salivary glands. The etiology of sialolith formation is still unknown;
- however, several factors contribute to stone formation. Inflammation, irregularities in the duct system, local irritants, and anti-cholinergic medications may cause pooling of saliva within the duct, which is thought to promote stone formation.
- It is believed that a nidus of salivary organic material becomes calcified and gradually forms a sialolith.
- **The submandibular gland is the most common site of involvement, and 80 to 90% of sialoliths occur in this gland.**

**This is a sialogram of the submandibular gland demonstrating an uncalcified sialolithiasis in Wharton's duct.**





A) Lamellated calculi were found within the lumen of a dilated minor salivary duct B) Squamous metaplasia of the excretory ductal epithelium and exfoliated epithelium were observed in the minor salivary glands

“Mucocele” is a clinical term that describes swelling caused by obstructed minor salivary gland duct.

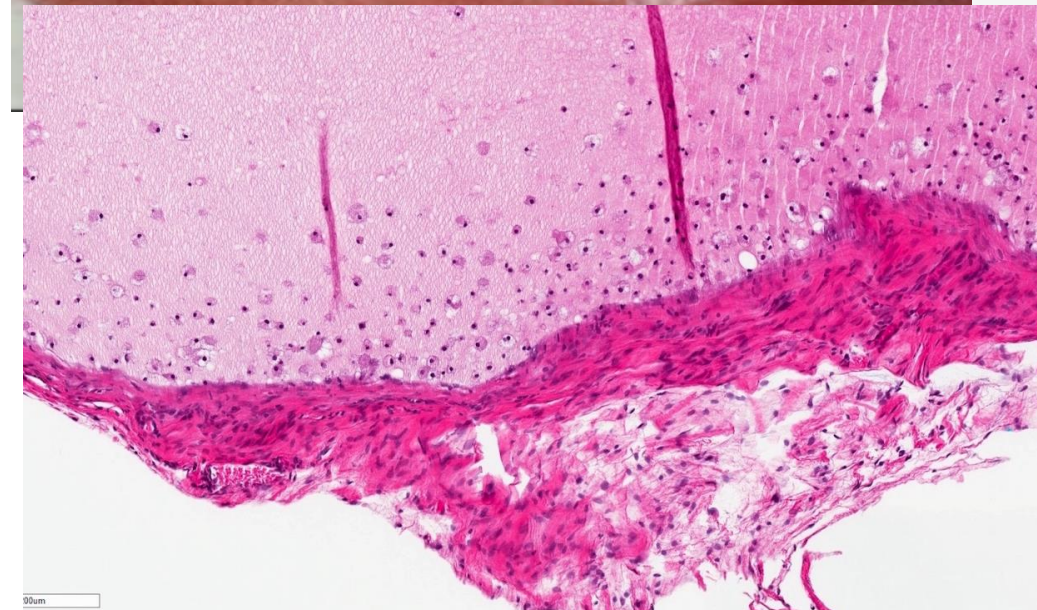
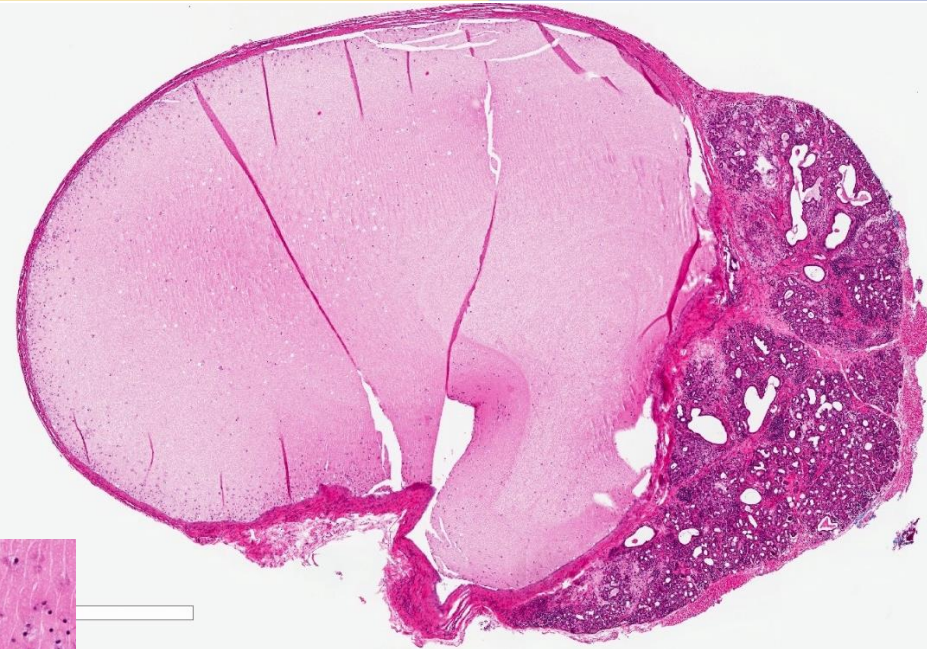
Mucoceles are classified as

1. Extravasation
2. Retention types.
3. A large form of mucocele located in the floor of the mouth is known as a RANULA.

## Clinical Presentation

Extravasation mucoceles most frequently occur on the lower lip, where trauma is common. Buccal mucosa, tongue, floor of the mouth, and retro molar region are other commonly traumatized areas where mucous extravasation may be found. Mucous retention cysts are more commonly located on the palate or the floor of the mouth.

# Mucous extravasation cyst



Epithelioid macrophages forming a pseudocyst around the extravasated mucin, no true epithelium is present.

## CAUSES OF XEROSTOMIA-

1. TEMPORARY-psychological (anxiety), duct calculi, sialoadenitis, drug therapy( anticholinergic, sympathomimetic, etc.)
2. PERMANENT-  
Salivary gland aplasia, sjogrens syndrome, following radio therapy, surgical desalivation

# XEROSTOMIA

Common  
Especially in middle to  
late life

USA: 17% of 65-84 year  
olds had symptoms of  
oral dryness

Europe: 29% of persons in  
a may have symptoms  
of dry mouth

BUT little correlation with  
objective measurements

## Common

Drugs

Radiotherapy to head and neck

Sjogren's syndrome

Psychogenic?

HCV disease?

HIV disease?

## Uncommon

Chronic graft versus host disease

Sarcoidosis

Cystic fibrosis

Diabetes mellitus

Amyloidosis

Haemochromatosis

Wegener's disease

Salivary gland agenesis

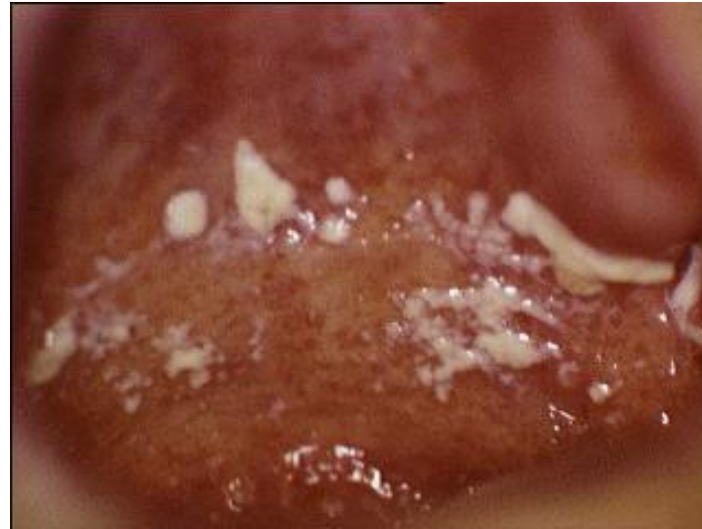
Triple A syndrome

Cholinergic dysautonomia

Others

# XEROSTOMIA

Dysarthria  
Dysphagia  
Mucosal adhesion  
“Stringy saliva”  
Caries



# Discrete swelling in gland

- Define location – clinical, imaging MRI – is it in the gland?
- Exclude infectious causes
- Fine needle aspiration
- Excisional biopsy if thought benign
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# Classification of salivary tumours

## **Benign:**

Pleomorphic adenoma

Warthin's tumour

## **Malignant:**

Mucoepidermoid carcinoma

Polymorphous low-grade adenocarcinoma

Adenoid cystic carcinoma

Carcinoma ex pleomorphic adenoma

# Site prevalence of salivary neoplasms

## Parotid

probably benign (85%)

## Submandibular

probably benign (70%)

## Minor glands

palate 45% malignant

sublingual almost certainly malignant

What features suggest malignancy?



Benign	Malignant
<p>Circumscribed</p> <p>Mobile</p> <p>Slow-growing</p> <p>Painless</p> <p>Symptoms only cosmetic or pressure</p>	<p>Poorly circumscribed</p> <p>Fixed</p> <p>Induration (difficult)</p> <p>Ulceration</p> <p>Pain</p> <p>Metastasis</p> <p>Nerve signs</p> <p>Sometimes rapid growth</p>

# Pleomorphic (salivary) adenoma

So-called ‘mixed tumour’

Commonest salivary neoplasm

Most in major glands but common in minor

Benign (but may transform to malignancy)

Encapsulated (but must not be enucleated)

Painless, slow-growing

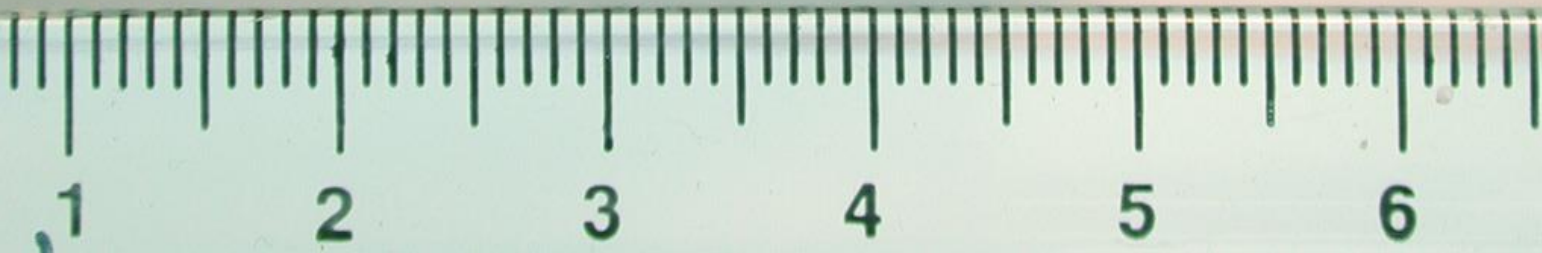
# Clinical features

†Mean age – 40 yrs

†Slight female predilection; 2:1

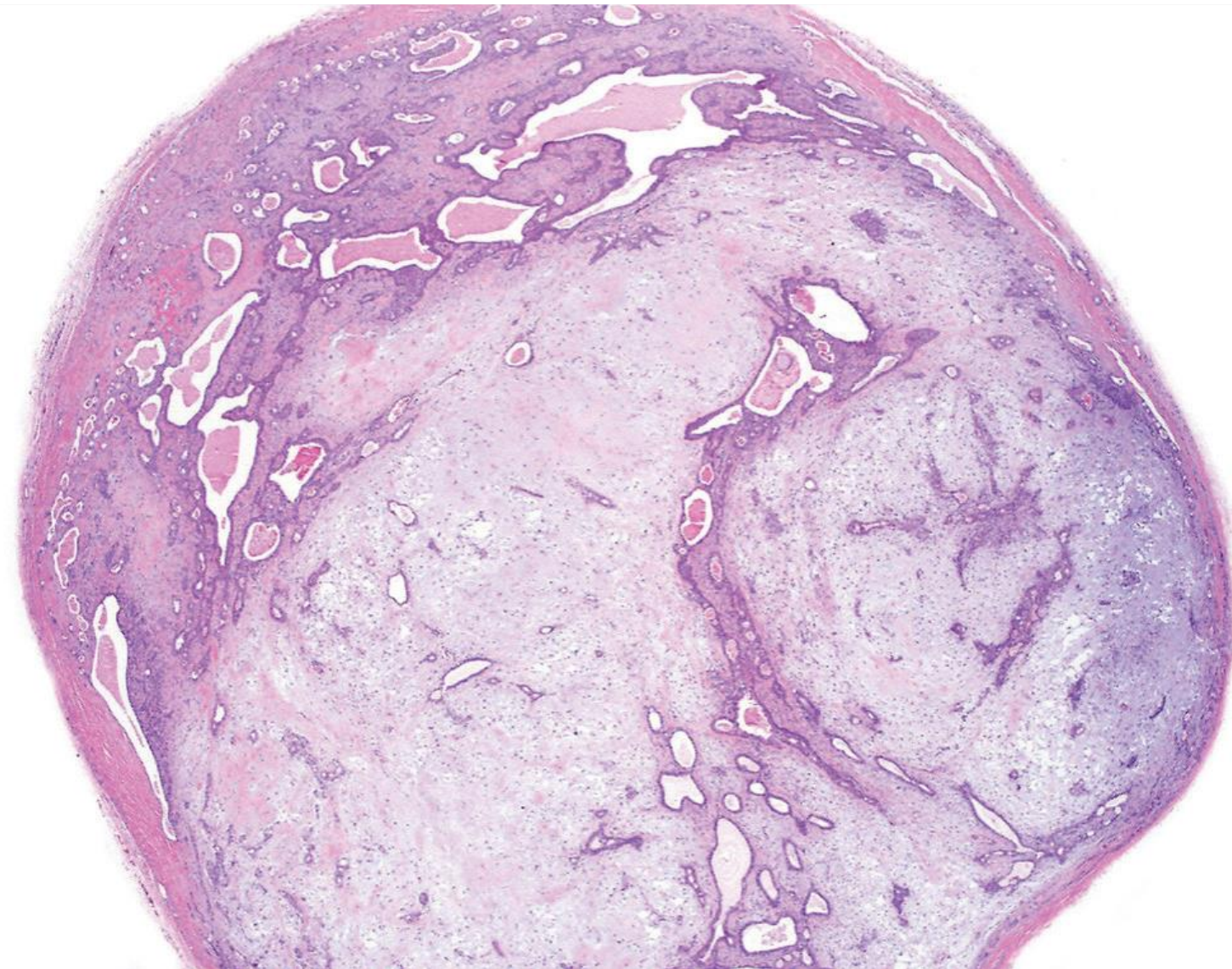
Incidence in major and minor salivary glands is 10:1,

Appears as a painless, slowly growing, smooth surfaced, dome shaped, firm mass

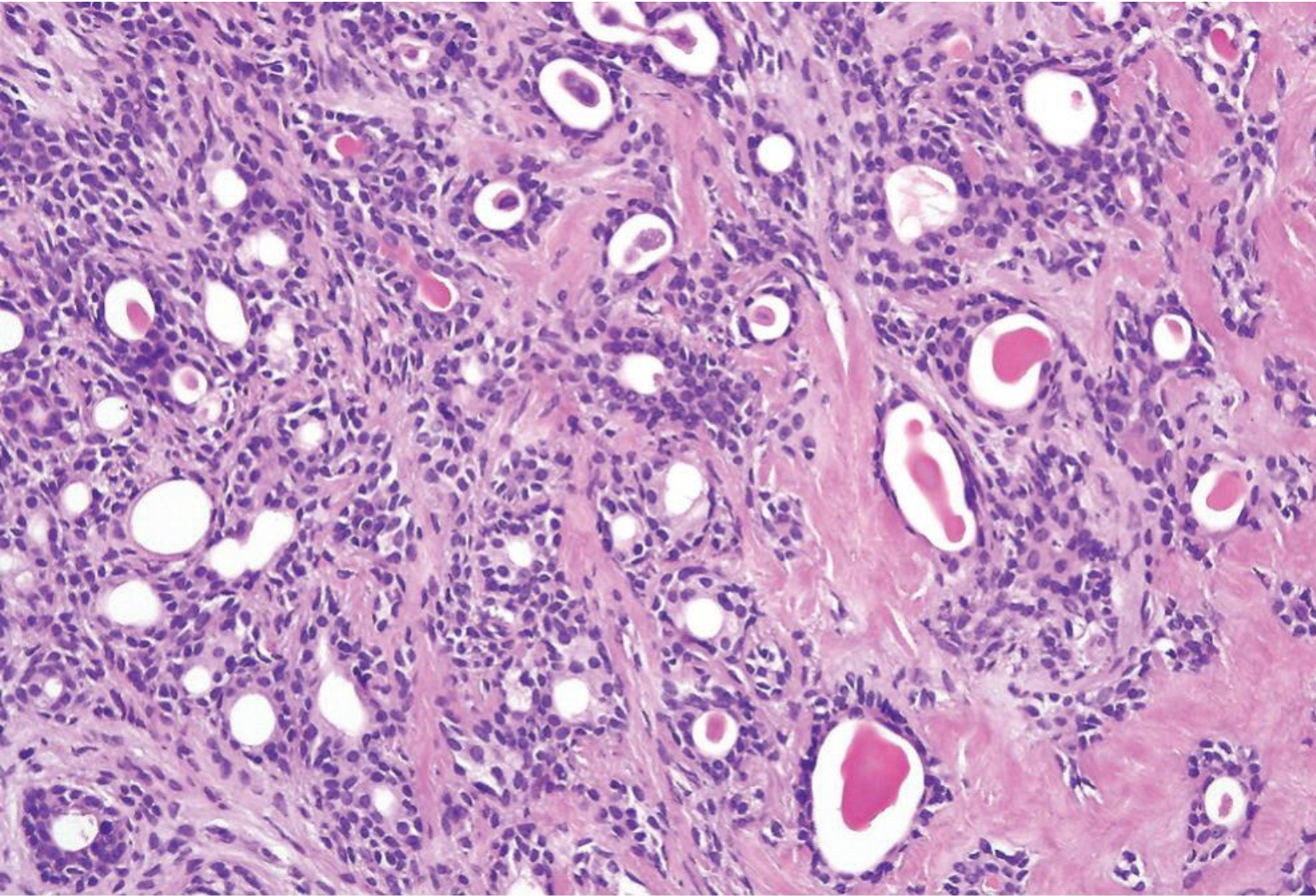




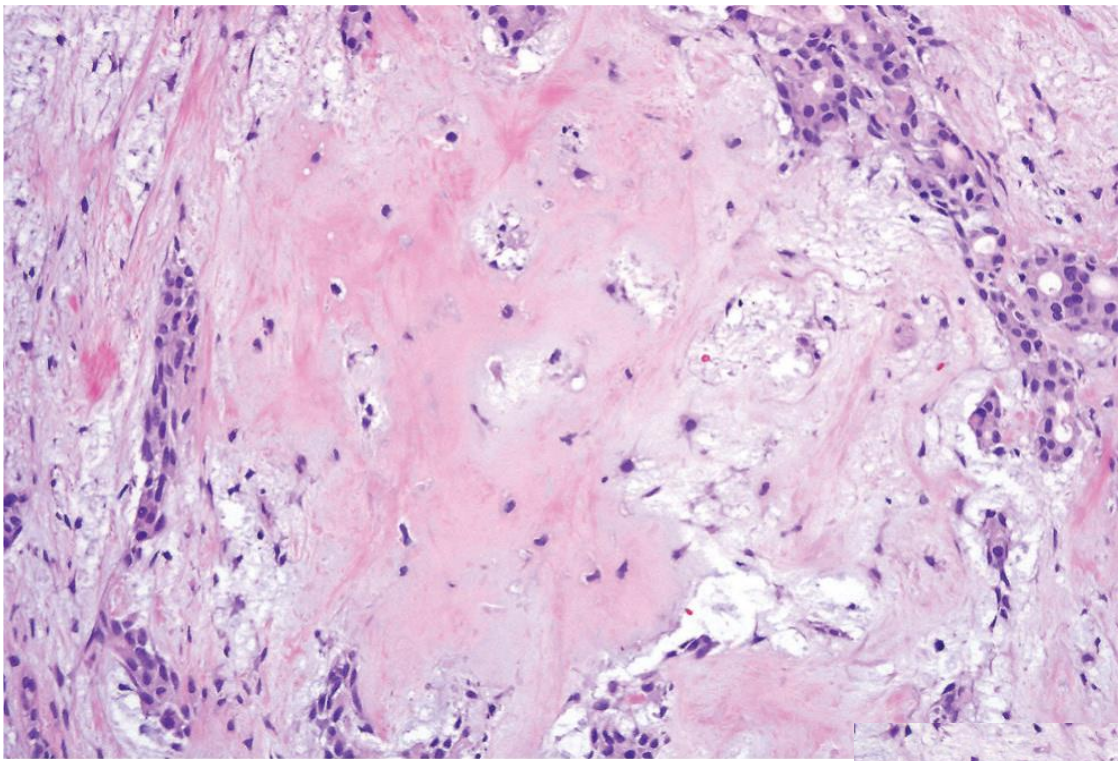
encapsulated tumour with many ducts and prominent myxochondroid areas.



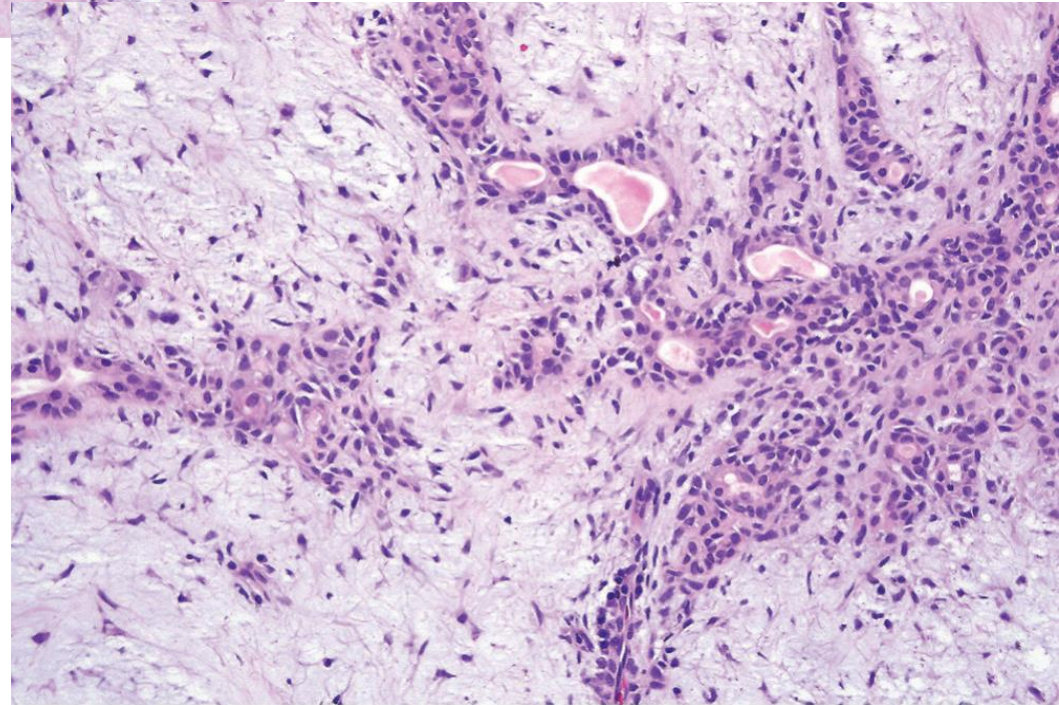
Ducts surrounded by myoepithelial cells that merge into hyalinized stroma.



Myxochondroid areas within the stroma.



Ducts with surrounding epithelioid myoepithelial cells that merge into myxoid stroma that contains spindled myoepithelial cells.



# Warthin's tumour

‘Adenolymphoma’ not a lymphoma!!

Almost all in parotid gland

Elderly patients

Benign, mobile, firm to fluctuant

Sometimes multiple

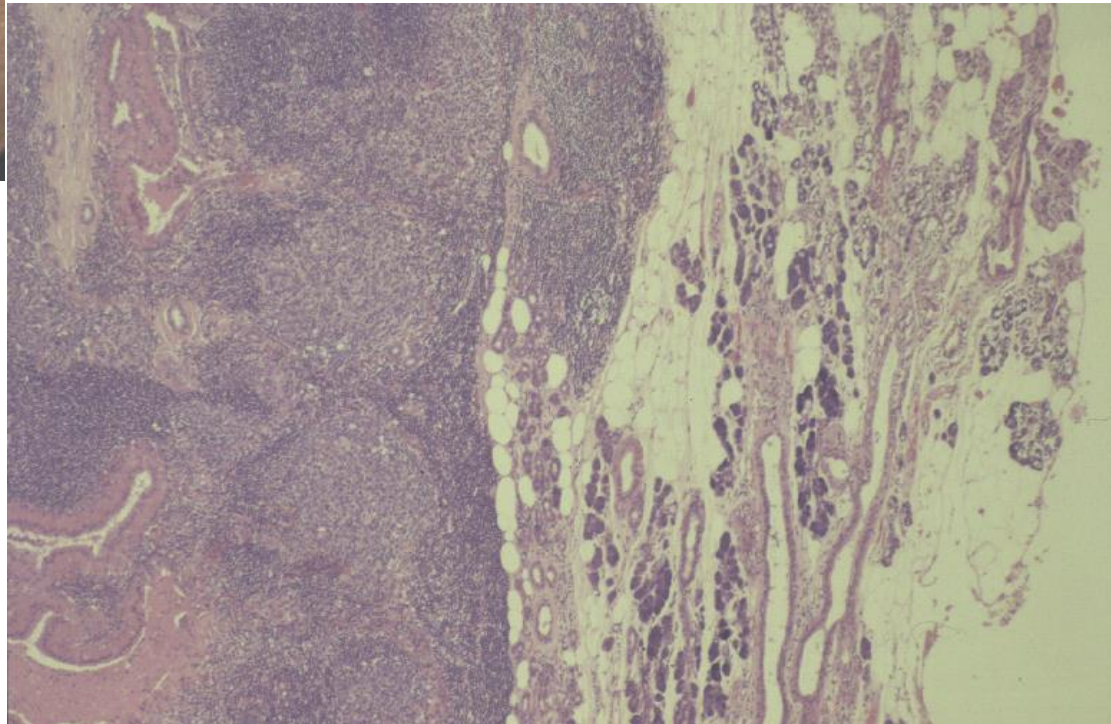
Encapsulated neoplasm

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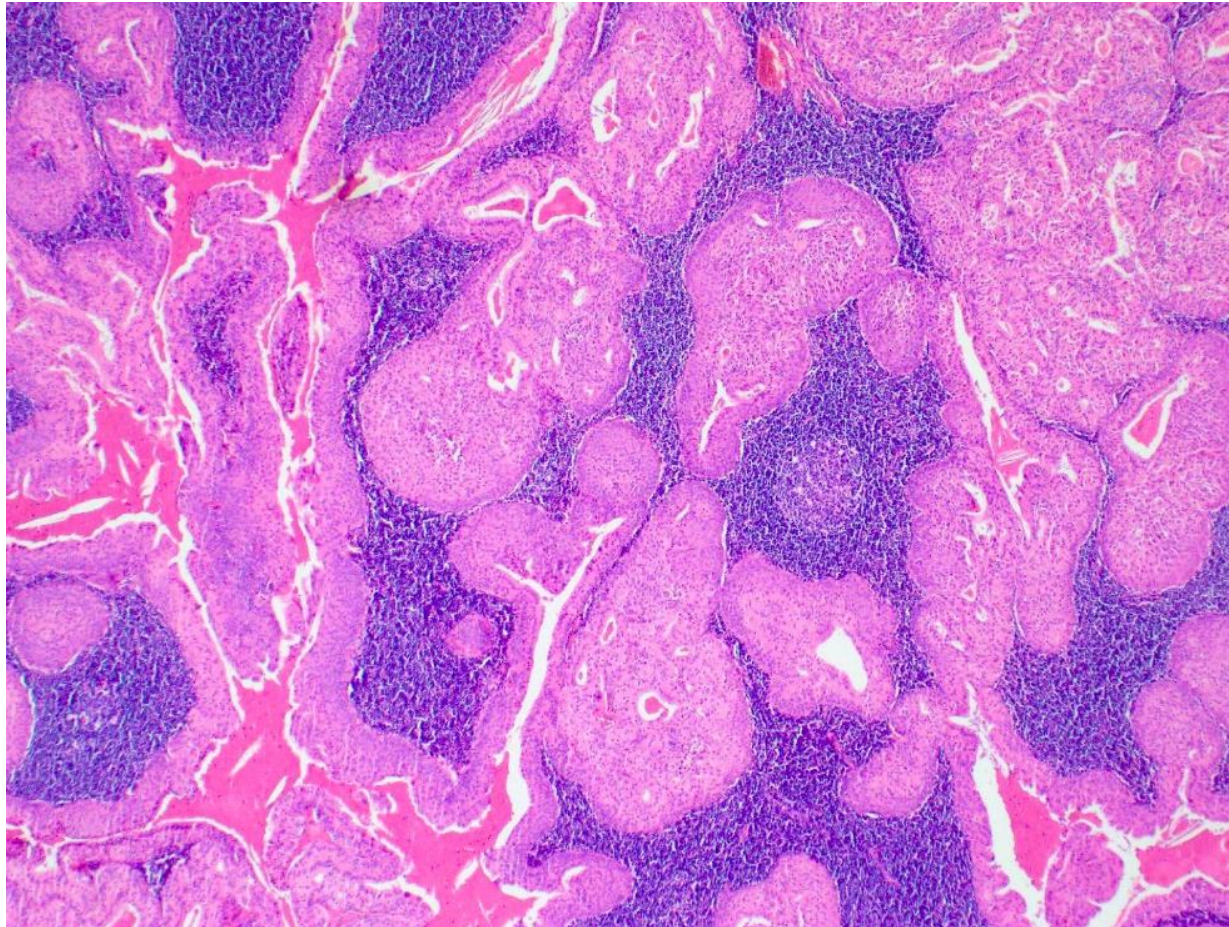
- Synonym: Papillary cystadenoma lymphomatosum
- Site: Tail of parotid
- Bilateral occurrence
- Age: 6<sup>th</sup> –7<sup>th</sup> decade
- Male predominance
- Associated with smoking



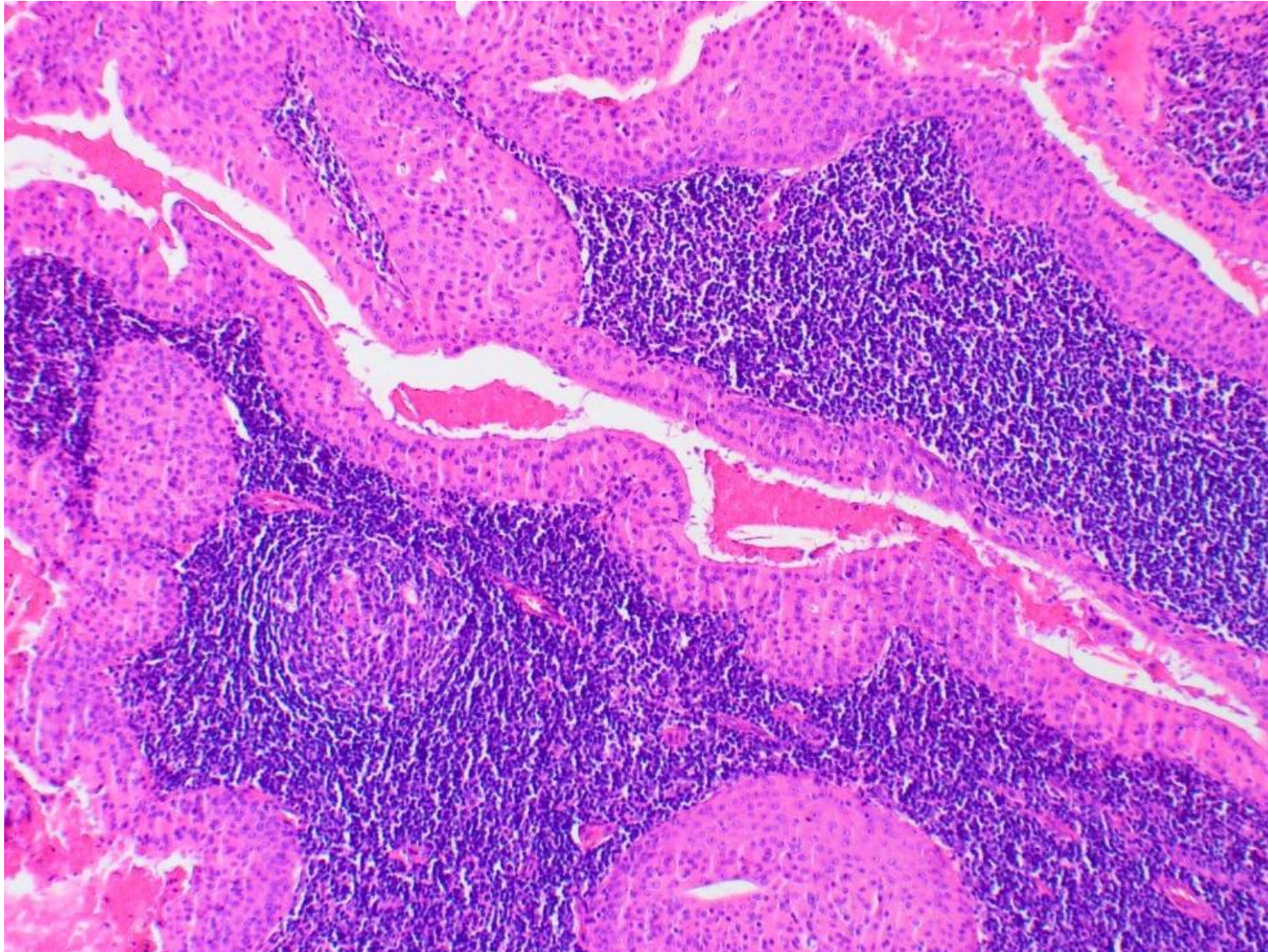
# Warthin's tumour



- Varying proportions of papillary cystic structures lined by bilayered oncocytic epithelial cells and surrounded by a lymphoid stroma including germinal centers



High power view showing papillary structures lined by bilayered oncocytic epithelial cells, surrounded by a lymphoid stroma



# Mucoepidermoid carcinoma

- Most common
- Site: Major & minor salivary glands
- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> decade
- Female predilection
- *Site: Palate*

*Tuberosity*

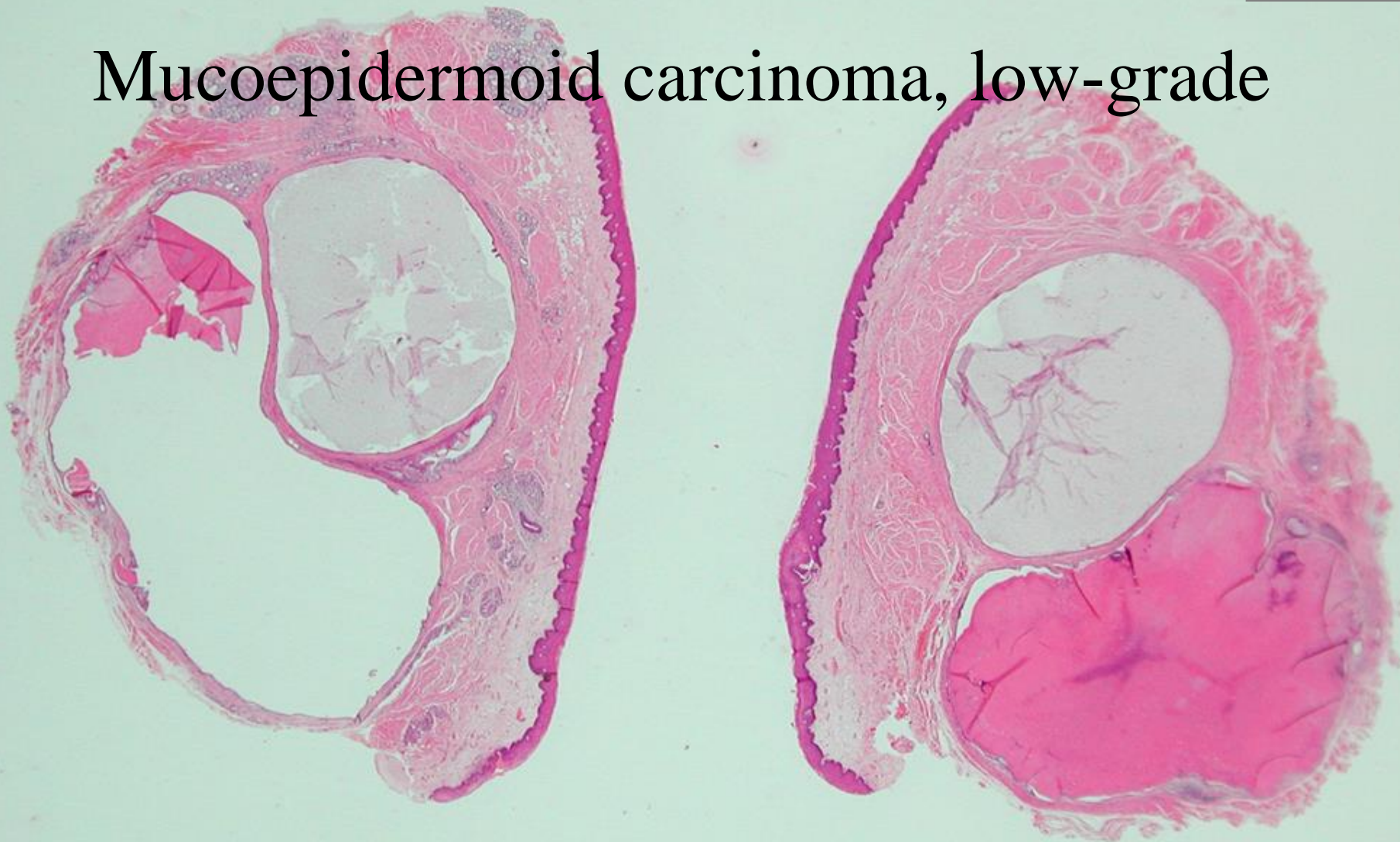
*Retromolar region*

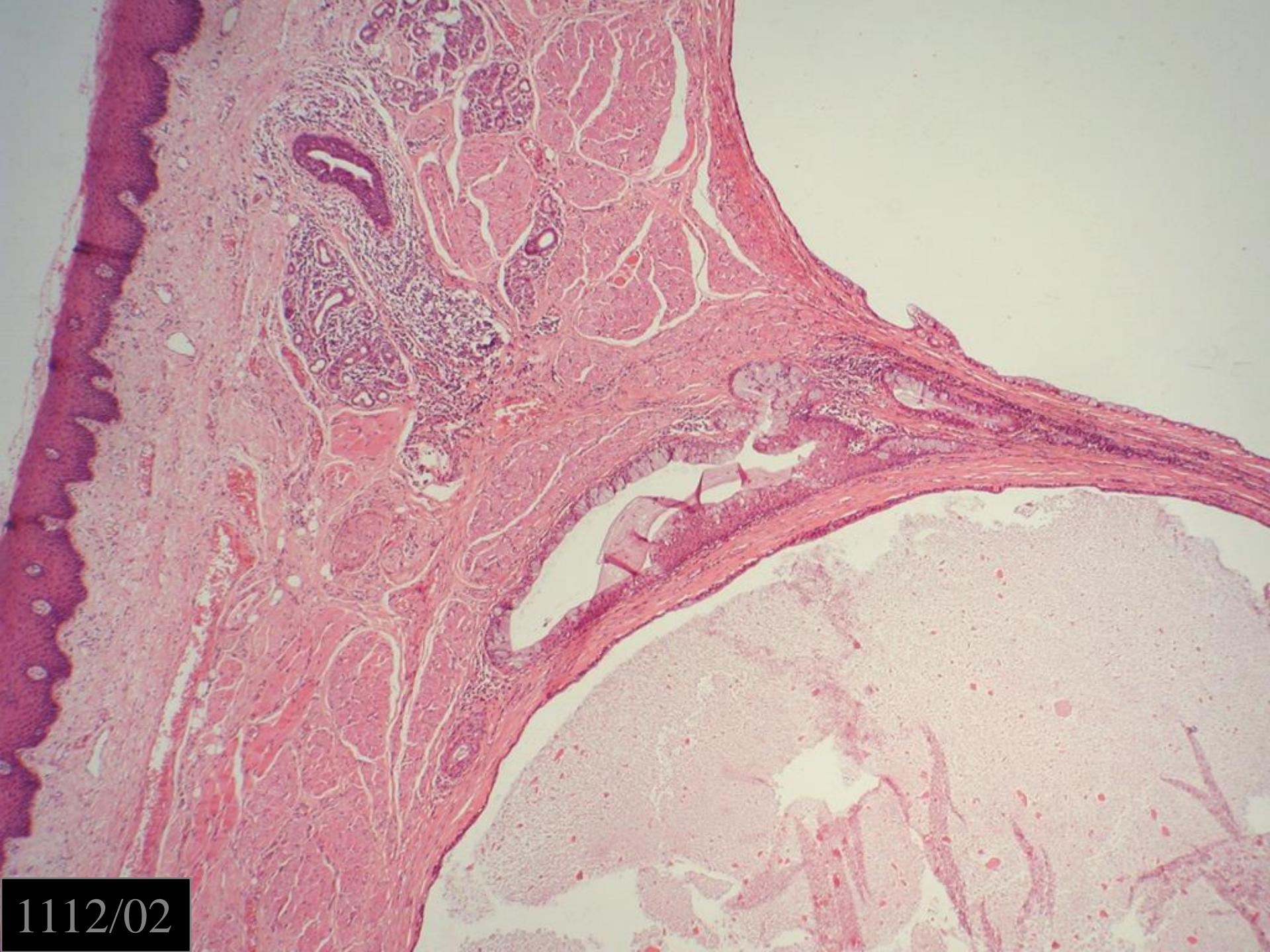
*Tongue*

*Floor of the mouth*

- Asymptomatic swelling + pain + facial nerve palsy

# Mucoepidermoid carcinoma, low-grade





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# Adenoid cystic carcinoma

Infrequent but very important

May arise in any salivary gland

Vague presenting symptoms (eg 'funny feeling')

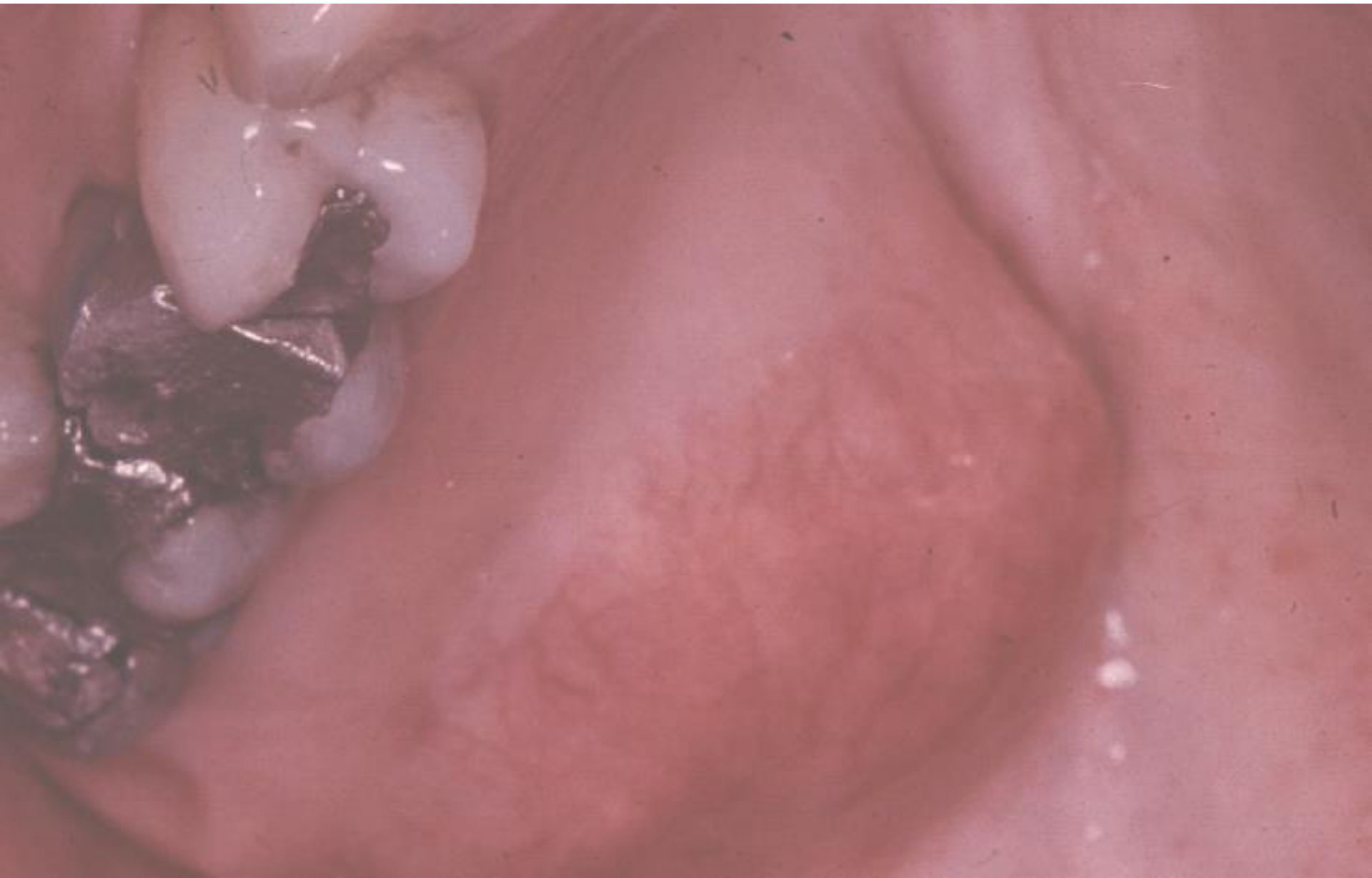
Slow-growing but highly infiltrative

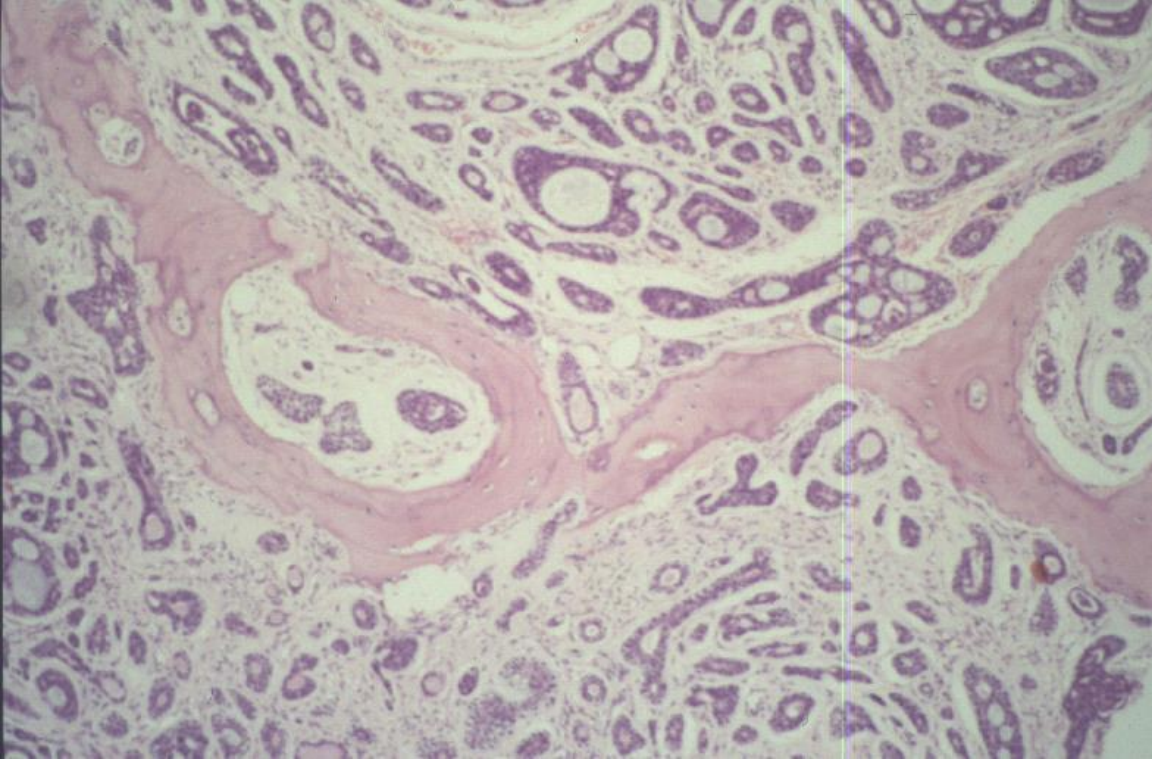
Late diagnosis common

Good 5-year prognosis, very poor 15-year

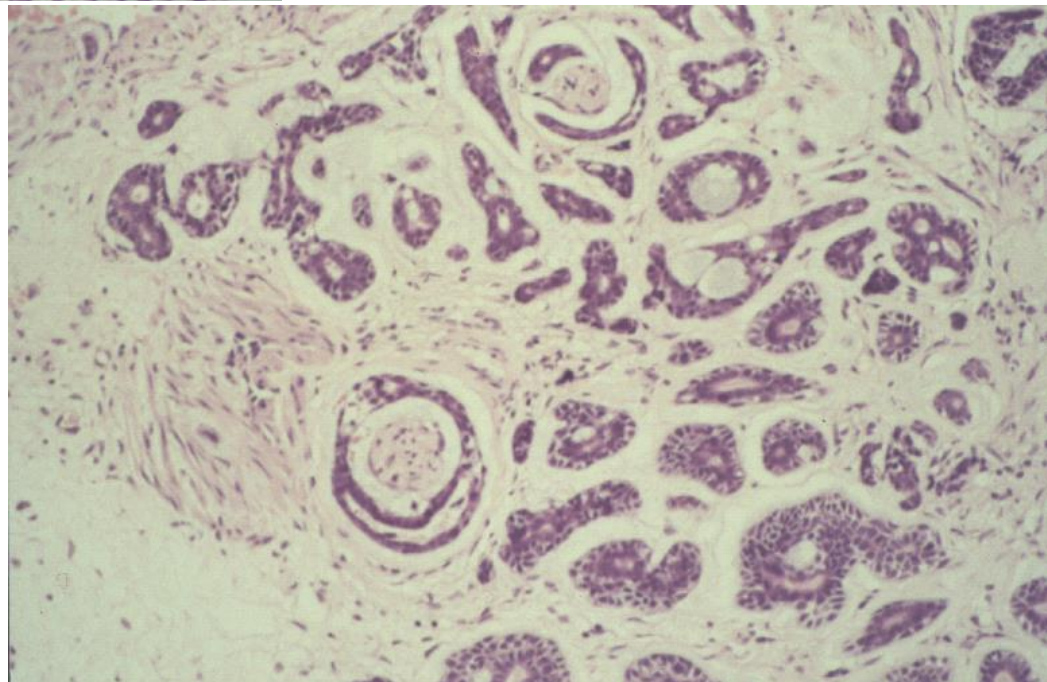
# Adenoid cystic carcinoma

- Synonym: Cylindroma
- Site: Minor salivary gland
- Mid aged adults, 5<sup>th</sup> –7<sup>th</sup> decade
- Slow growing swelling
- Swelling + dull ache + facial nerve paralysis
- Late metastasis
- Prognosis : Worse
- Complications :  
CNS involvement





Adenoid cystic  
carcinoma



# Questions

