

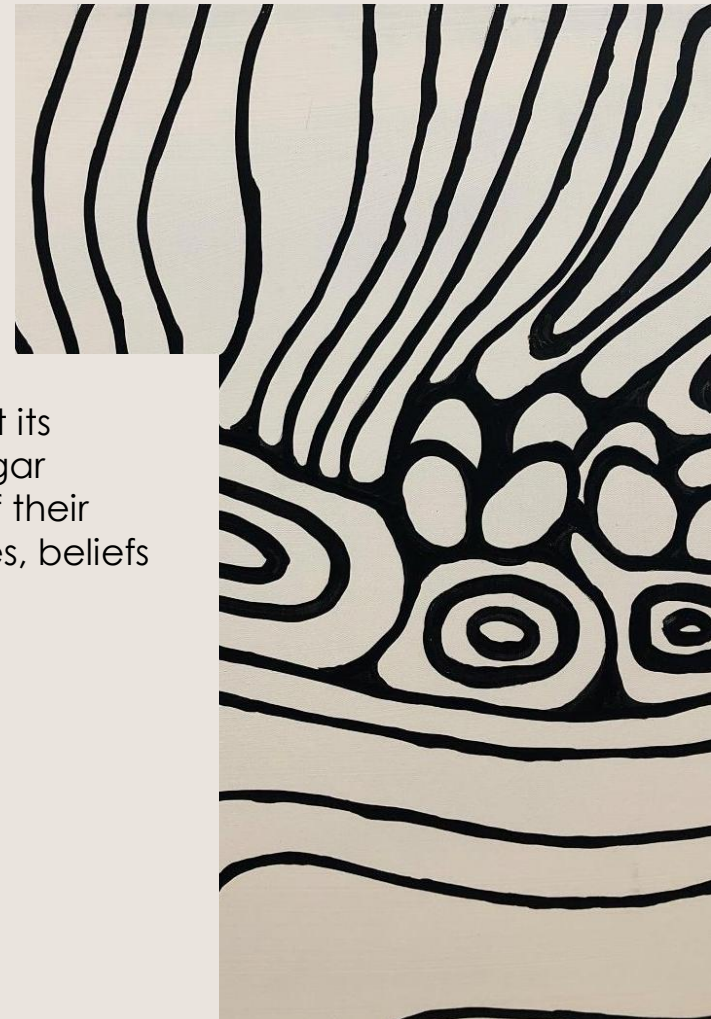
# Oral Pathology module

## Odontogenic and non-odontogenic cysts

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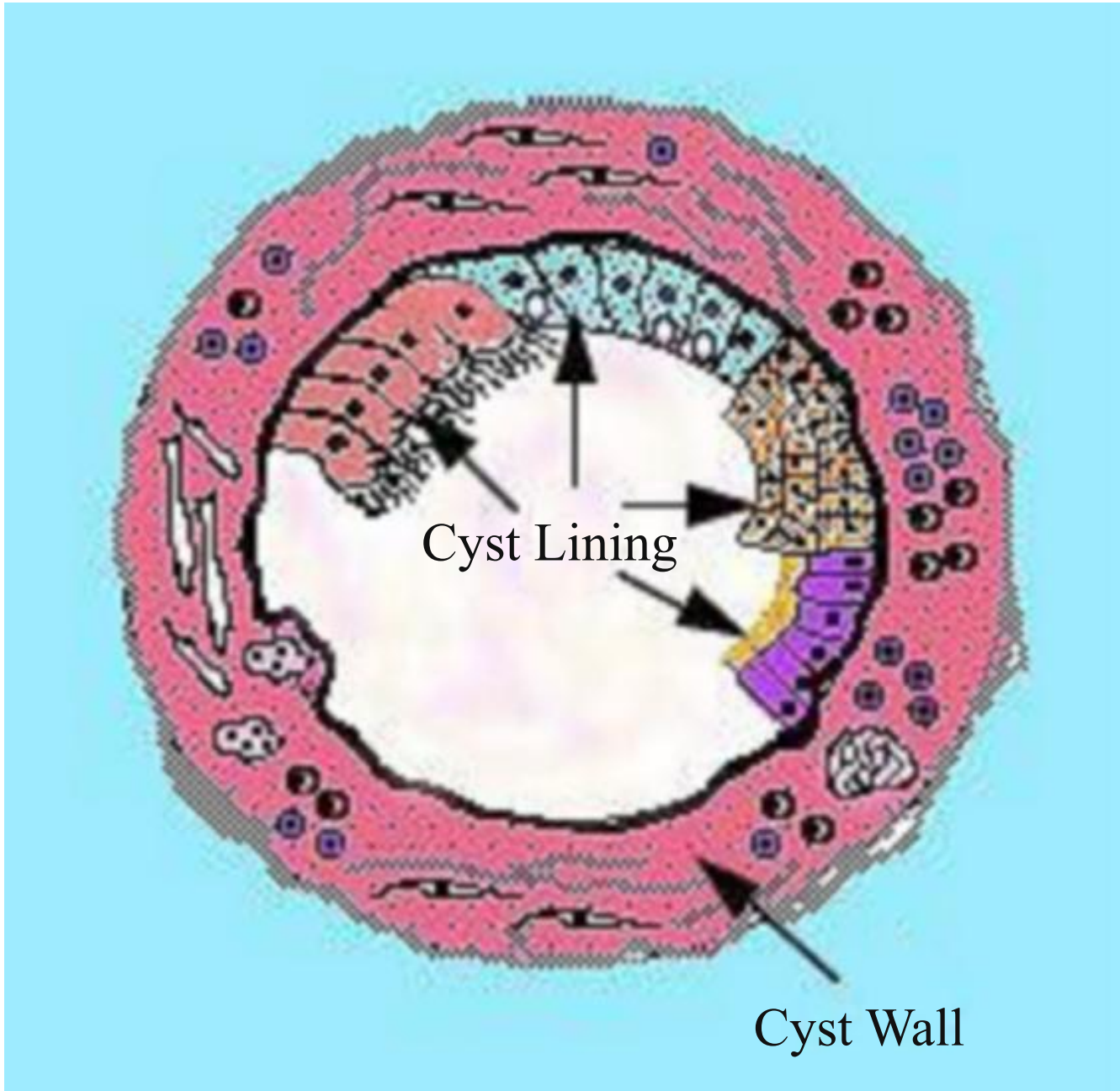
# Learning outcomes

1. Describe the different entities of odontogenic and non-odontogenic cysts
2. Outline the pathology features of common odontogenic and non-odontogenic cysts

# Definition

A cyst is a pathological cavity filled with fluid, semi-fluid or gaseous contents and is not created by an accumulation of pus.

*Kramer 1974.*



# Aetiology and pathogenesis

- Epithelial proliferation
- Hydrostatic or osmotic factors
- Keratin formation
- Bone resorbing factors (prostaglandins, collagenase)

# Clinical features

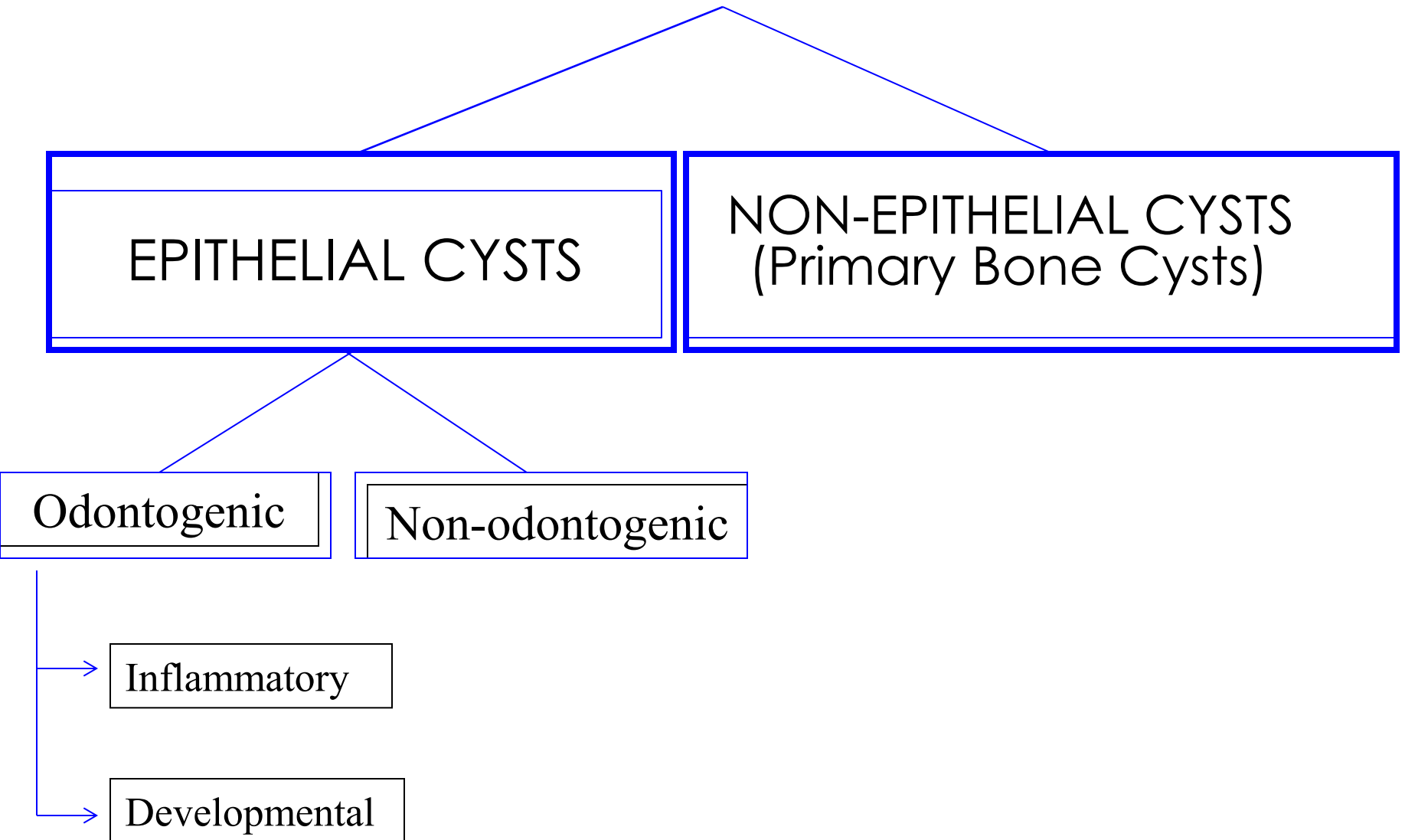
- Noticeable swelling
- Discharge into the mouth
- Pain due to secondary infection

# Diagnosis

- Combination of adequate history, clinical examination and selected investigation (radiographs)

# CLASSIFICATION

## Cysts of the jaws



# Inflammatory Odontogenic Cysts

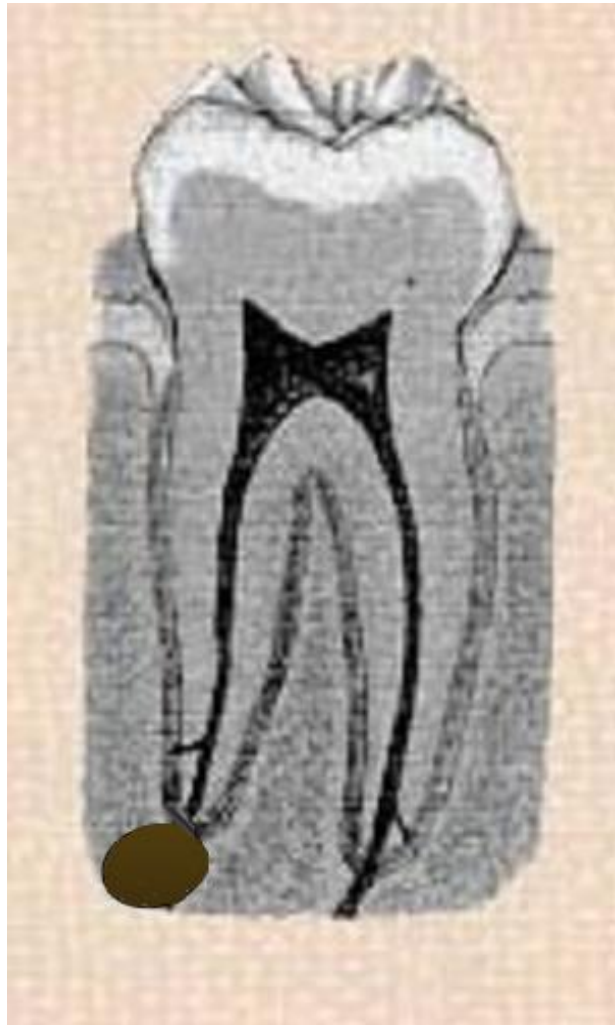
- Radicular (dental) cyst
  - periapical
  - lateral
  - residual
- Paradental cyst

# RADICULAR CYSTS

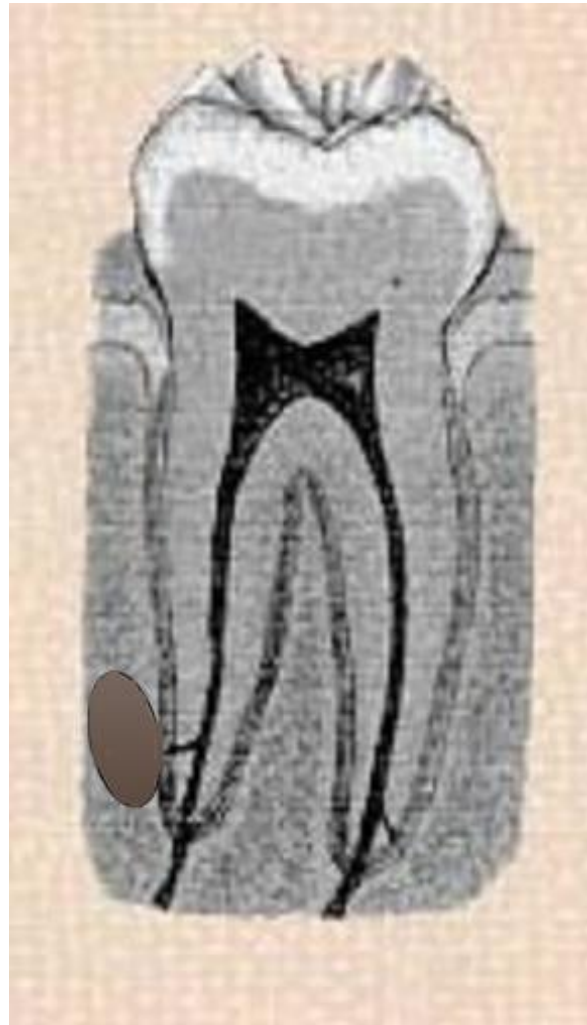
## Clinical Features

- 60-75% of all jaw cysts (Most Common)
- Peak in 4th and 5th decades
- Non-vital tooth
- Upper lateral incisor - most common tooth
- Rare in deciduous teeth
- Asymptomatic or expansion → springy → egg-shell crackling → fluctuation
- Infection → pain

# Radicular Cyst



Apical



Lateral



Residual

# Radicular Cyst





Shape: Monolocular

Outline: Well defined

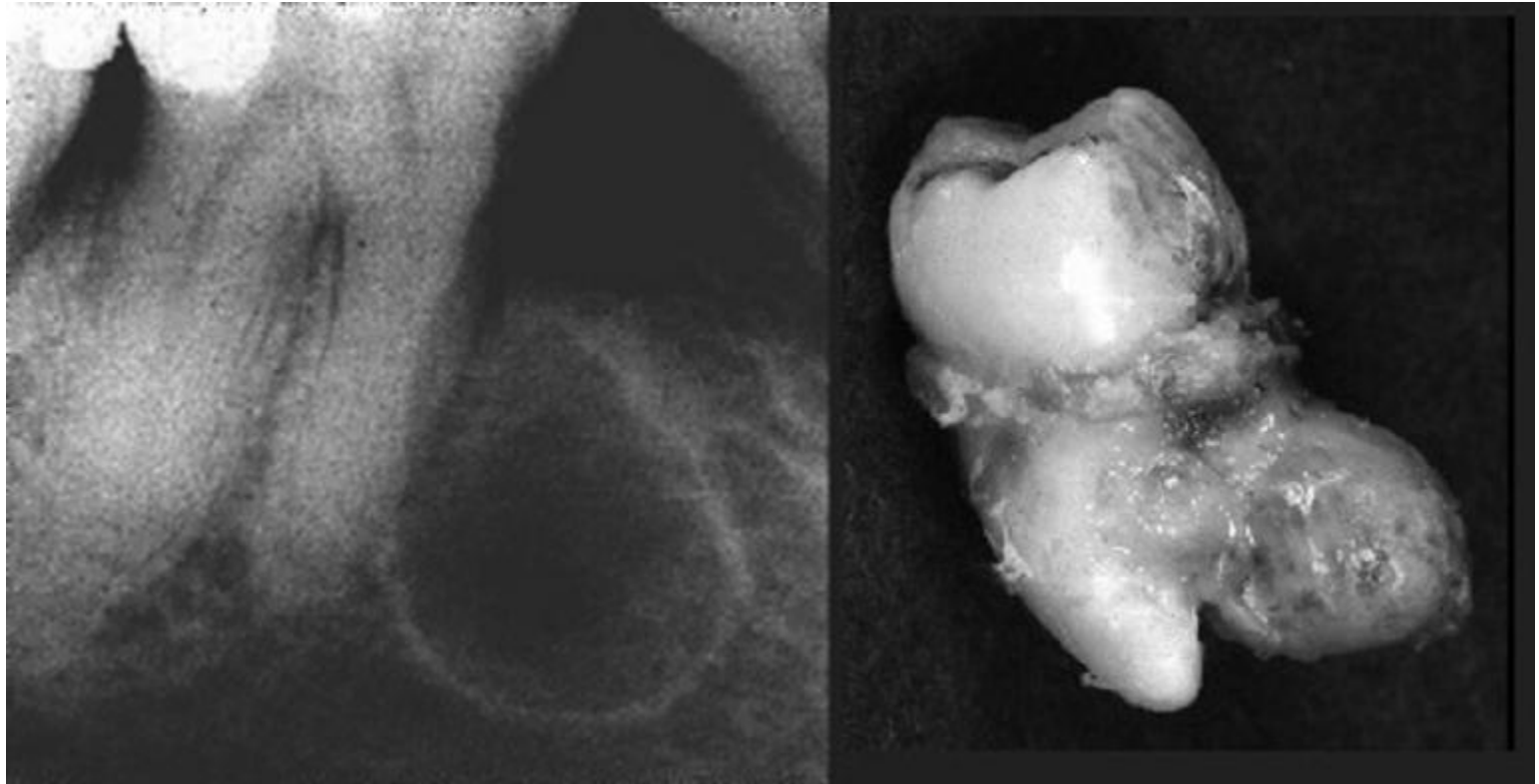
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Radiodensity: Uniformly radioucent

*Radicular cyst*

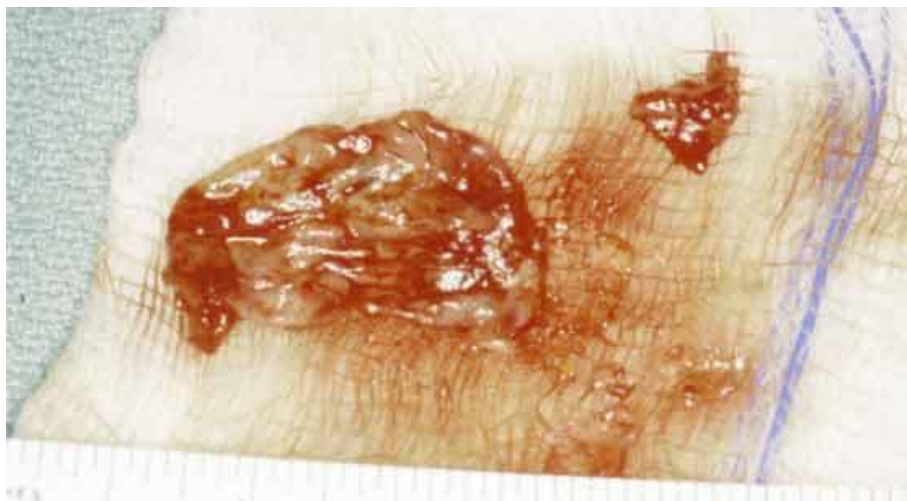
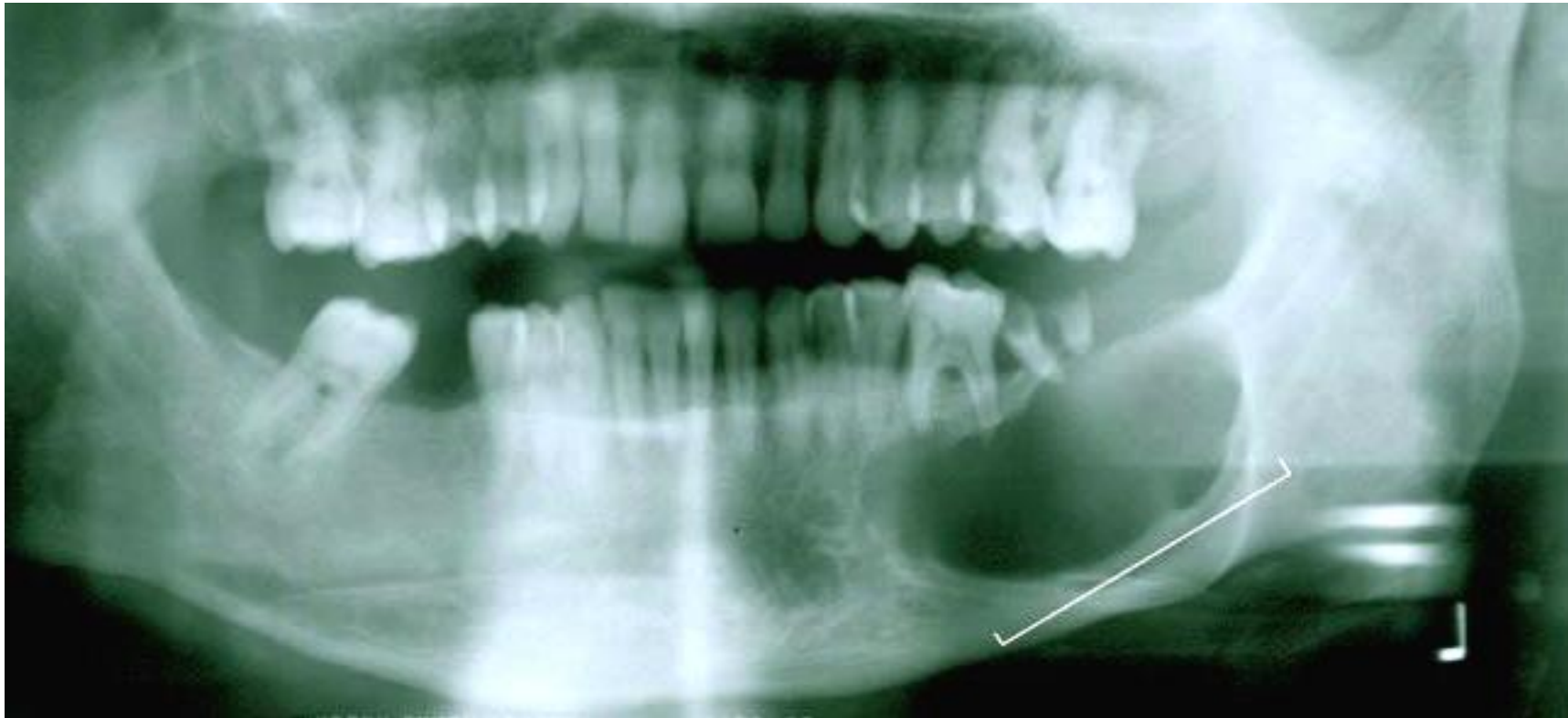


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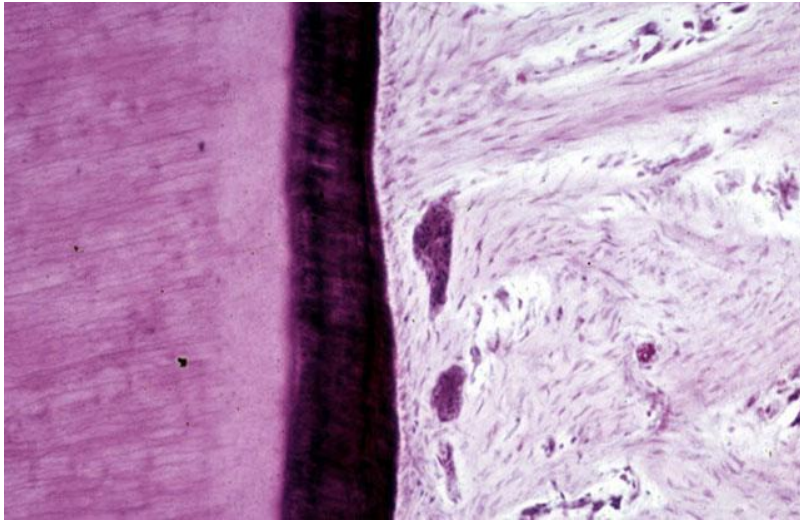
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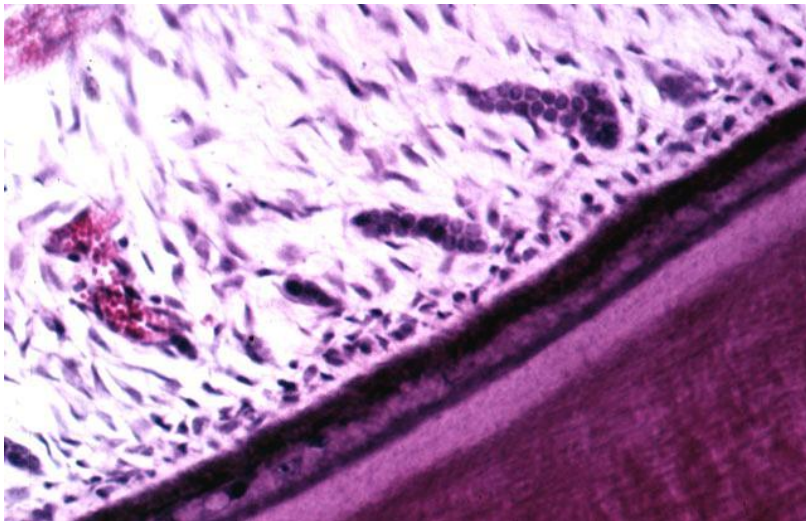
# RADICULAR CYST

## Pathogenesis



- **INITIATION**

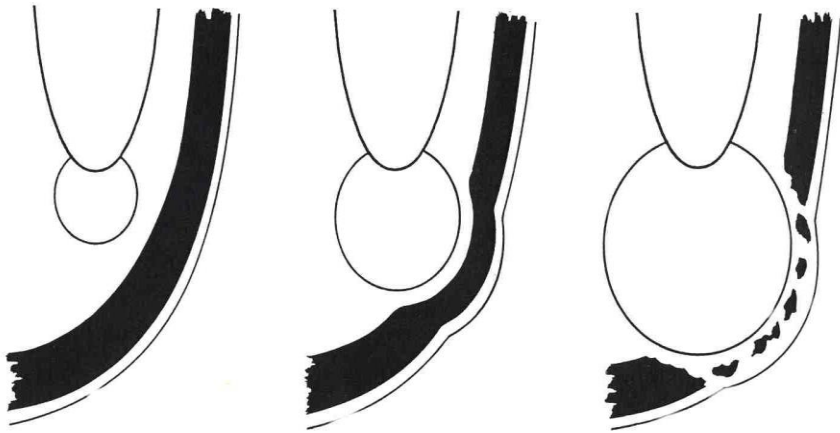
- Cell rest of Malassez activated
- Activated by products of necrotic pulp



- **CYST FORMATION**

- Degeneration and death of central cells leads to cavitation

# RADICULAR CYST Pathogenesis

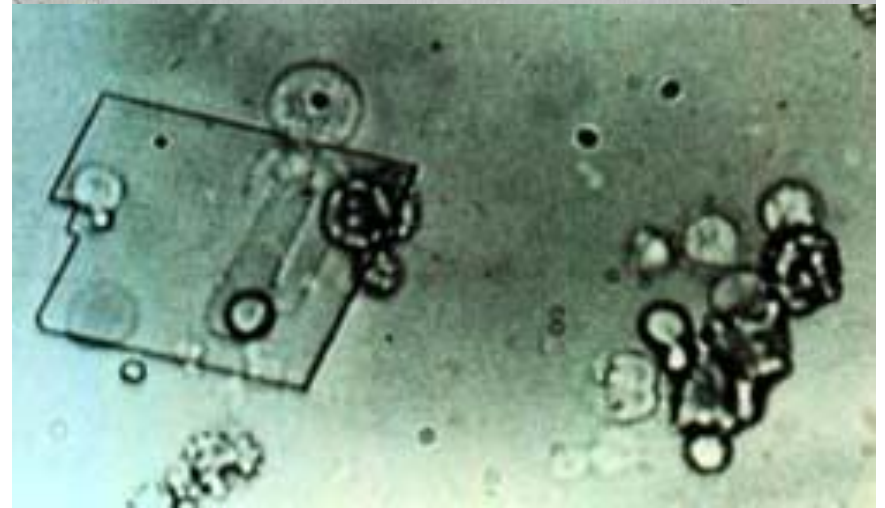
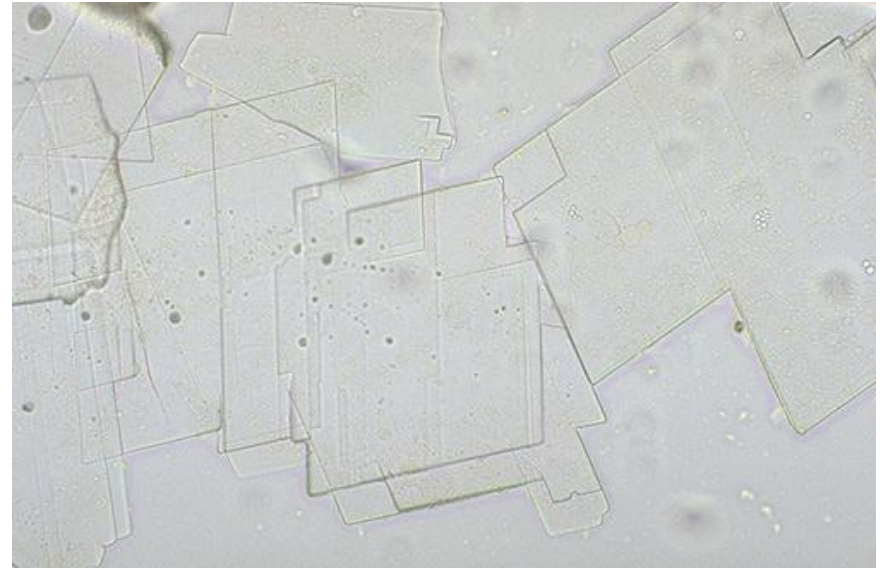


- CYST ENLARGEMENT
  - increased osmolality due to breakdown products becoming smaller and more osmotically active
  - wall acts as semi-permeable membrane

# RADICULAR CYST

## Cysts Contents

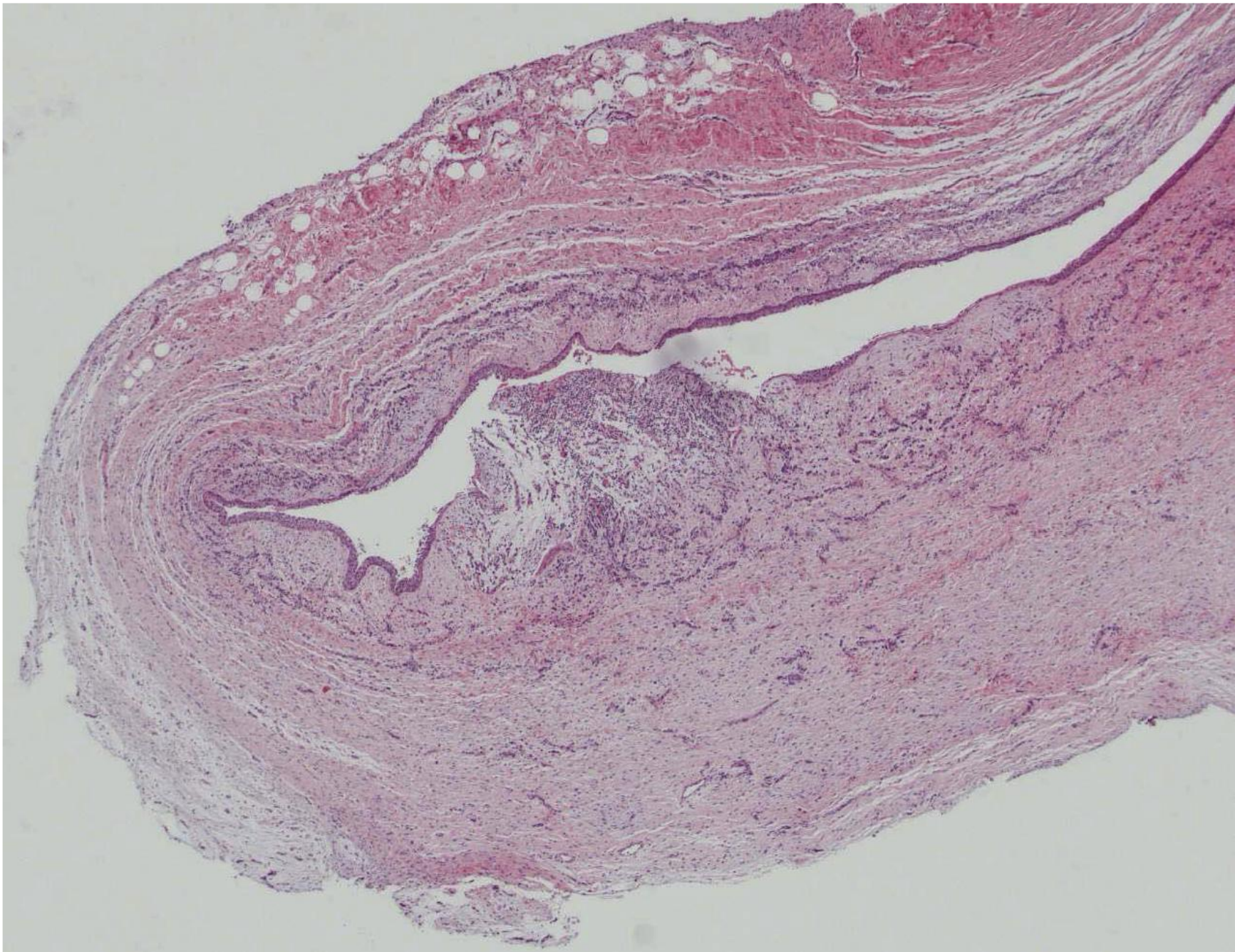
- Breakdown products of cells
- Serum proteins
- Water and electrolytes
- Cholesterol crystals

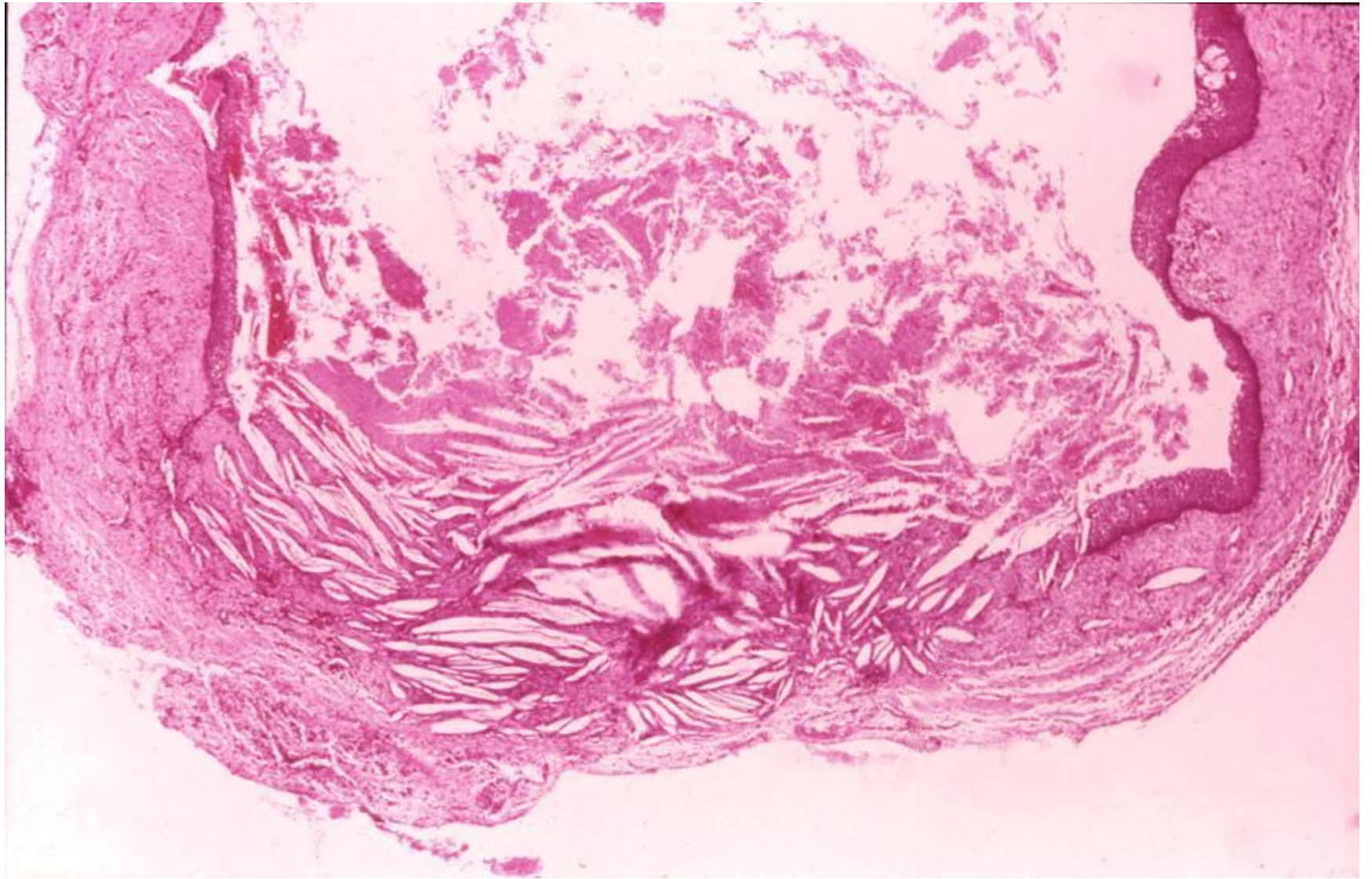


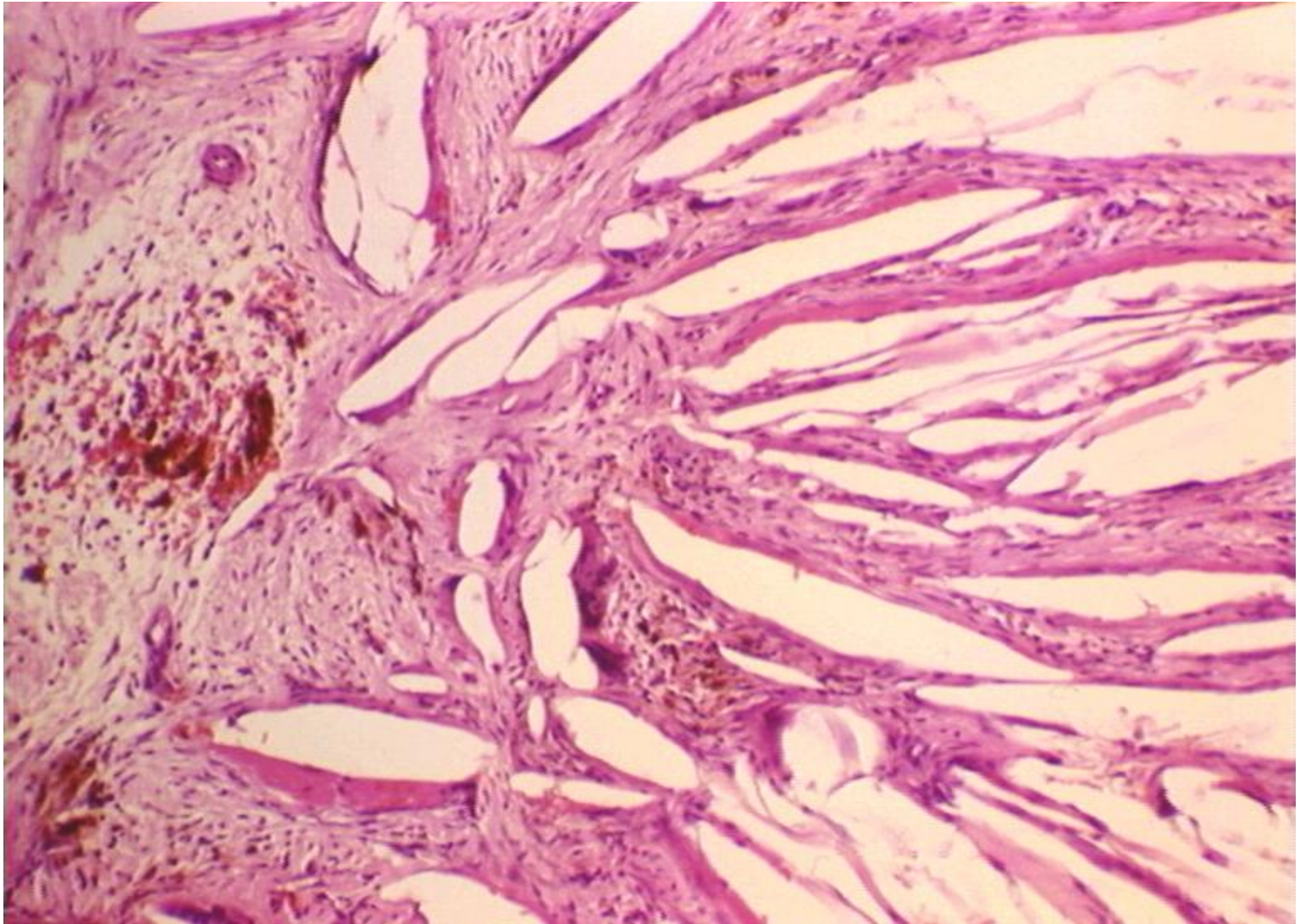
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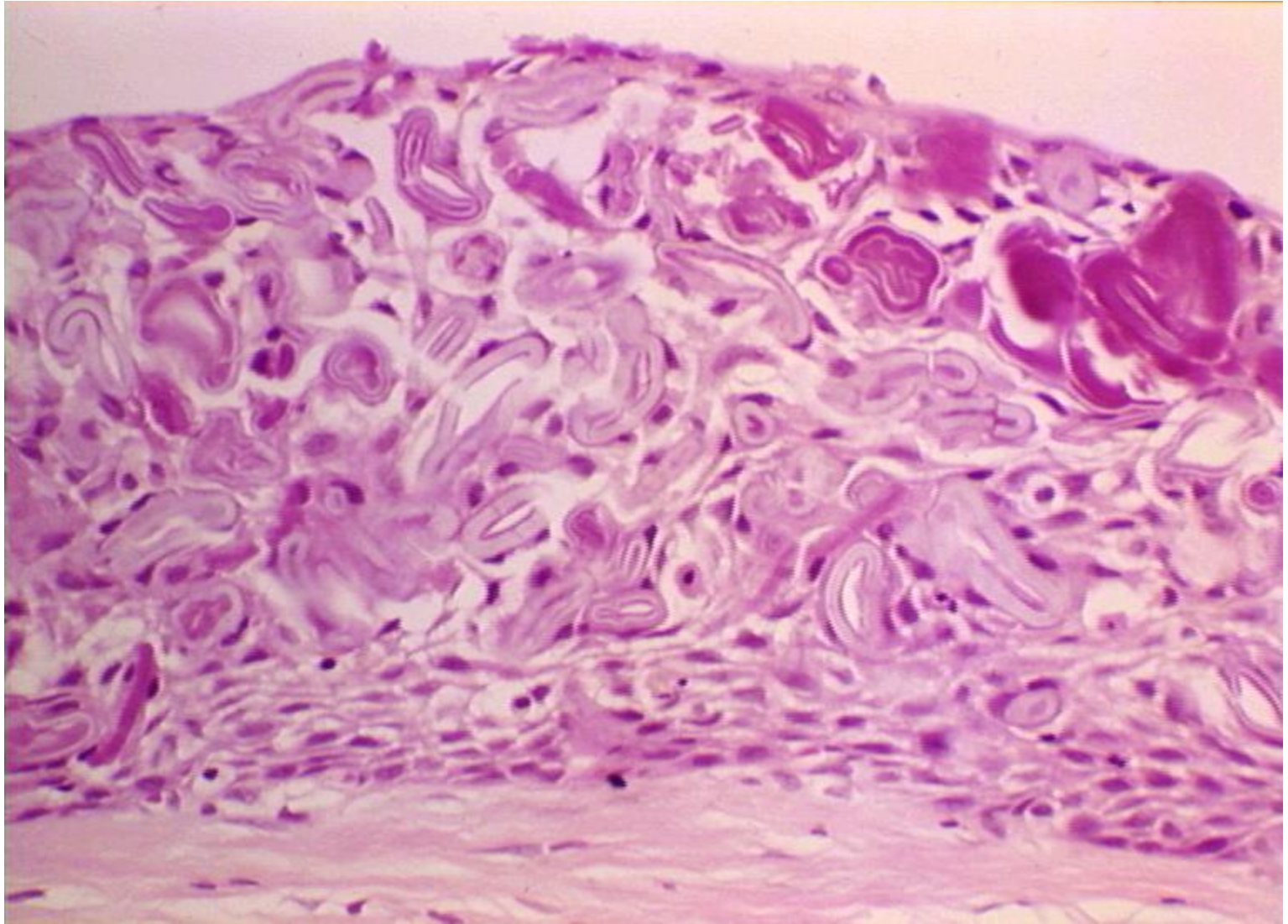
## Histopathology

- Periapical granuloma with epithelial proliferation - polymorphs in epithelium
- Cyst lined by irregular, non-keratinised stratified squamous epithelium
- Foam cells, lymphocytes, plasma cells, cholesterol clefts, surrounding fibrosis
- Lining becomes thinner and less inflamed
- 10% contain hyaline (Rushton) bodies



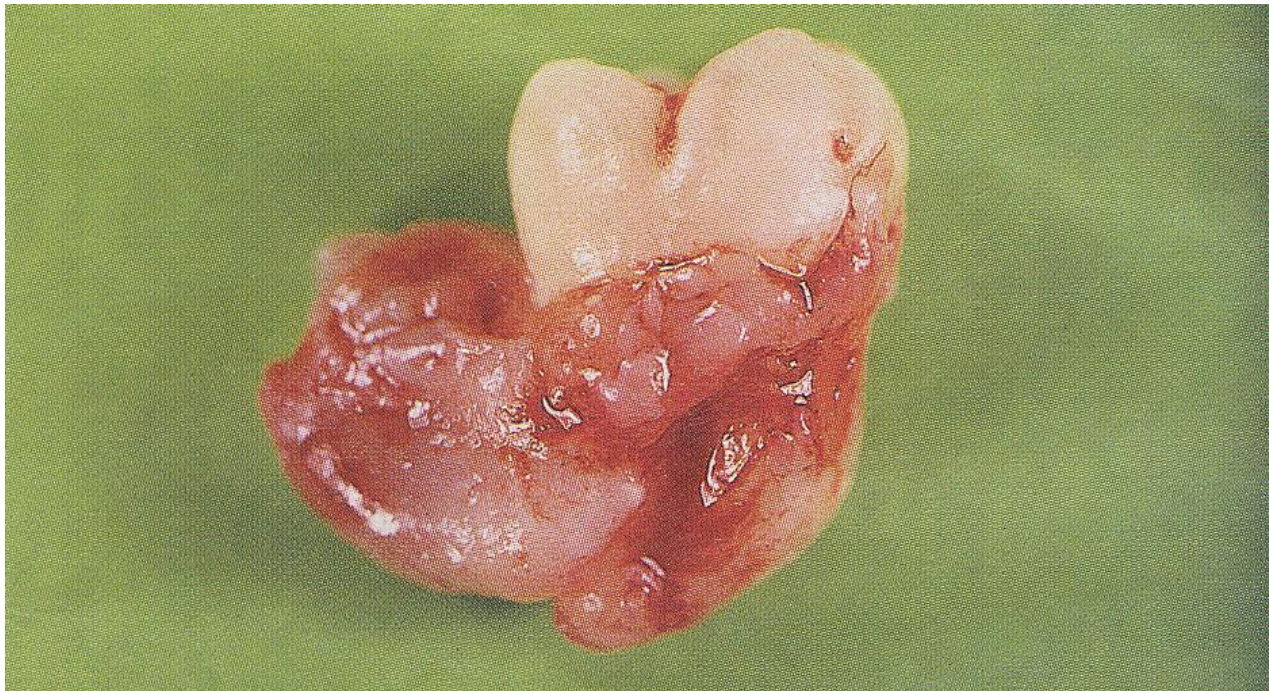
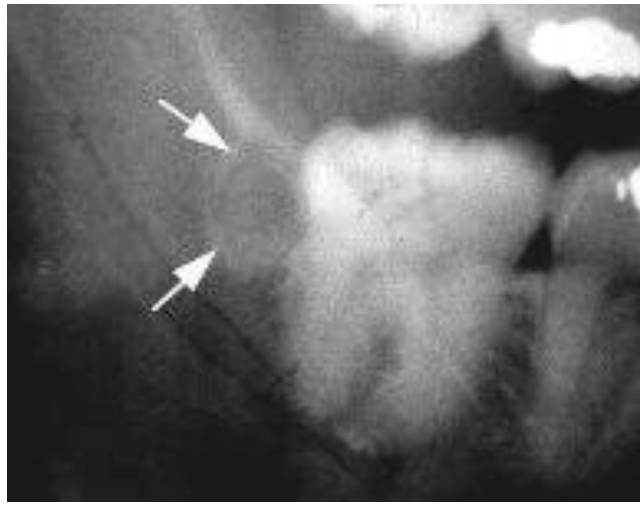






# PARADENTAL CYST

- Partially erupted lower 3<sup>rd</sup> molar usually with pericoronitis
- Buccal/Disto-buccal aspect
- Enamel spur from bucco-cervical margin of root furcation
- Histologically resembles radicular cyst
- Derived from reduced enamel epithelium



*Paradental Cyst*

# CLASSIFICATION

## Cysts of the jaws

EPITHELIAL CYSTS

NON-EPITHELIAL CYSTS  
(Primary Bone Cysts)

Odontogenic

Non-odontogenic

→ Inflammatory

→ Developmental

- Dentigerous cyst  
Eruption cyst
- Odontogenic keratocyst (primordial cyst)
- Gingival-infants
- Gingival-adults
- Lateral periodontal

# DENTIGEROUS CYST

- Cyst enclosing crown of an unerupted tooth
- Attached to cemento-enamel junction
- Follicular cyst

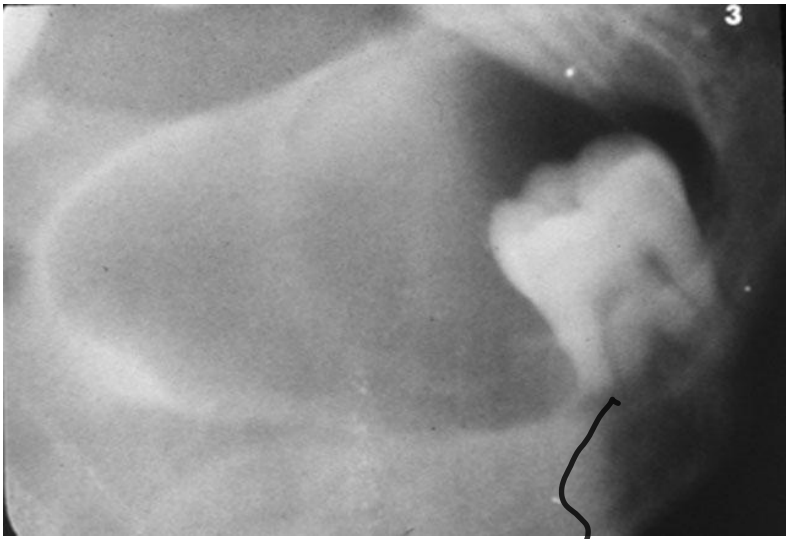
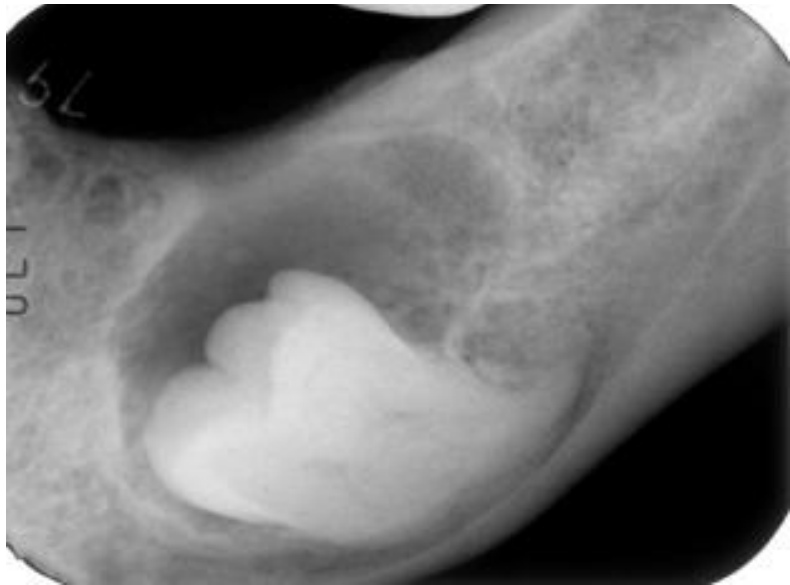
# PATHOGENESIS

- Intrafollicular fluid accumulates between REE and enamel
- Pressure of tooth on impacted follicle
  - Obstruction of venous outflow
  - Serum transudation
  - Exudation

# CLINICAL FEATURES

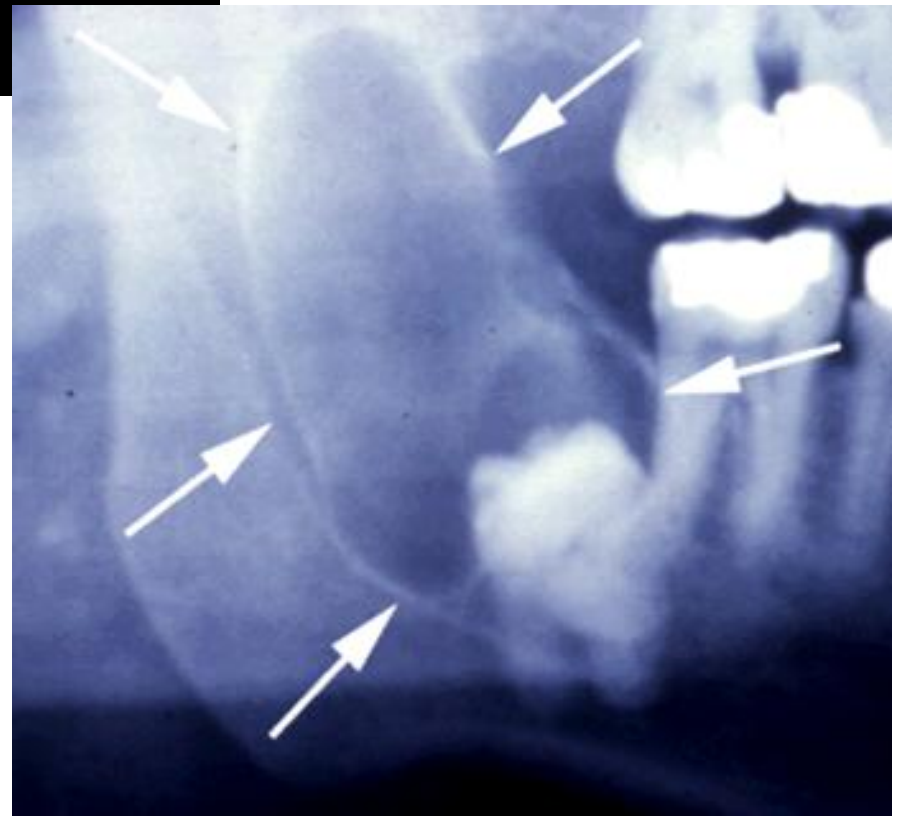
- 10-15% of cyst
- Children and young adults
- Permanent teeth
- Upper canine and lower 3<sup>rd</sup> molar – teeth likely to be impacted
- M:F 1.6:1
- Painless enlargement – missing tooth
- Tilting of tooth
- Root resorption

# Dentigerous cyst



L) Monolocular

Lower &

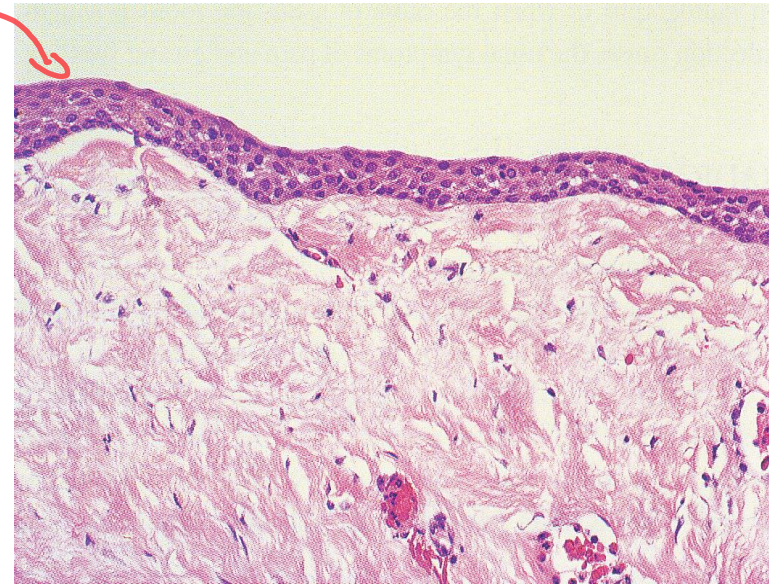
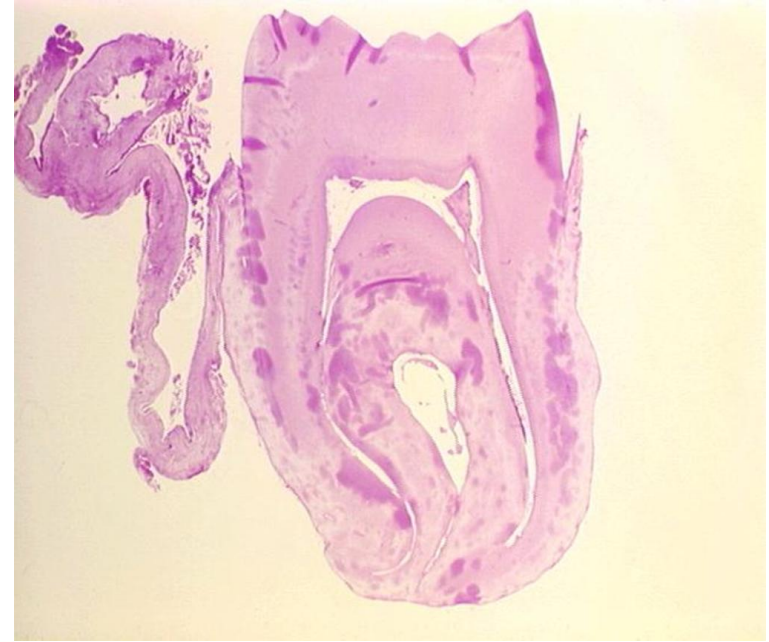


Cyst wall  
is ATTACHED  
TO CGJ



# PATHOLOGY

- Clear yellow fluid – cholesterol
- Purulent if infected
- Lined by flattened, non-keratinised stratified squamous epithelium
- Continuous with reduced enamel epithelium
- Mucous and ciliated columnar metaplasia
- Fibrous wall with variable inflammation



# ERUPTION CYST

- Extra-alveolar dentigerous cyst
- Deciduous tooth or permanent molar
- Fluctuant bluish swelling
- Haemorrhage into cyst common
- Most spontaneously resolve



**CYSTS**

EPITHELIAL

ODONTOGENIC

DEVELOPMENTAL

INFLAMMATORY

Radicular  
Apical  
Lateral  
Residual

Paradental

Dentigerous

Eruption

Odontogenic keratocyst

Lateral periodontal

Gingival - infants

Gingival - adults

NON-ODONTOGENIC

Nasopalatine duct

Nasolabial

NON-EPITHELIAL (PRIMARY BONE)

Aneurysmal

Solitary

# Relative frequency

Odontogenic (90%)		Non-odontogenic (10%)	
Radicular	60-75%	Nasopalatine	5-10%
Dentigerous	10-15%	Others	1%
Keratocyst	5-10%		
Paradental	3-5%		
Gingival	1%		
Lateral periodontal	1%		

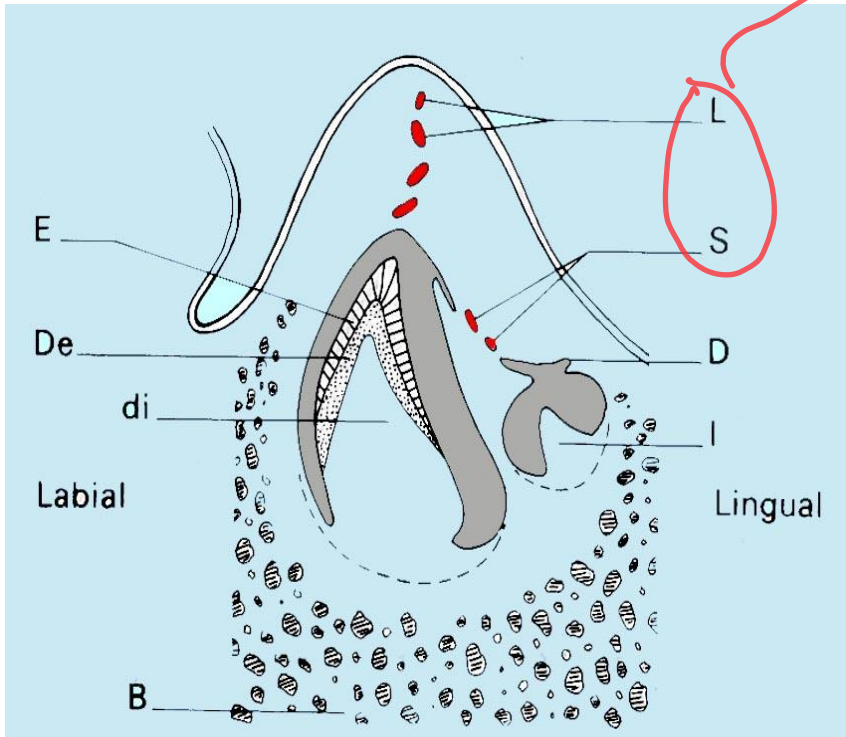
# ODONTOGENIC KERATOCYST

## CLINICAL

- 5-10% of all jaw cysts
- SITE
  - 70-80% mandible
  - 50% angle/ramus
- Often asymptomatic
- M>F
- Swelling, discharge, pain, pathological fracture, tooth displacement, rarely buccal expansion
- 10% multiple
- High recurrence rate

# PATHOGENESIS

rest of Serros  
↳ get active in pathology



- Derived from the dental lamina or its remnants - cell rests of Serres
- Originate from enamel organ (tooth primordium) of a tooth before hard tissues develop:
  - normal tooth
  - supernumerary

# RADIOLOGICAL APPEARANCE

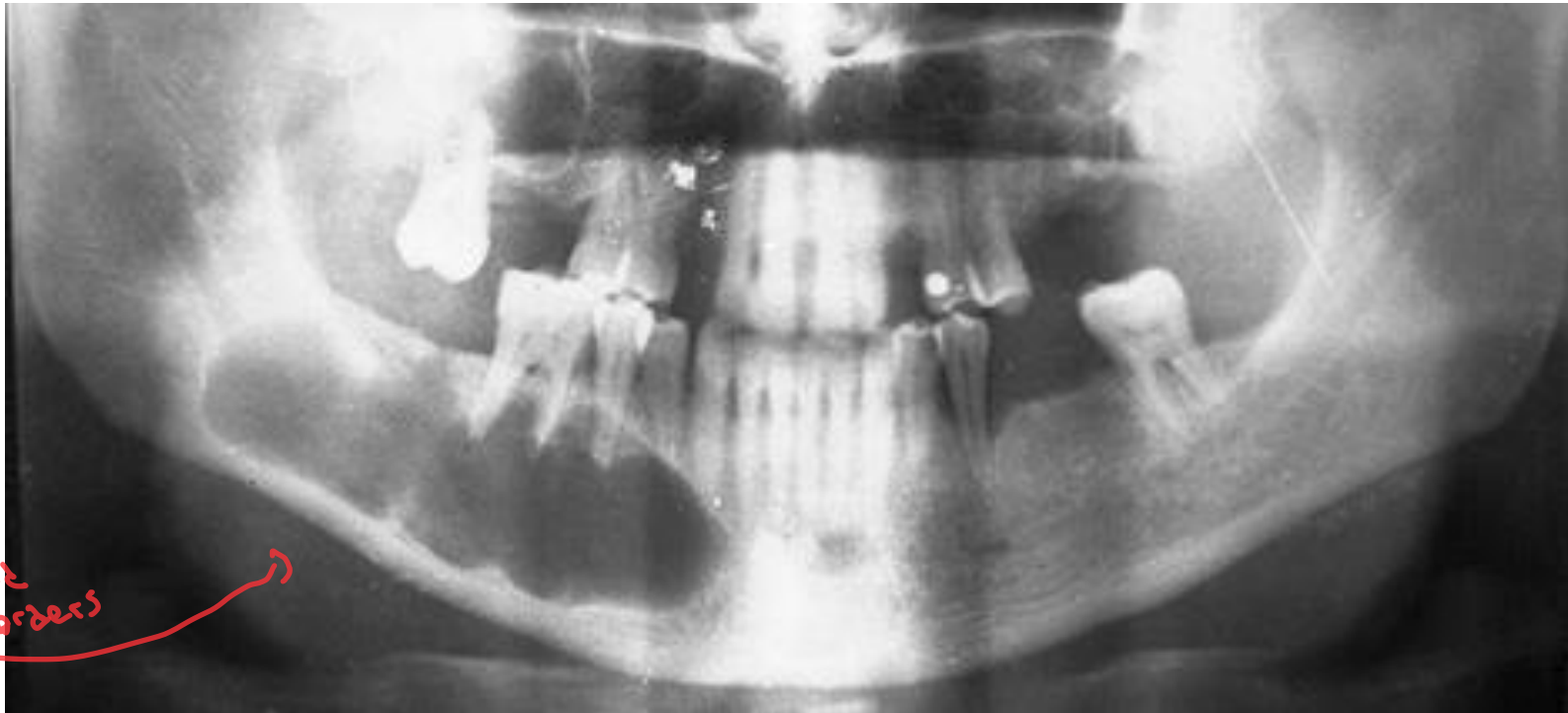
- Well demarcated radiolucency
- Pseudolocular or multilocular, often with scalloped periphery
- Root or tooth displacement



multilocular  
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↪ NO  
tooth,  
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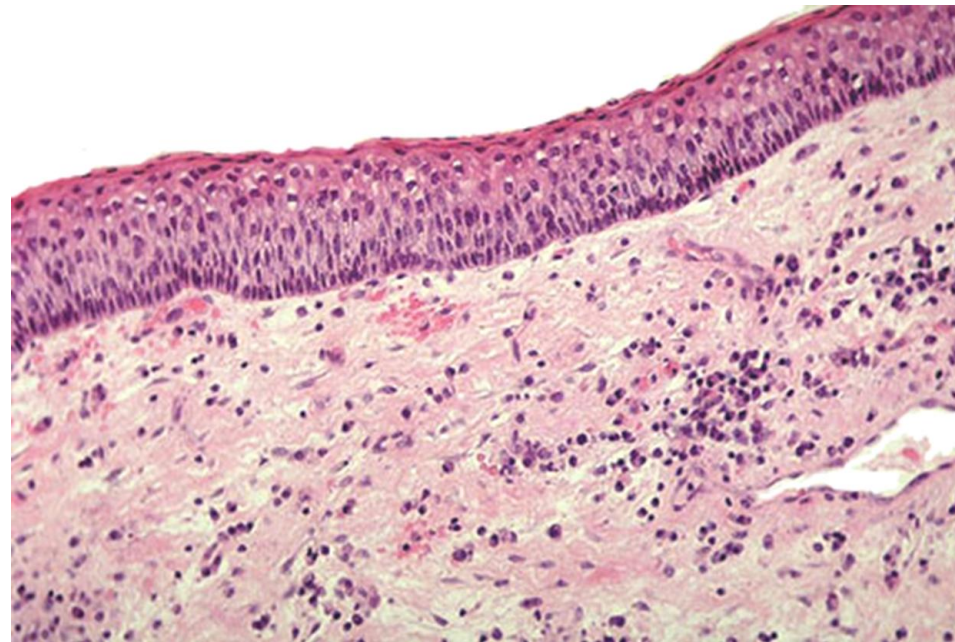
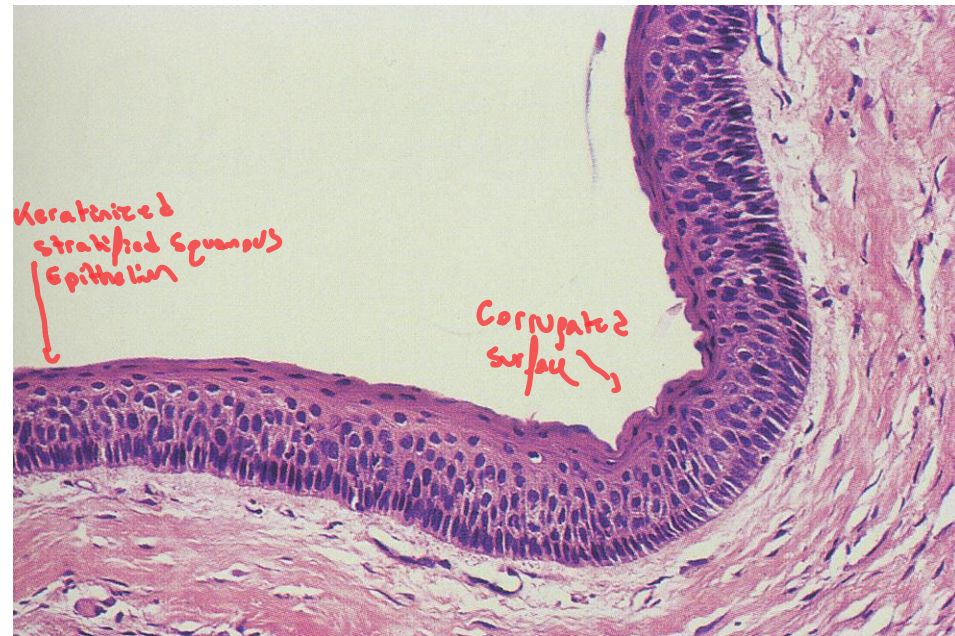
Scalloped  
borders  
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# HISTOPATHOLOGY

- Regular stratified squamous epithelium
- Thin epithelial layer (5-8 cells thick)
- Palisaded basal layer
- Corrugated surface which can be parakeratinised or orthokeratinised
- Thin, friable fibrous capsule - little inflammation
- Satellite (daughter) cysts

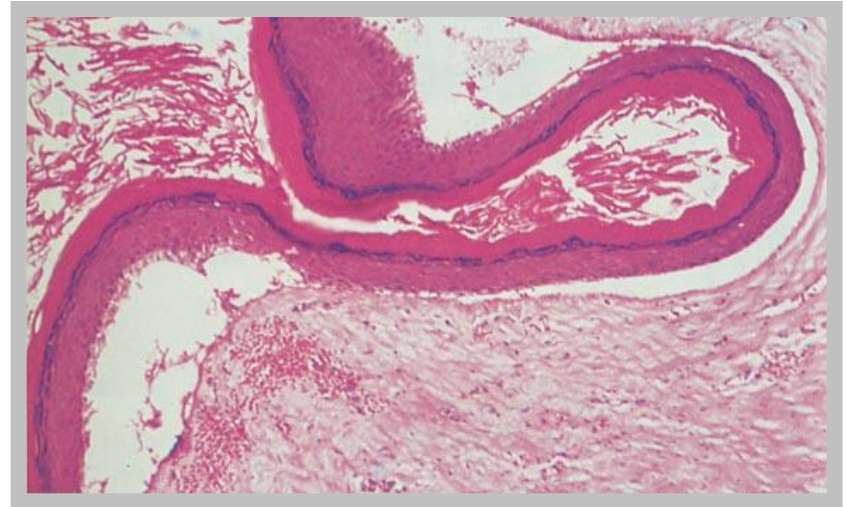
## Enlargement

- Cancellous enlargement antero-posteriorly
- Little or no bucco-lingual expansion → large, especially in angle and ramus of mandible

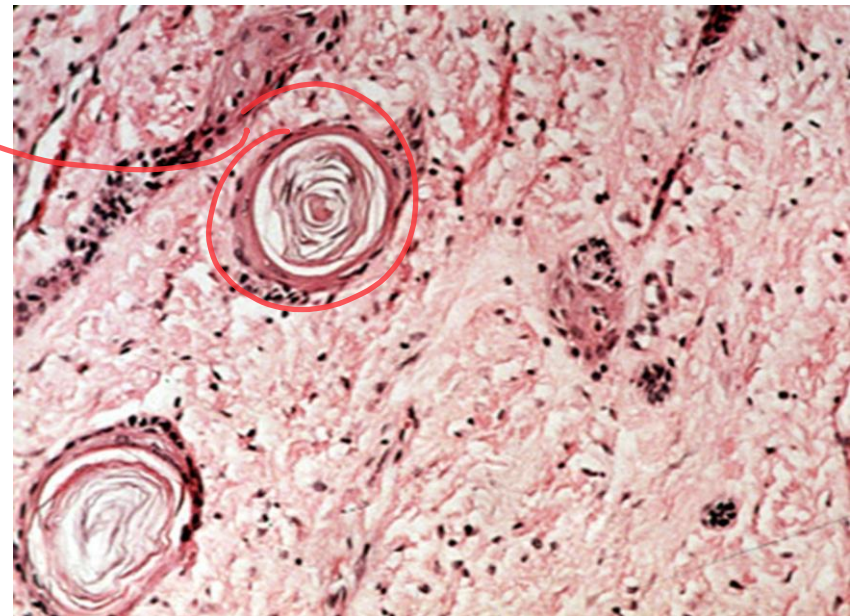


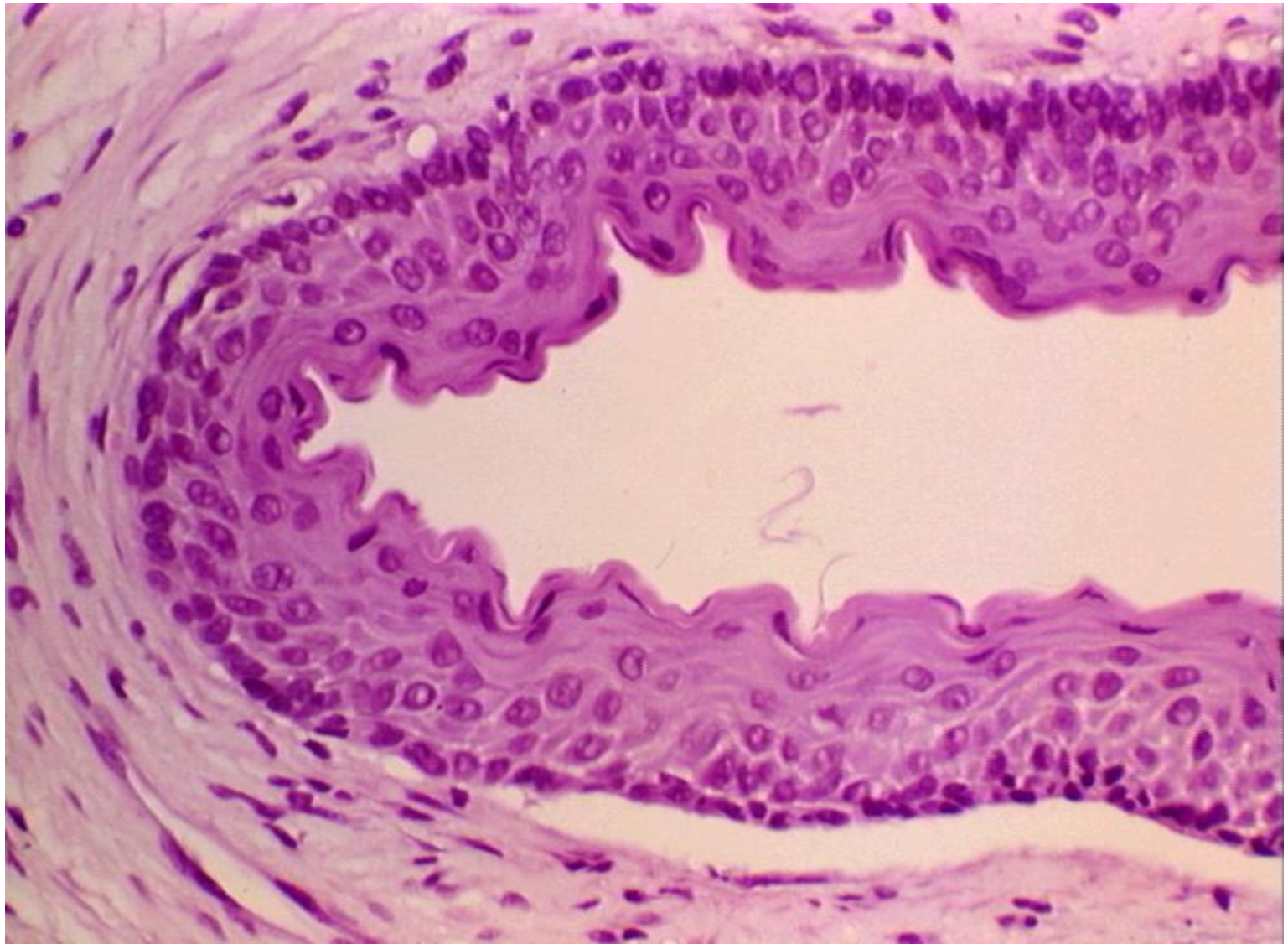
# RECURRENCE

- Up to 60%
- Size and infiltrative nature
- Tendency to multiplicity and satellite cysts
- Intrinsic growth potential
- Thin, friable capsule
- Genetic - multiple basal cell naevus syndrome (Gorlin-Goltz)

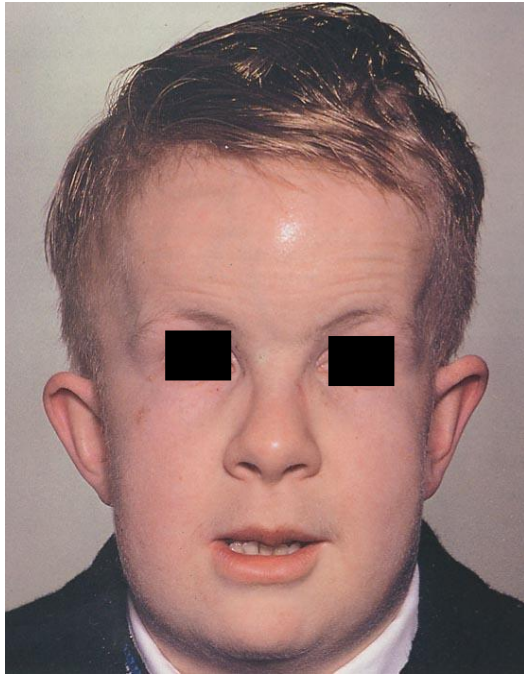


Satellite  
cyts





# GORLIN - GOLTZ SYNDROME



- Multiple keratocysts
- Multiple basal cell naevi  
→ carcinomas
- Skeletal abnormalities
  - bifid ribs
  - spine defects
- Frontal bossing and hypertelorism
- Calcification of the falx cerebri





# LATERAL PERIODONTAL CYST

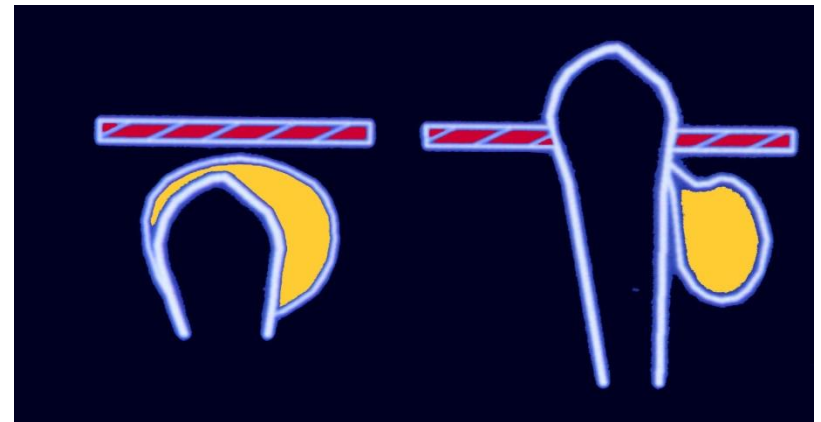
## CLINICAL FEATURES

- Canine/premolar area
- Rare < 20 years
- Adjacent teeth vital

*NB - Differential diagnosis*

## RADIOGRAPHY

- Well defined radiolucent area lateral to tooth



# LATERAL PERIODONTAL CYST



## RADIOGRAPHY

- Well defined radiolucent area lateral to tooth



# LATERAL PERIODONTAL CYST

thickening of epithelium

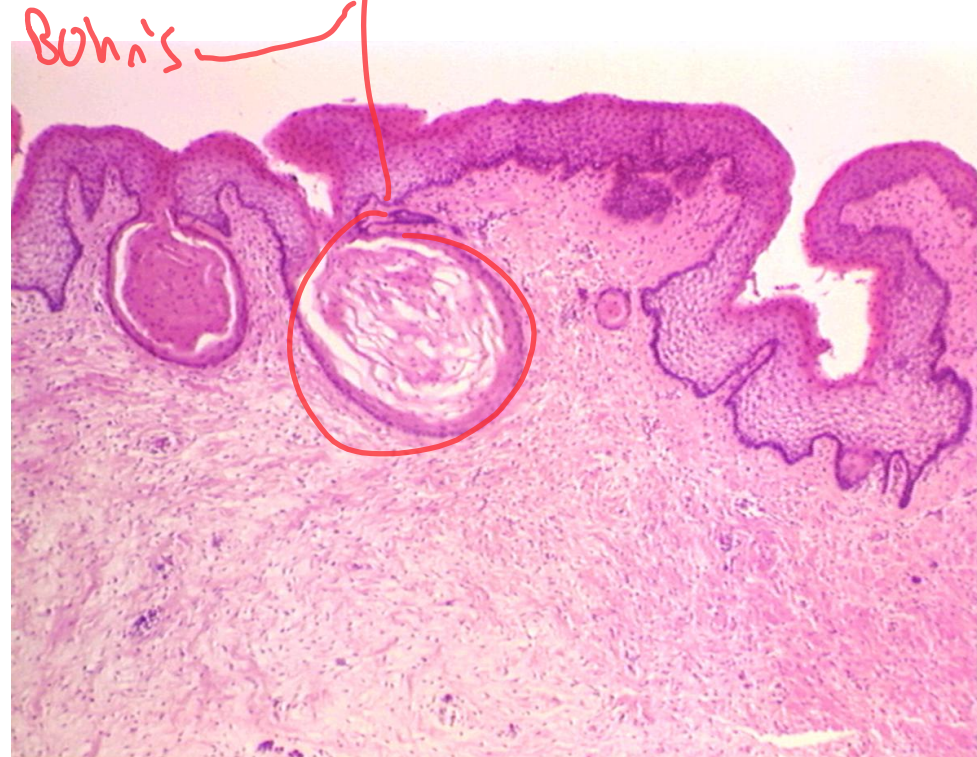
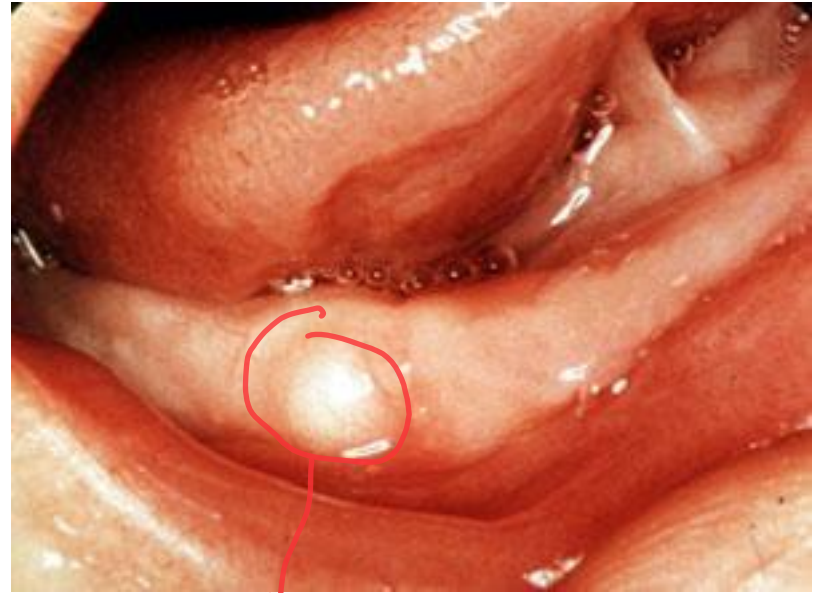


## HISTOPATHOLOGY

- Derived from reduced enamel epithelium or cell rests of Malassez
- NKSSE 2-6 cells thick
- Periodic thickening in luminal surface of epithelium

# GINGIVAL CYSTS INFANTS

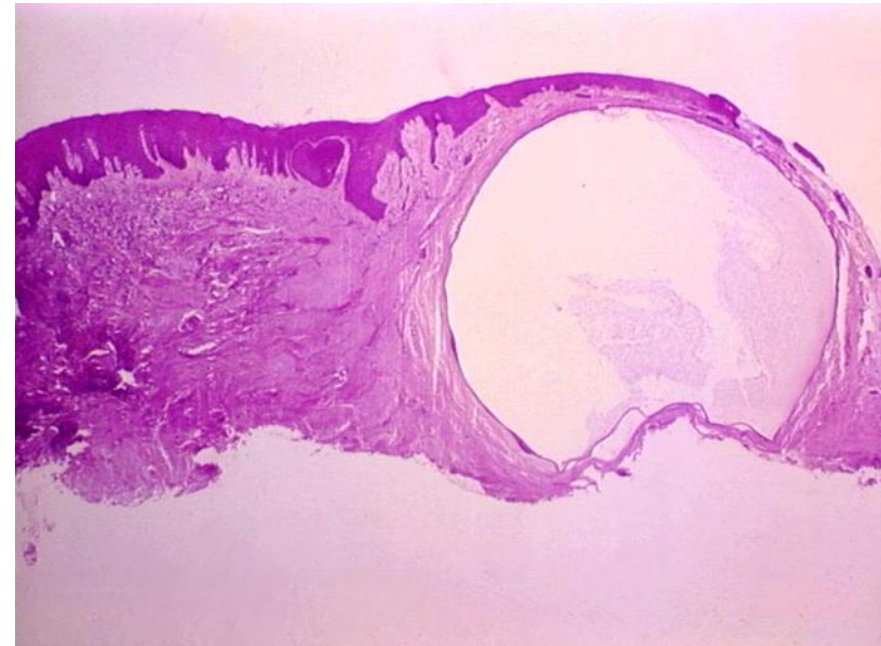
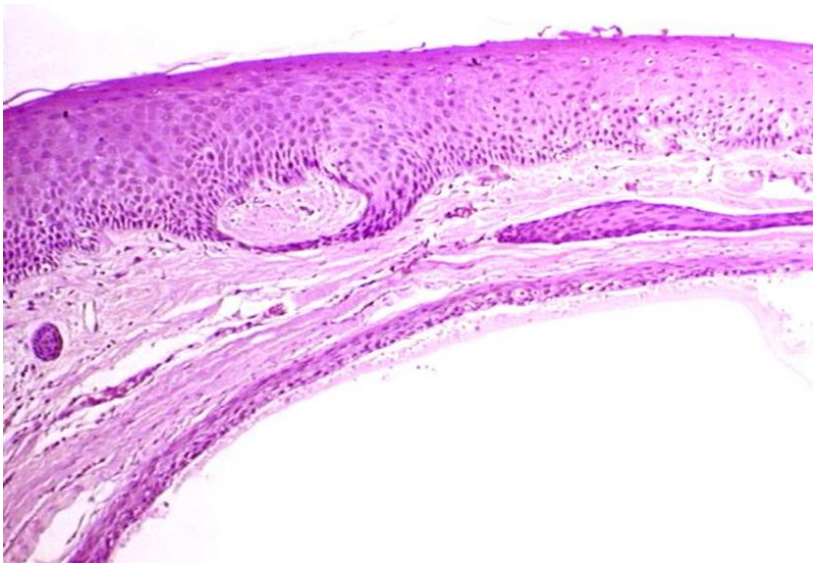
- Bohn's nodules, Epstein's pearls
- Common in newborns and up to 3 months
- Usually rupture or spontaneously involute
- 2-3 mm keratinising stratified squamous epithelium
- Arise from the cell rests of Serres



# GINGIVAL CYST ADULT



- Slow -growing, usually < 1 cm diameter
- Free or attached gingiva or interdental papilla
- Tooth vital
- Pathogenesis
  - odontogenic
  - implantation



# CLASSIFICATION

## Cysts of the jaws

EPITHELIAL CYSTS

NON-EPITHELIAL CYSTS  
(Primary Bone Cysts)

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Non-odontogenic

→ Inflammatory

→ Developmental

# NON-ODONTOGENIC DEVELOPMENTAL CYSTS

- Nasopalatine duct cyst
- Nasolabial (naso-alveolar) cyst

\*Median cysts ✗

\*Globulomaxillary cyst ✗

# NASO-PALATINE DUCT CYST



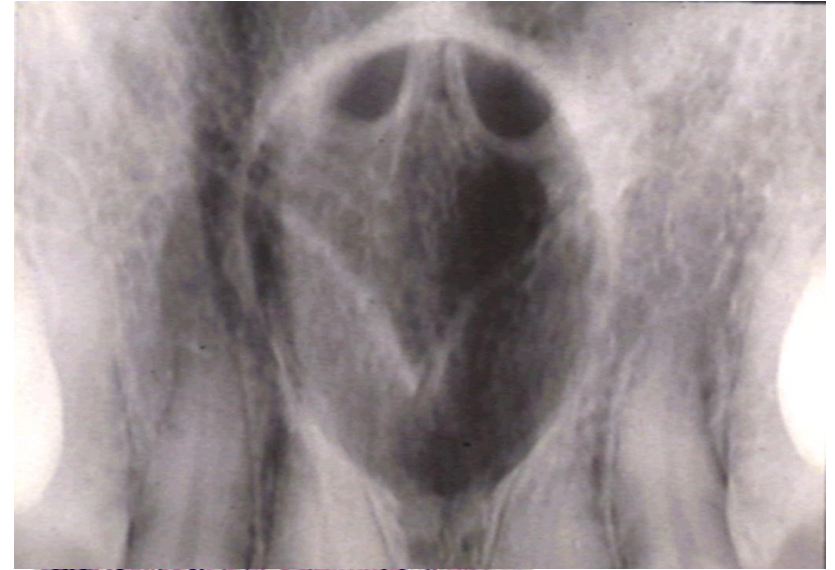
- Incisive canal cyst
- Remnants of nasopalatine duct
- M:F 4:1
- 30-60 years
- Swelling of midline of palate
- Pain and discharge
  - Mucoid and salty
- Vitality of anterior teeth



# NASO-PALATINE DUCT CYST

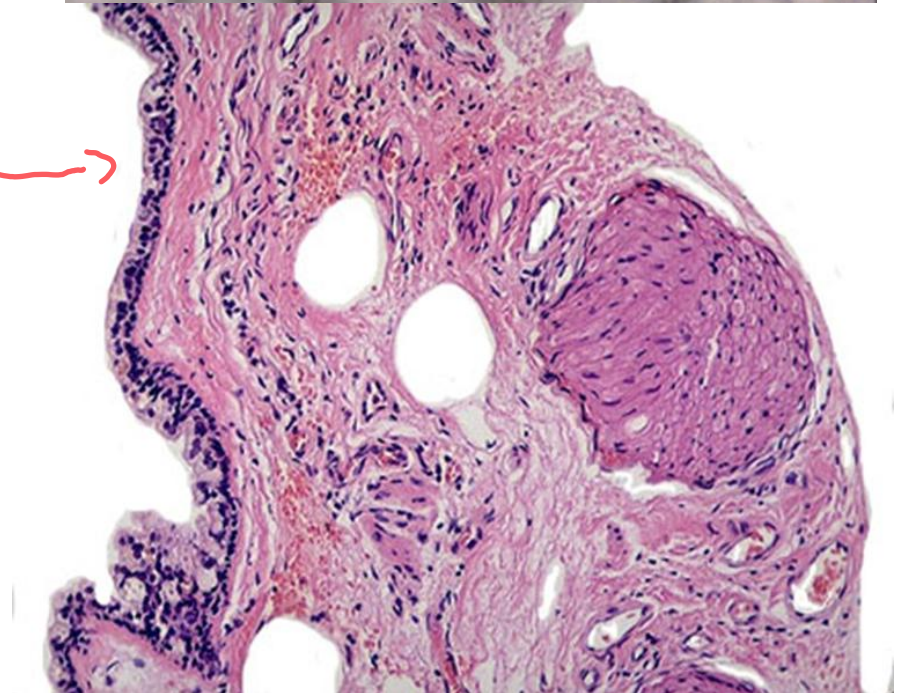
## RADIOLOGY

- Well defined radiolucency between roots of central incisors
- Roots may diverge
- Intact lamina dura

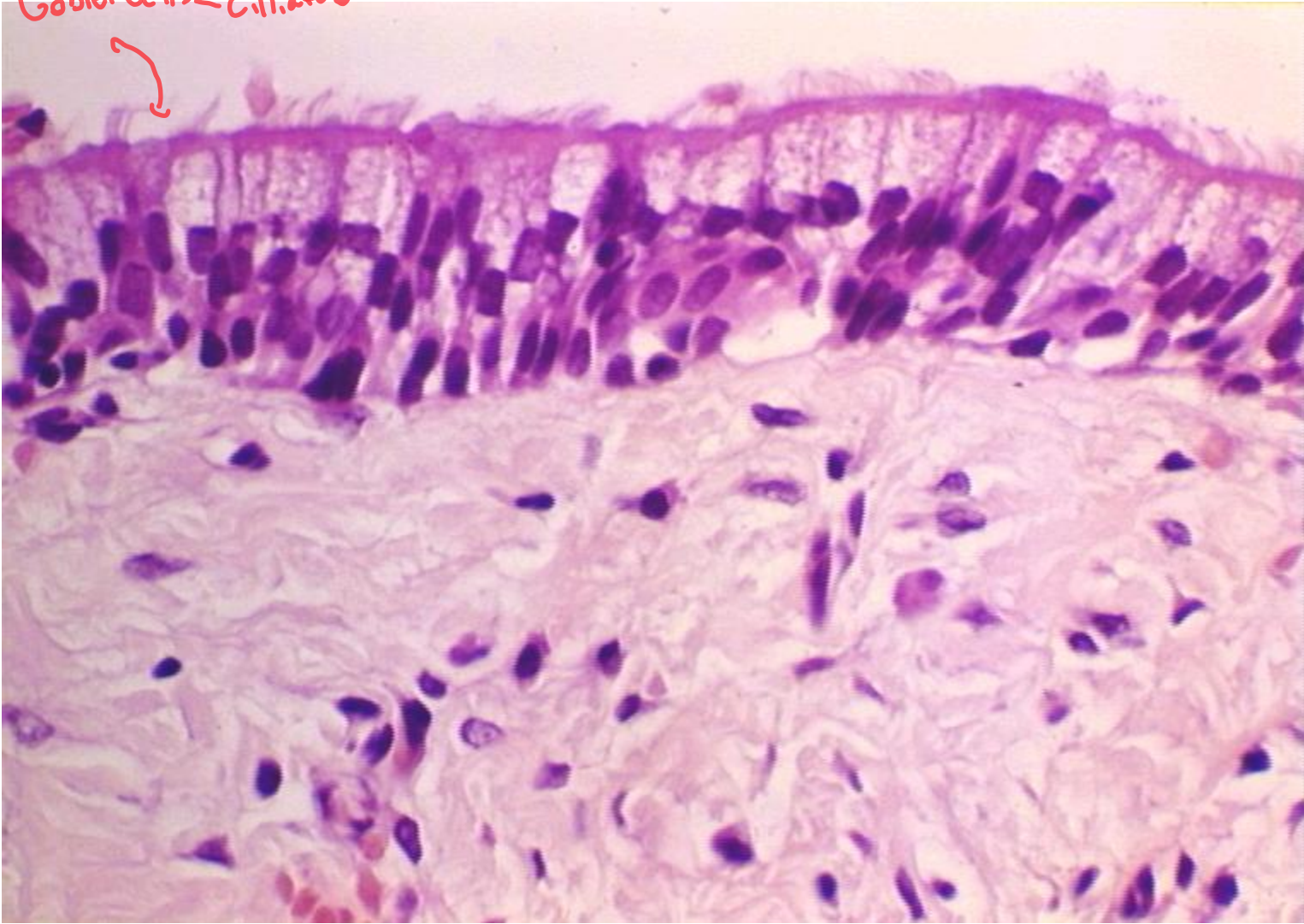


## HISTOPATHOLOGY

- ◆ Respiratory type epithelium
- ◆ Stratified squamous epithelium
- ◆ Blood vessels and nerves in wall



Goblet cells — nuclei  
Cilia



# NASOLABIAL CYST



- Swelling in nasolabial fold below alae and leading to loss of fold
- Sometimes bilateral
- Swelling, pain, difficulty in nasal breathing

## PATHOGENESIS

- epithelium enclosed at a site of 'fusion' of globular, lateral nasal and maxillary processes – unlikely
- remnants of embryonic nasolacrimal rod or duct

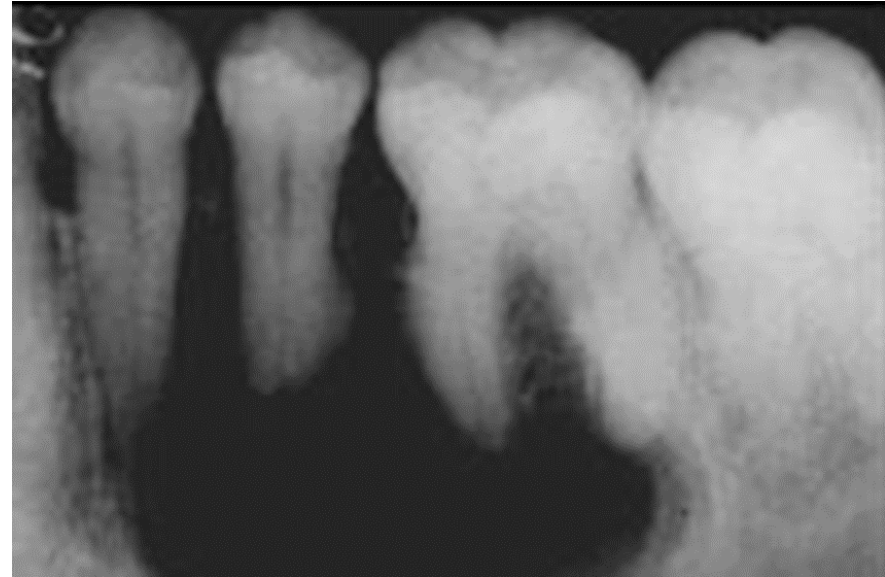
## HISTOPATHOLOGY

- Non-ciliated columnar, respiratory type or stratified squamous epithelium

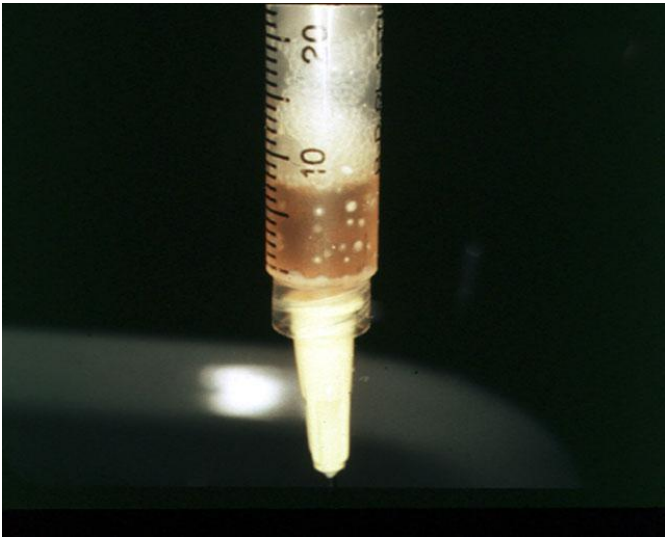


# SOLITARY BONE CYST

- Also called simple, haemorrhagic, traumatic bone cysts
- Rare
- Mandible, usually in second decade
- Radiolucent area extending between roots (scalloping), usually without expansion
- Resolves with minimal intervention

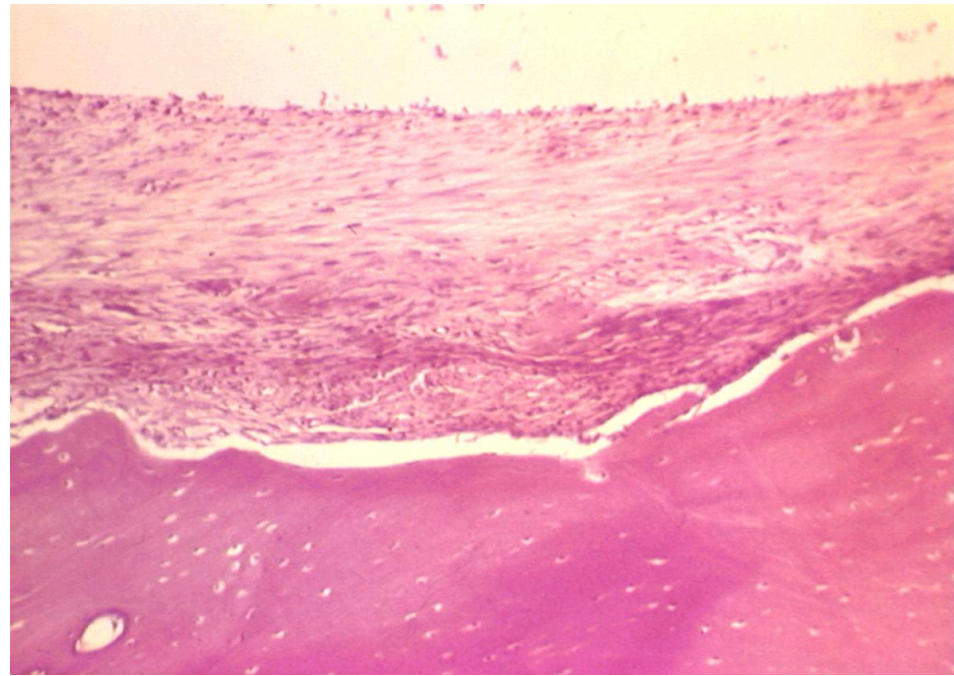


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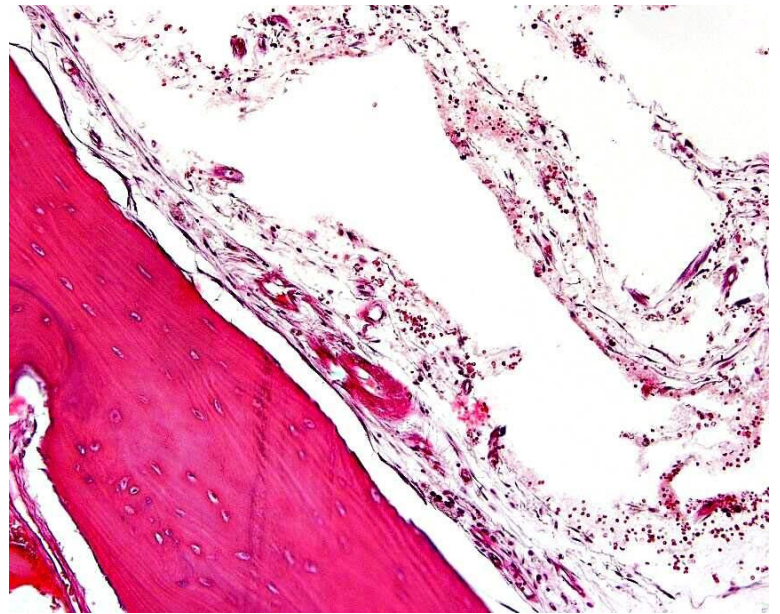
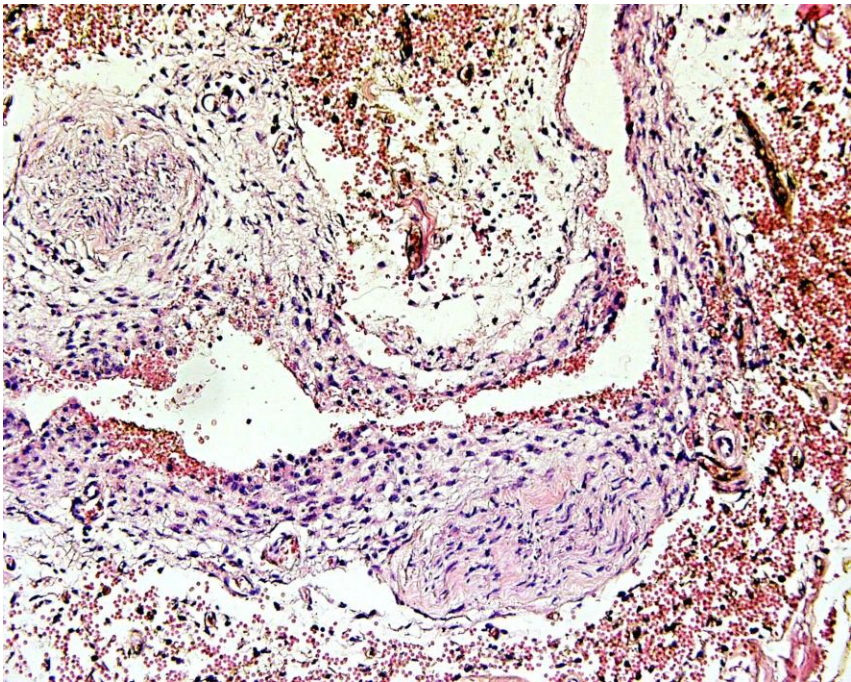
## HISTOPATHOLOGY

- No epithelium
- Vascular fibrous tissue in the cyst wall



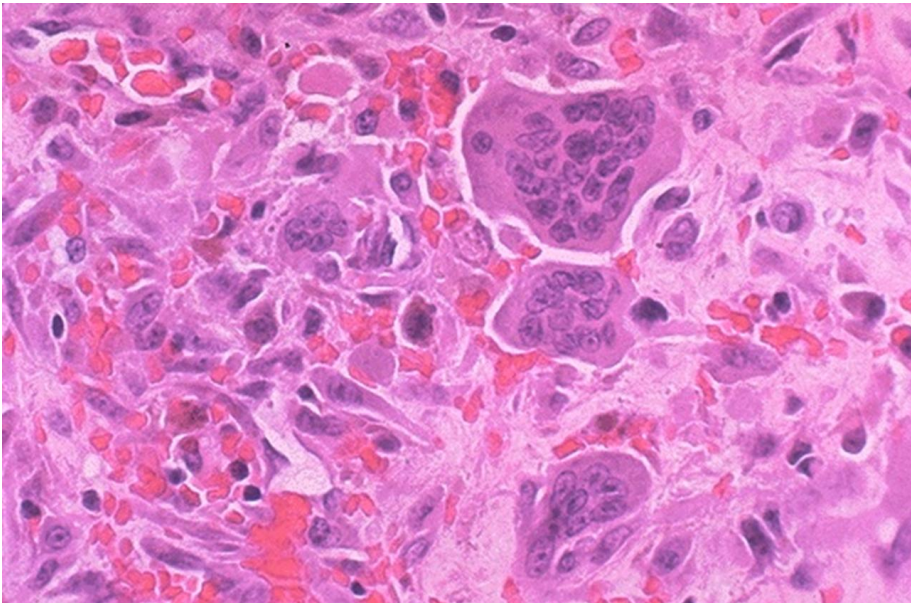
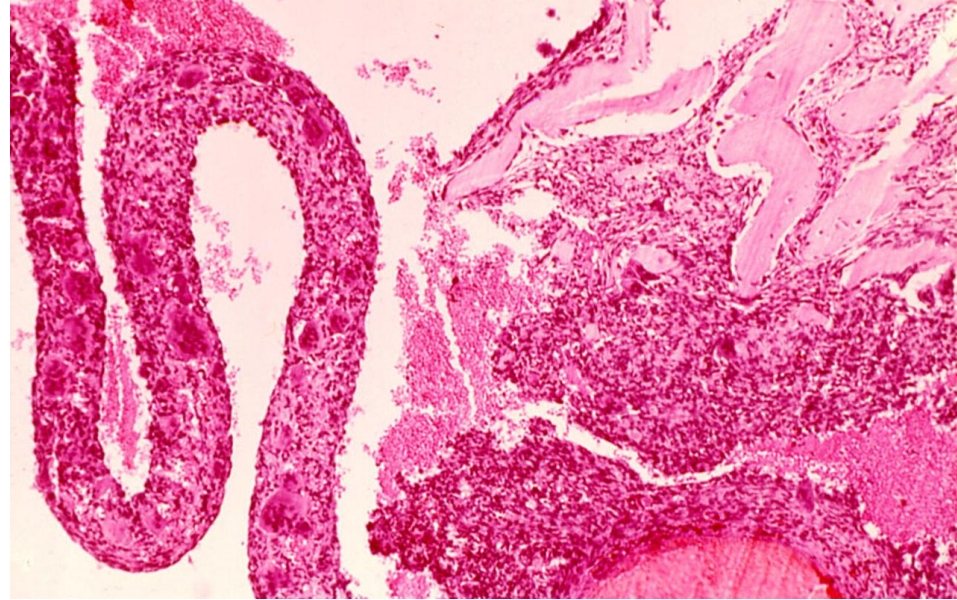


## Solitary Bone Cyst



# ANEURYSMAL BONE CYST

- Radiolucent area bulging into adjacent soft tissue
- Mostly in children and young adults
- Blood filled spaces - non endothelial lined
- Giant cells, haemorrhage, osteoid
- Giant cell lesion



# Questions

