

# Anatomy of the Head and Neck with Clinical Application

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## Goals of Comprehensive Dentistry

- Optimum oral health
- Anatomic harmony
- Functional harmony
  - TM joints
  - musculature
  - occlusion
- Orthopedic stability

### Chief concern

- bitemporal headache
- pain with jaw function
- sore teeth upon waking
- neck pain



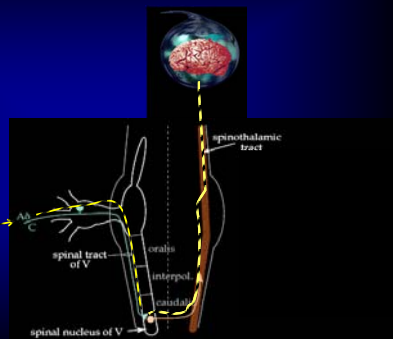
### Key Questions

- Should I treat this patient?
- What is/are the diagnosis(es)?
- How should I treat this patient?
- What factors are important in this case?

## The Puzzle



## Pain Pathways



What We See

# The Many Faces of Pain

What We Don't See/Know!!!

## Differential Diagnosis

The systematic consideration of the patient's signs and symptoms in order to distinguish one disease from another.



## Differential Diagnosis

- Teeth
- Paranasal sinuses
- Otic
- Joint
- Muscle
- Vascular
- Neurogenous



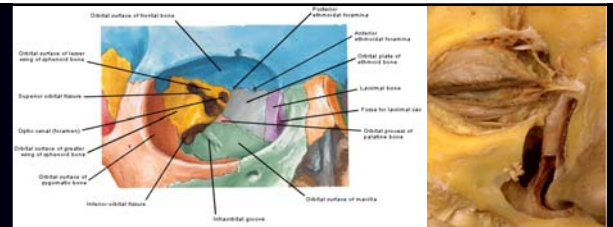
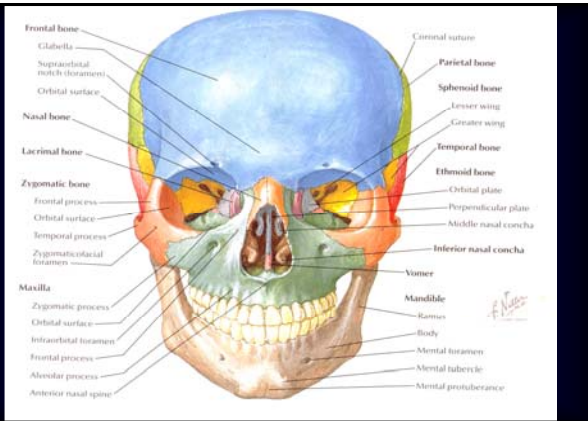
## DIAGNOSIS IS THE KEY!

Must Consider:

- anatomy
- physiology
- neurology
- psychology



## Osteology Anatomy of the Skull



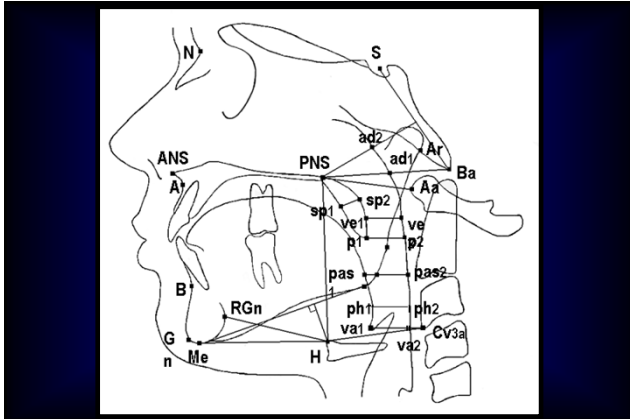
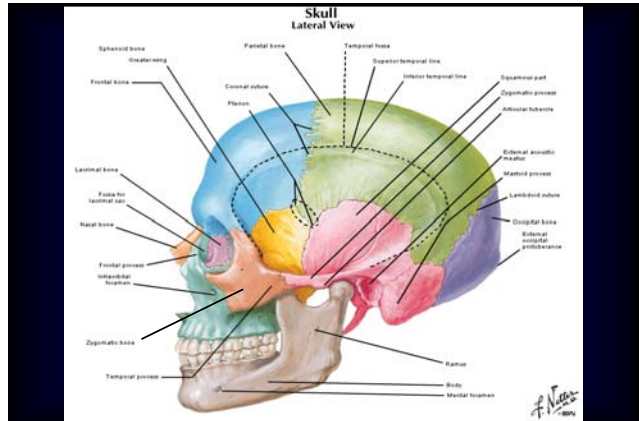
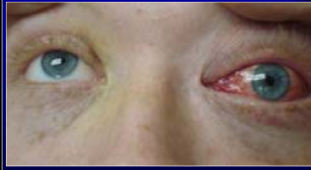
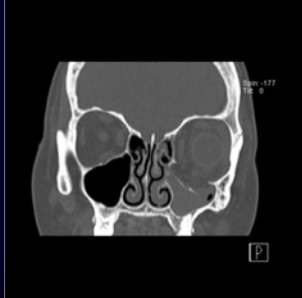
**Supraorbital foramen**- supraorbital nerve and vessels

**Optic canal**- optic nerve, ophthalmic artery

**Superior orbital fissure**- nasociliary, frontal, and lacrimal branches of V1, oculomotor nerve, trochlear nerve, abducens nerve, superior and inferior ophthalmic veins

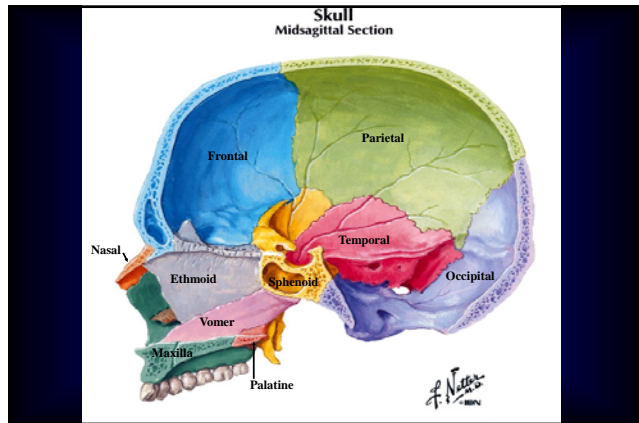
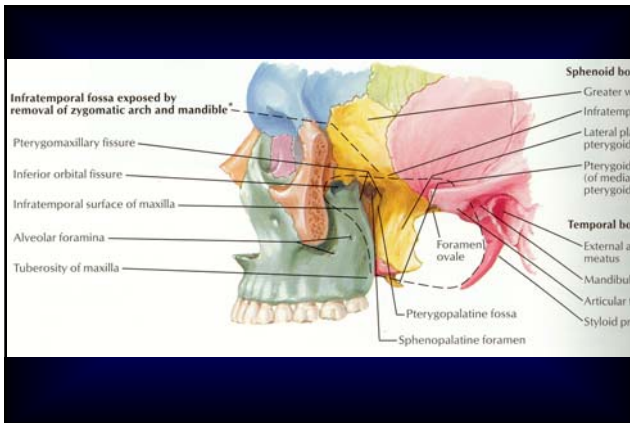
**Inferior orbital fissure**- V2, zygomatic nerve, infraorbital vessels

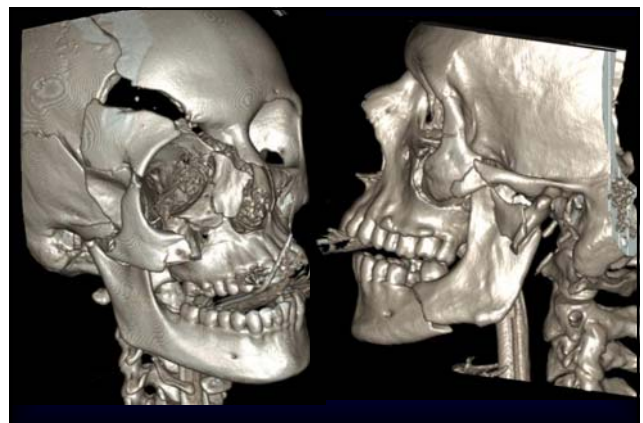
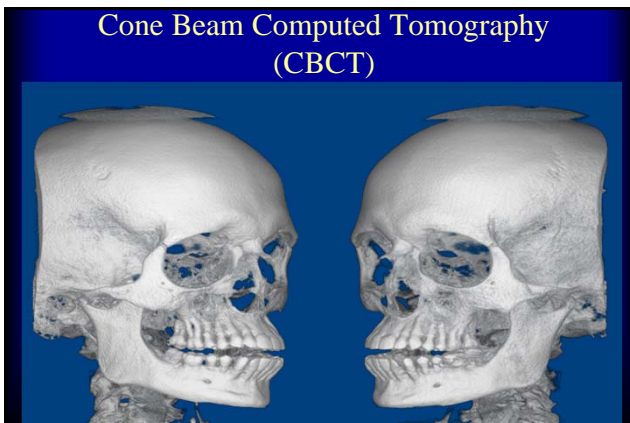
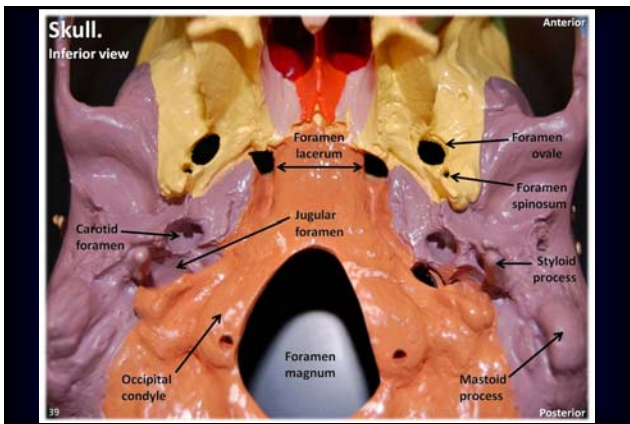
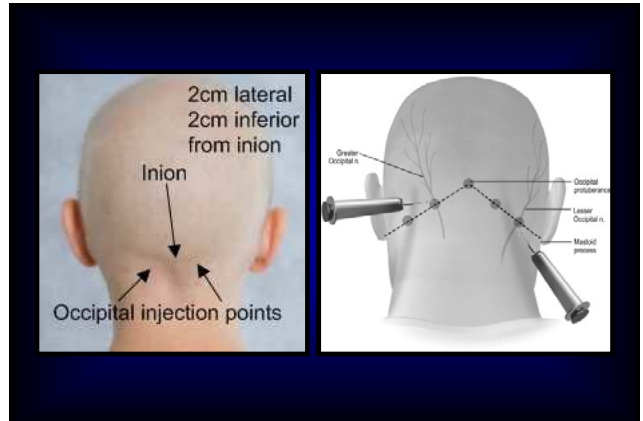
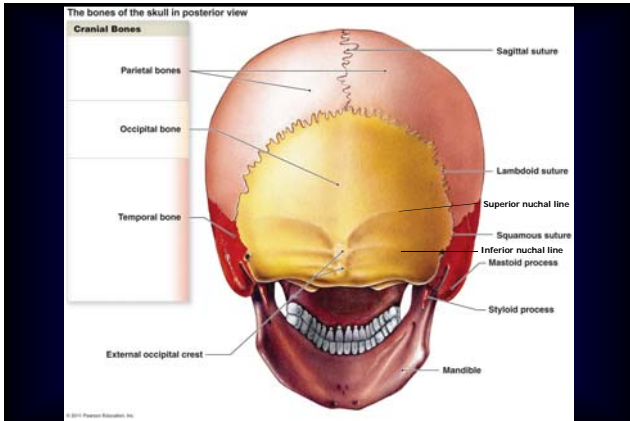
## Left Blowout Fx



Battle's sign, also called mastoid ecchymosis : consists of bruising over the mastoid process (just behind the auricle), as a result of extravasation of blood along the path of the posterior auricular artery.

It is an indication of fracture of the base of the posterior portion of the skull, and may suggest underlying brain trauma

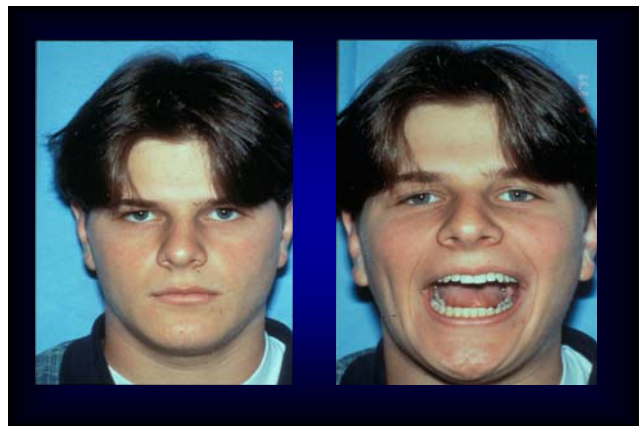
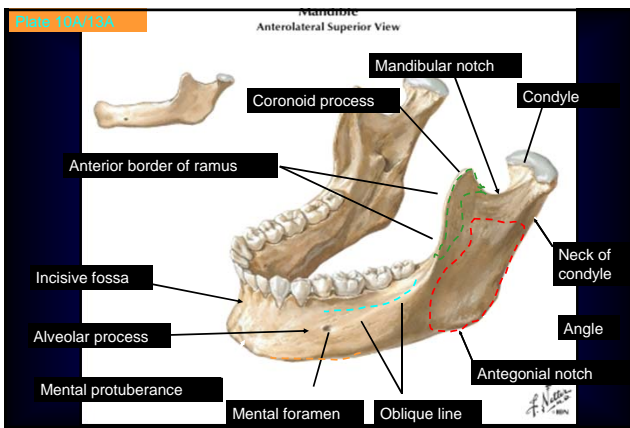




### LeFort I,II,III Fractures

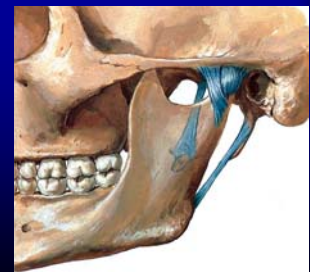


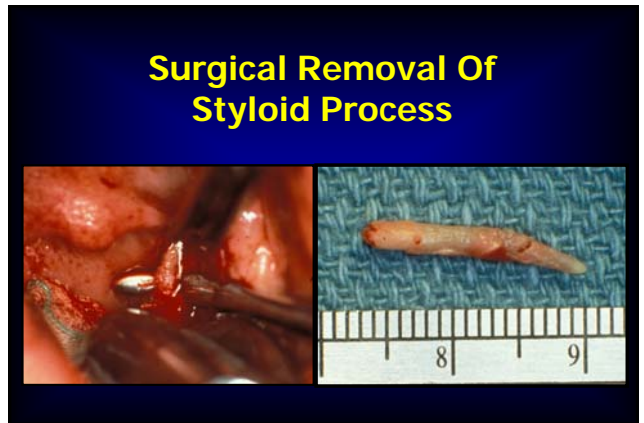
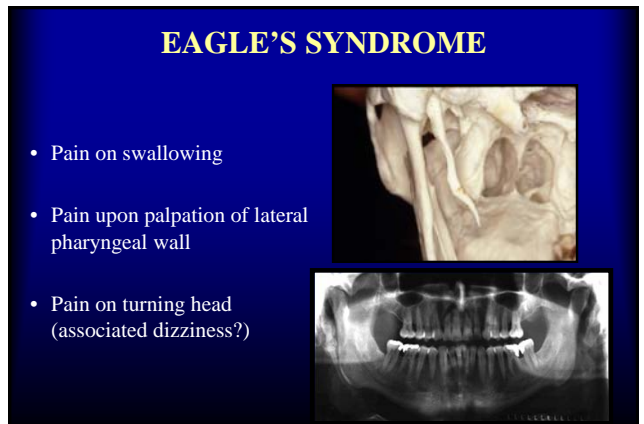
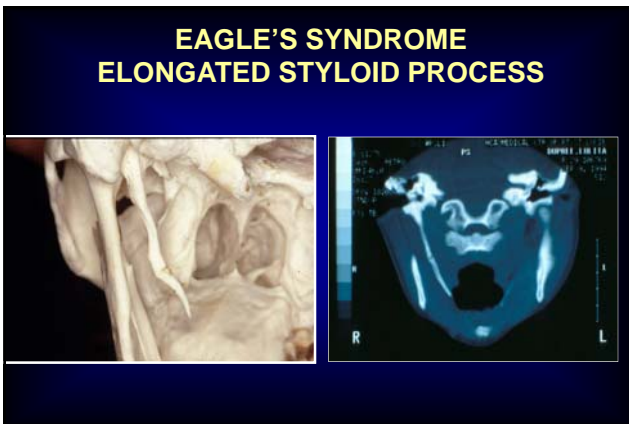
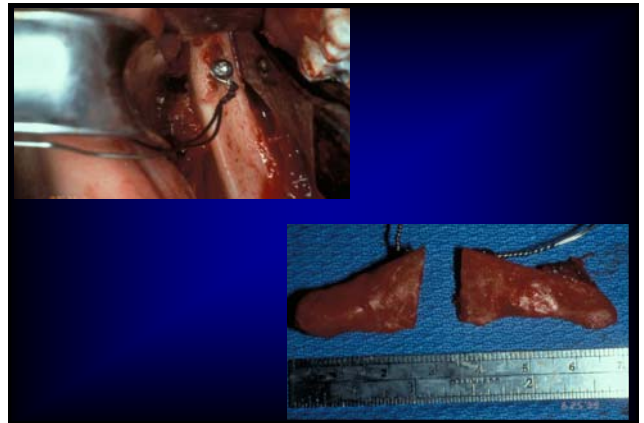
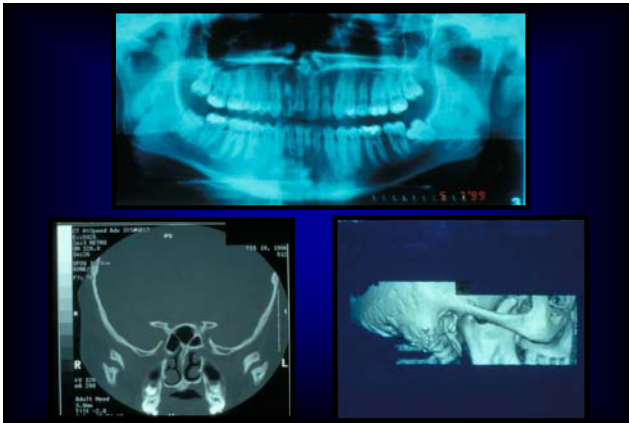
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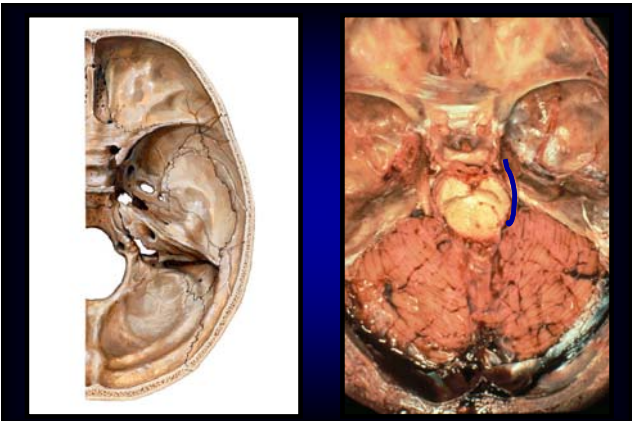
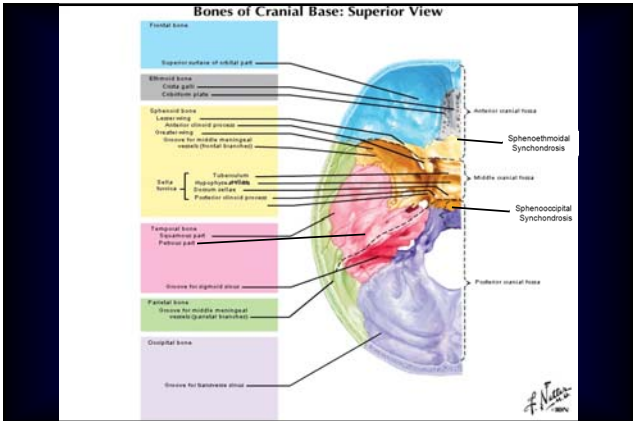


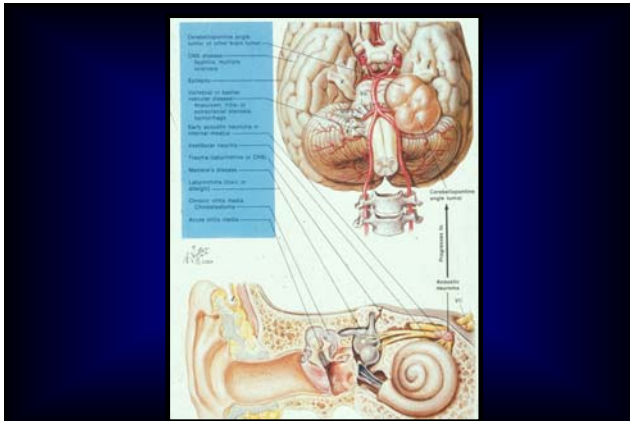
### CORONOID HYPERTROPHY

- Limited range of motion (gradually developing)
- May be painless
- Most common in adolescent males





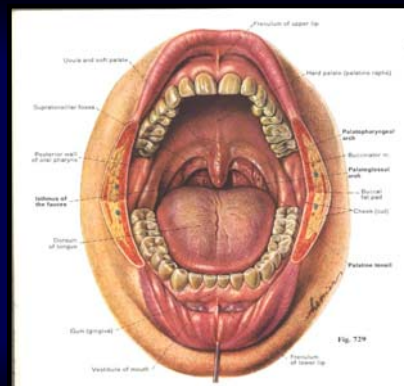




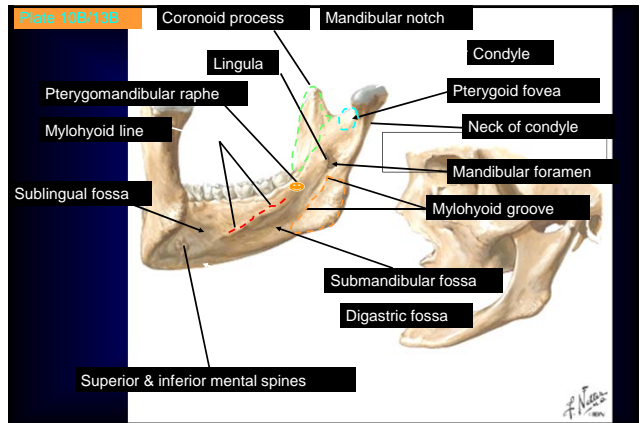
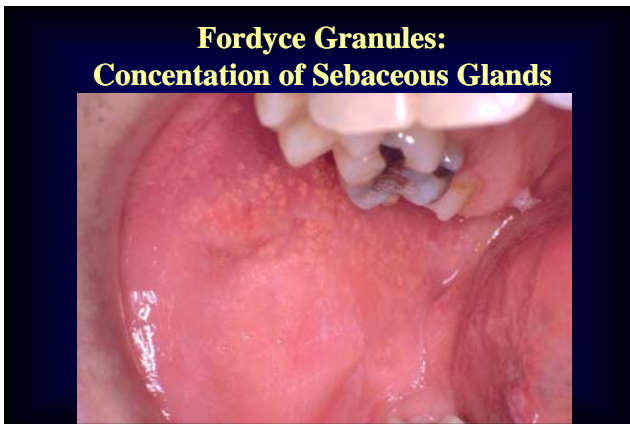
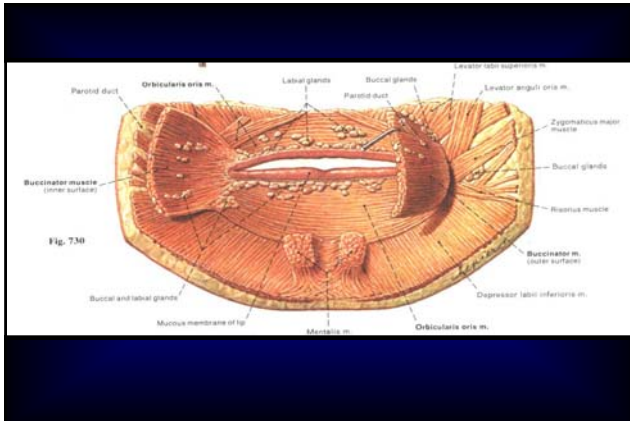
## SYMPTOMS & SIGNS OF ORGANIC DISEASE

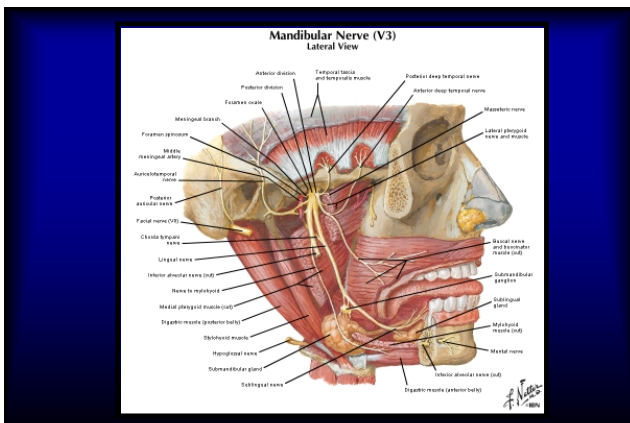
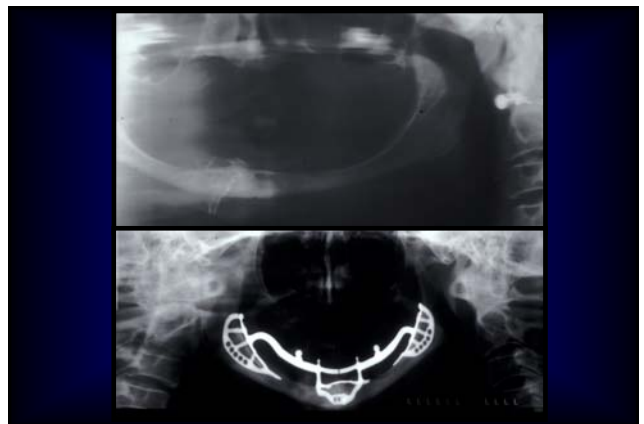
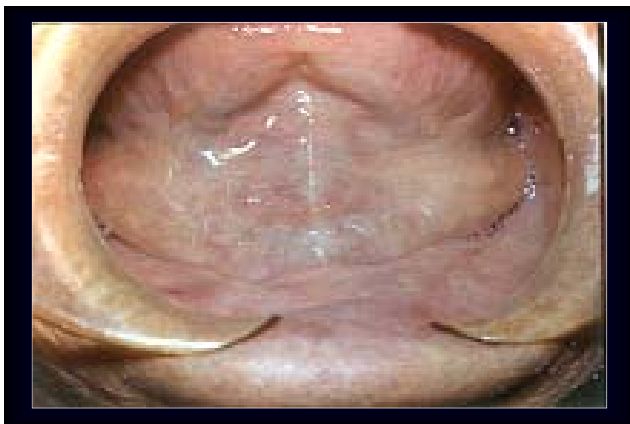
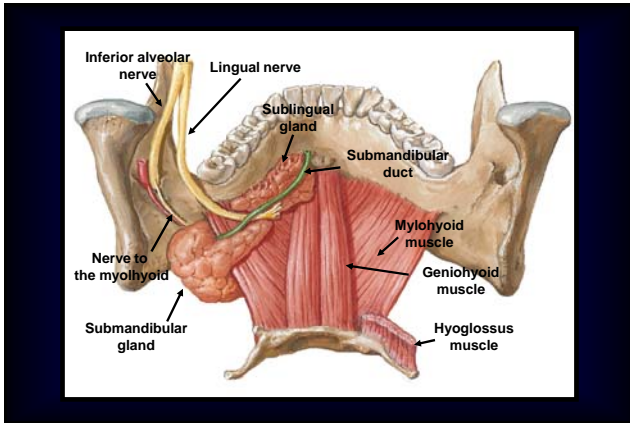
- 👁 Sudden onset of headache
- 👁 Meningeal irritation (“stiff neck”)
- 👁 Altered consciousness or cognition
- 👁 Papilledema or hemorrhage of the ocular fundus
- 👁 Pupils equal and/or poorly reactive
- 👁 Visual loss

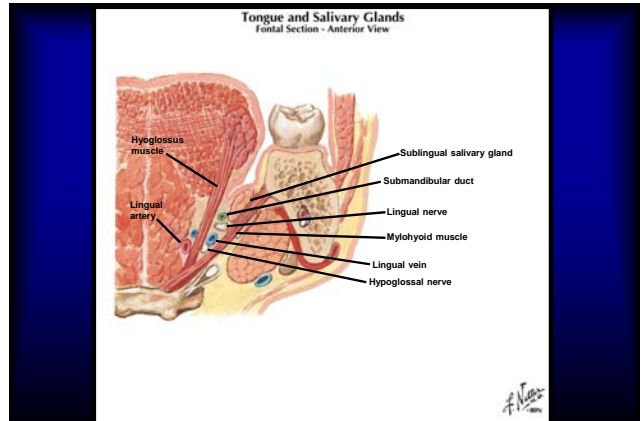
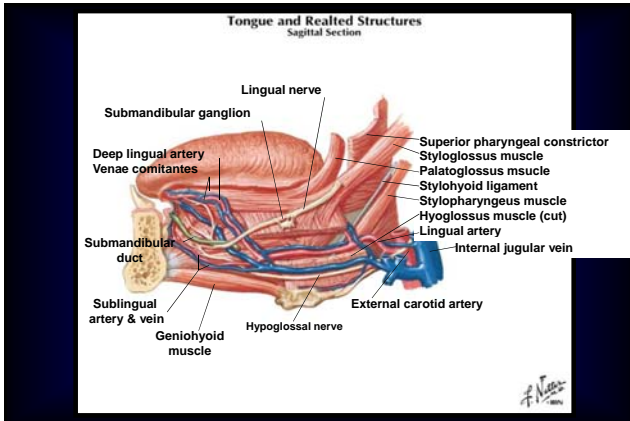
## ANATOMY OF THE ORAL CAVITY and FLOOR of MOUTH





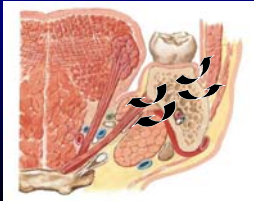



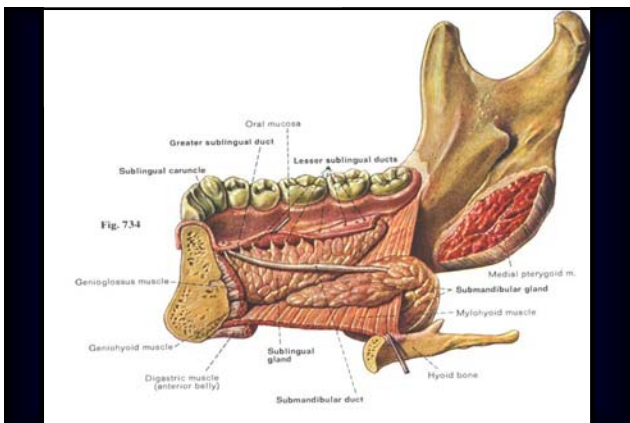




### Sublingual Space

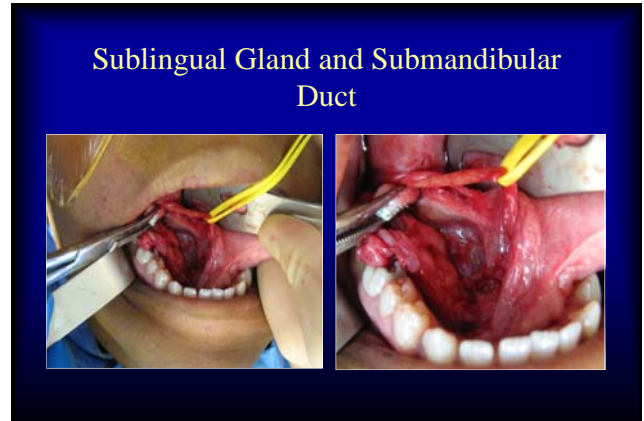
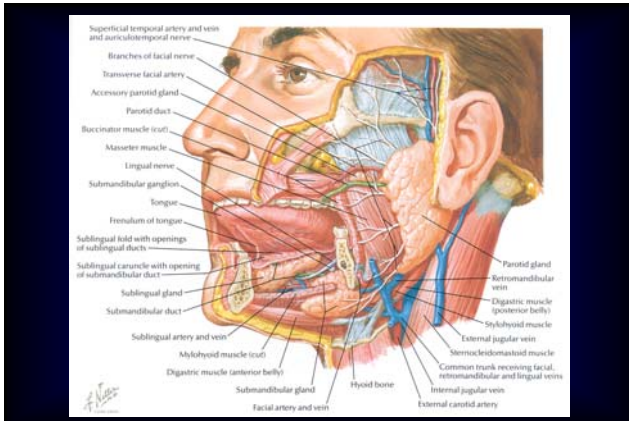
- Bounded by oral mucosa superiorly, mylohyoid inferiorly mandible laterally, and intrinsic tongue muscles medially.
- FOM swelling
- Classic symptom dysphagia
- Communicates with submandibular space

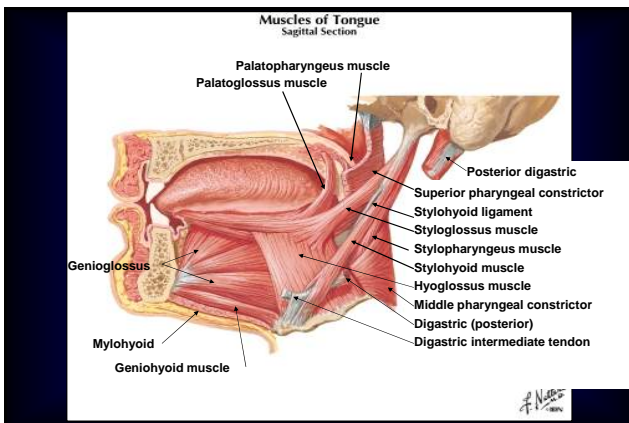


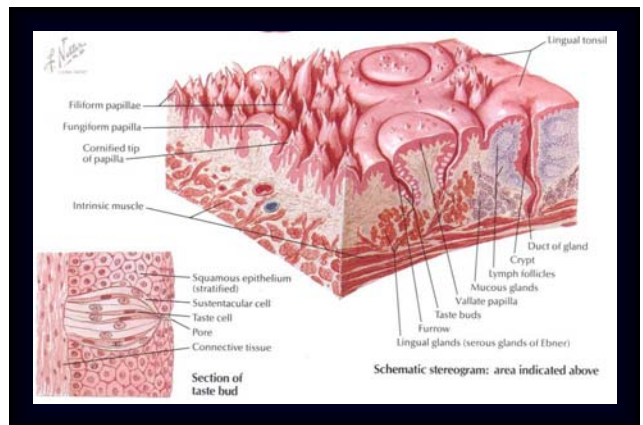
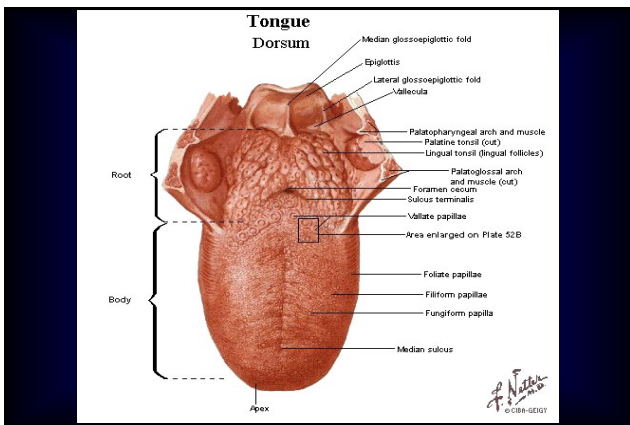
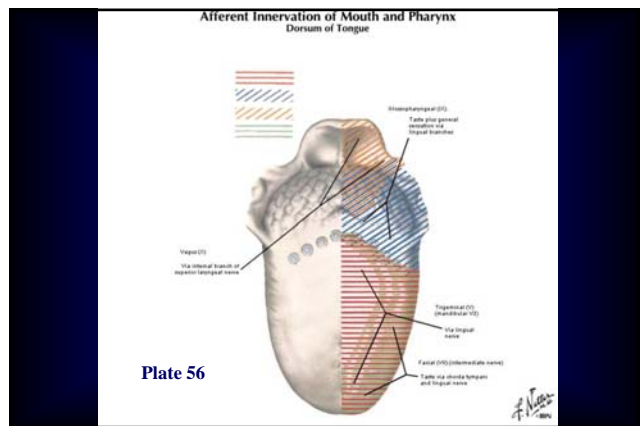
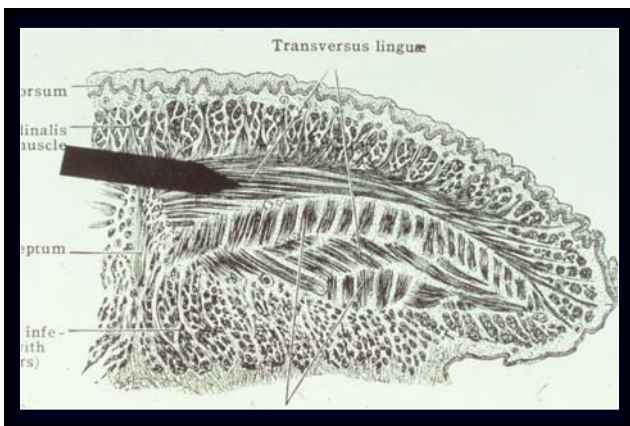
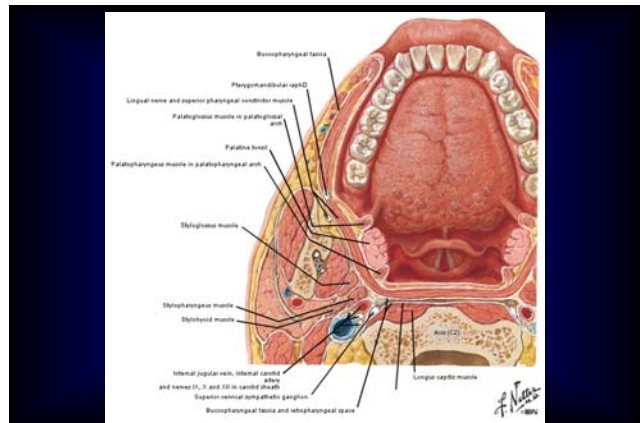
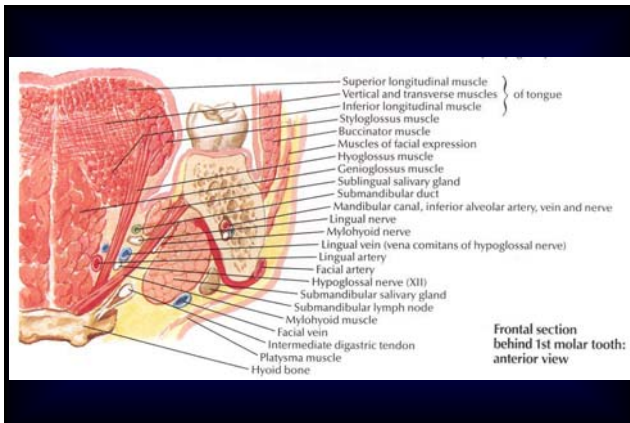
### Ranula

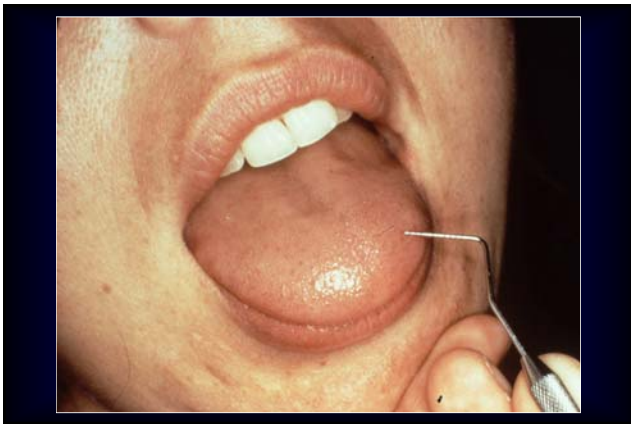
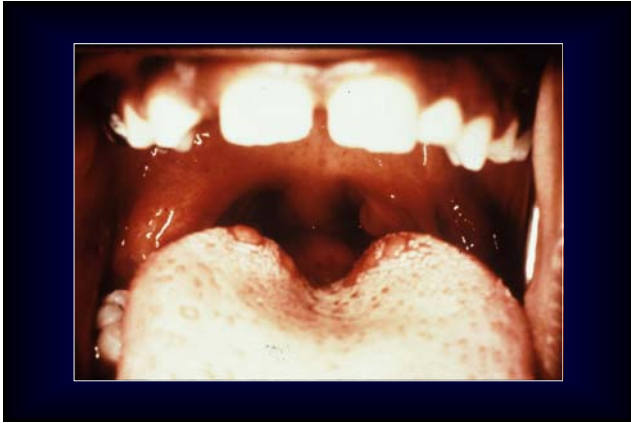


- ### Obstructions
- Mucous plug
  - Stones
    - hydroxyapatite
    - trace magnesium carbonate
    - trace ammonia
    - organic matrix (amino acids / carbohydrates)







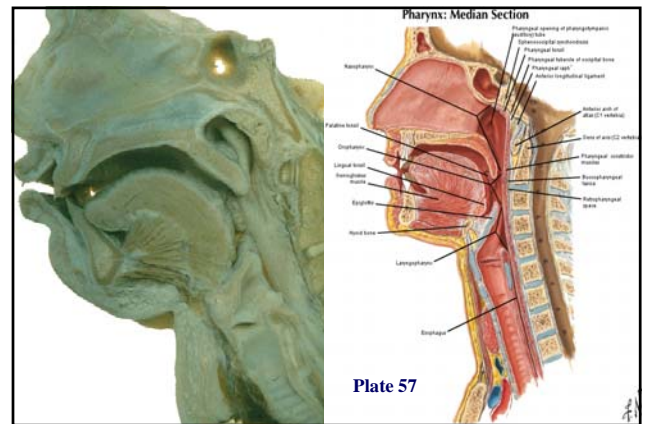
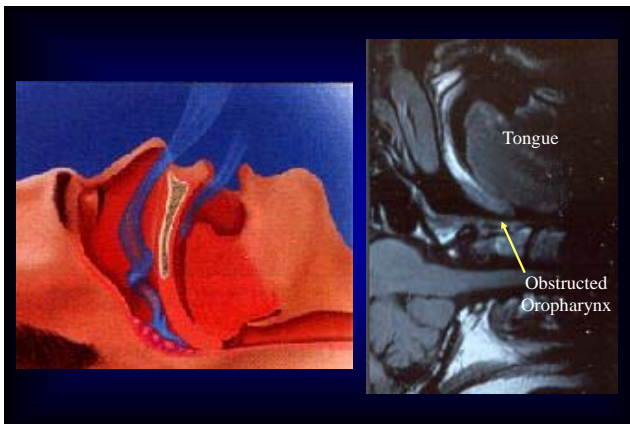
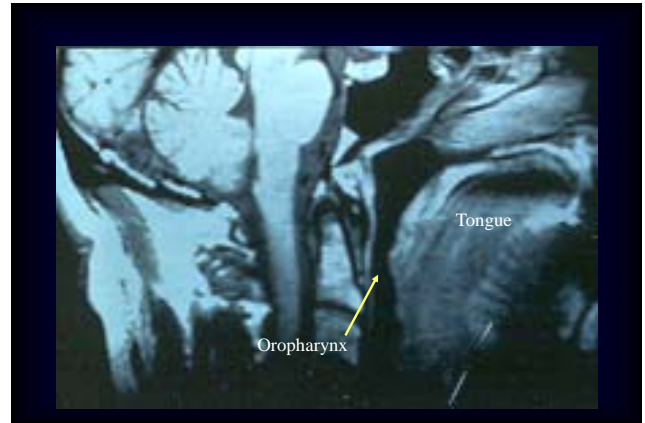
**Ectopic Thyroid  
Foramen Cecum Relationship**

Two side-by-side clinical photographs showing the relationship between an ectopic thyroid gland and the foramen cecum. The left image shows a reddish, lobulated mass (ectopic thyroid) near the foramen cecum. The right image shows a similar view from a different angle, highlighting the relationship between the mass and the foramen cecum.

**Thyroglossal Duct Cyst**

A clinical photograph of a patient's neck. A large, lobulated, reddish mass is visible in the midline of the neck, likely a thyroglossal duct cyst. The mass is surrounded by normal skin and soft tissue.





All of the muscles of the pharynx supplied by the pharyngeal plexus except *stylopharyngeus* which is supplied by a muscular branch of the glossopharyngeal nerve.

**Pharyngeal plexus**

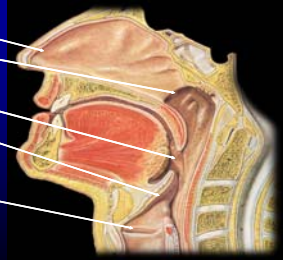
Formed by the pharyngeal branches of the glossopharyngeal and vagus nerves

- glossopharyngeal branch is afferent (sensory) only
- vagal component is motor to pharynx and palate and sensory to the same areas



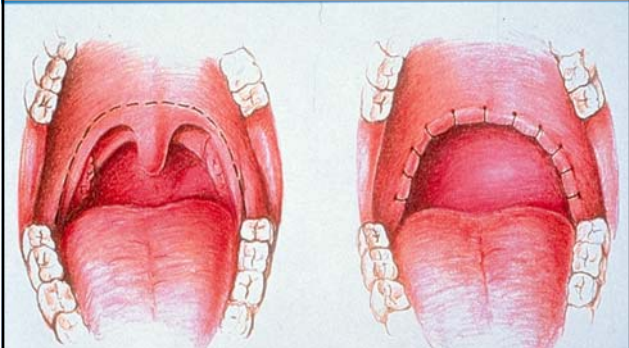
## Components of the Upper Airway

- Nose
- Nasopharynx
- Oropharynx
- Laryngopharynx
- Larynx



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## Uvulopalatalpharyngoplasty (UPPP)



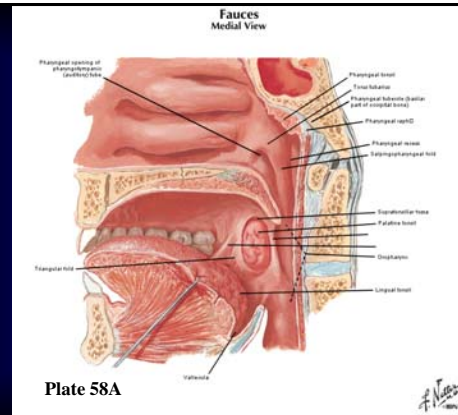
## Laser-assisted UPPP

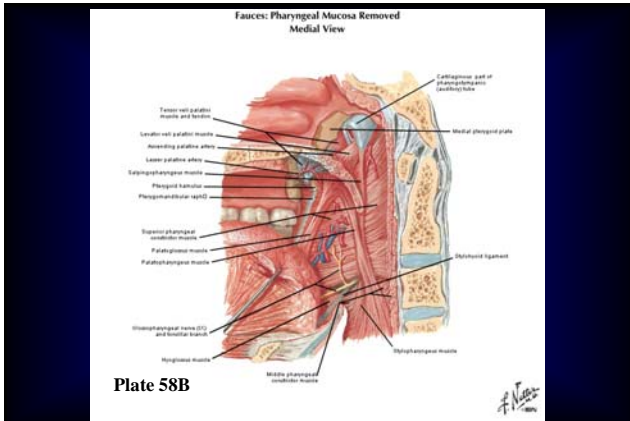


## SLEEP-RELATED BREATHING DISTURBANCES



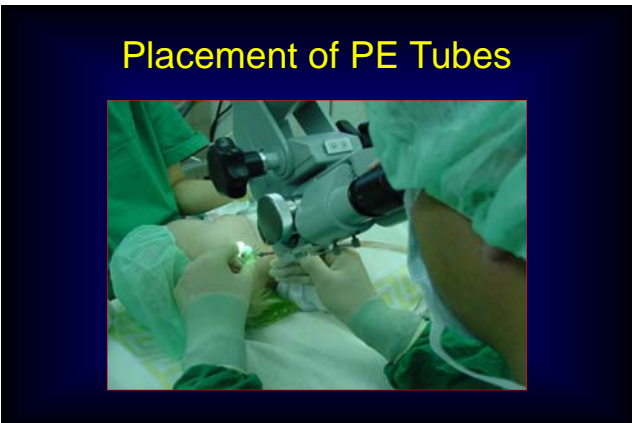
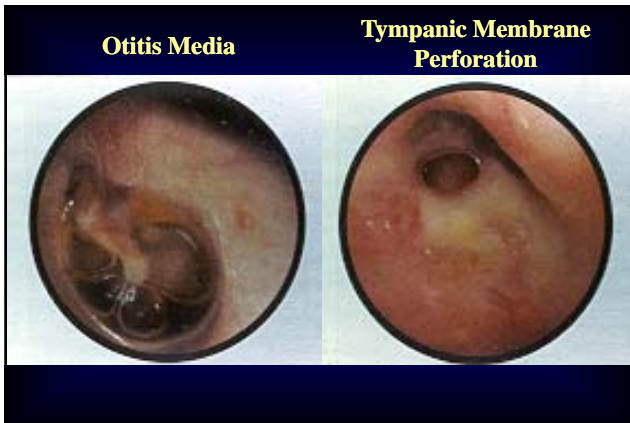
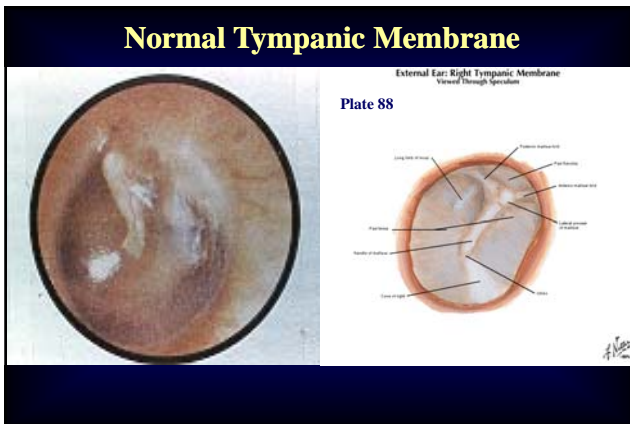
Enlarged & Inflamed Tonsils





## Ear Pain ( Otagia )


- Acute Otitis Externa
- Acute Otitis Media
  - Severe ear pain often
  - Fluid/pressure behind the TM
  - Most common in children
  - Treatment
    - Antibiotics
    - Myringotomy ( ear tubes )






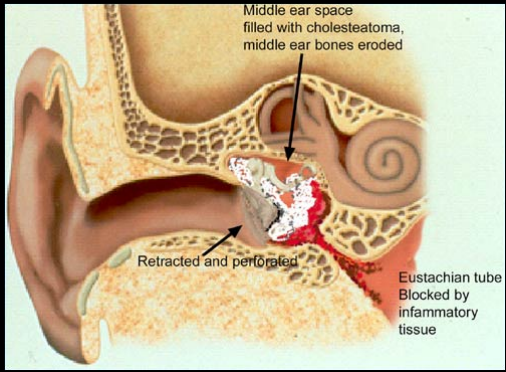
## Eustachian tube dysfunction

- Normal function
  - Dilatation
  - Primarily involves the tensor veli palatini
  - Swallowing causes momentary eustachian tube dilatation which equalizes pressure
  - Secundarily involves
    - Levator veli palatini
    - Salpingopharyngeus
    - Superior constrictor



## Eustachian tube dysfunction

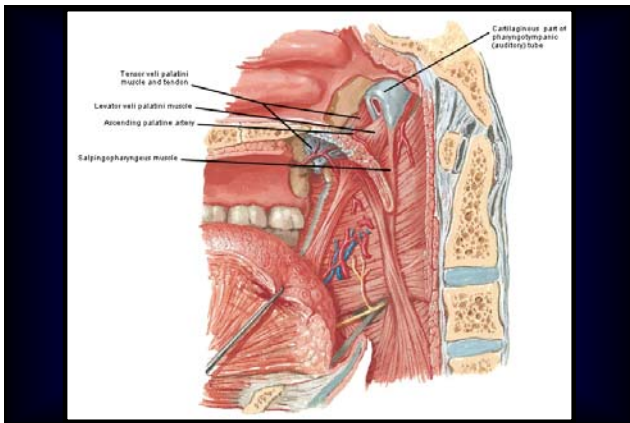
- Acute obstruction may cause ear pain or sense of stuffiness in ear
- URI, Post nasal drainage, Inflammation-ET blocked
- Vacuum in middle ear-retraction of TM
- More common in children-Et shorter/more horizontal

Middle ear space filled with cholesteatoma, middle ear bones eroded


Retracted and perforated

Eustachian tube Blocked by inflammatory tissue



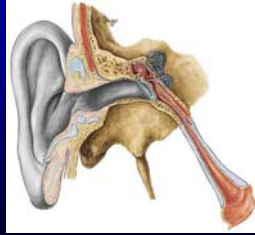
## Tinnitus: Differential Diagnosis

- Noise-induced
- Metabolic disease
- Endocrine disease
- Autoimmune disorders
- Structural abnormalities
- Medication-induced
- Occluso-muscle

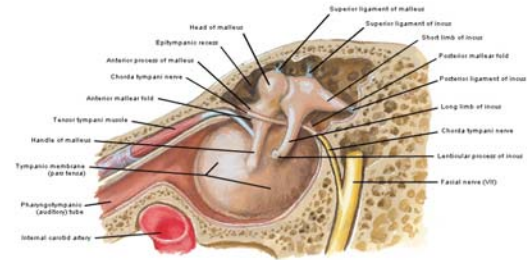


## Ear Symptoms and TMJ

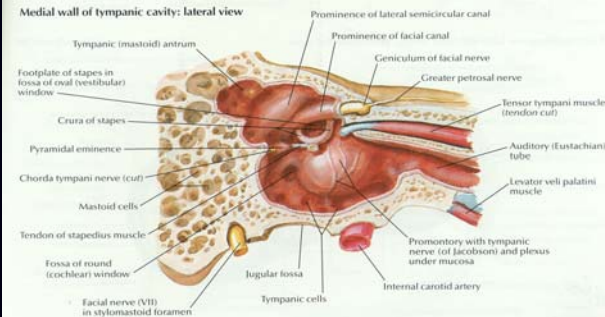
- Ear pain (Otalgia)
- Hearing changes- stuffiness most likely related to ET dysfunction.
- Tinnitus (ringing in ear)
- Dizziness



## Tympanic Cavity - Lateral Wall Medial View



## Medial wall of tympanic cavity: lateral view



## Tonic Tensor Tympani Phenomenon

- Hypertonia of medial pterygoid produces a concomitant reflex hypertonia of the tensor tympani muscle
- Tonic tensor tympani cannot initiate the reflex that increases the tonus of the tensor veli palatini muscle
- Failure of the eustachian tube to open during deglutition

## Otomandibular Syndrome

**1 or more of the following without pathology in ENT exam plus 1 or more muscles symptomatic**

- Pain / fullness in and around ear
- Hearing loss
- Tinnitus
- Loss of equilibrium

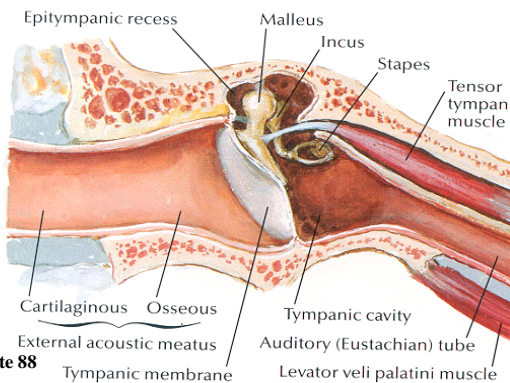
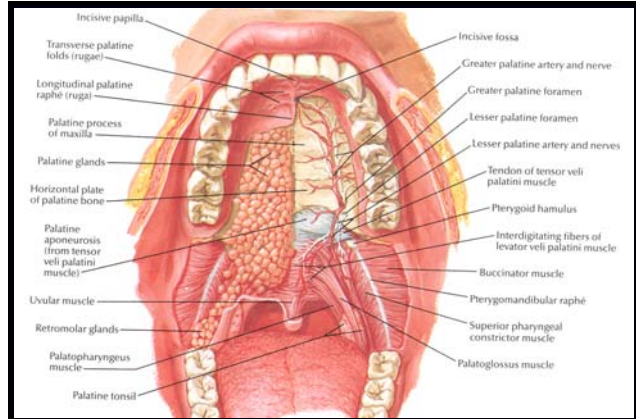
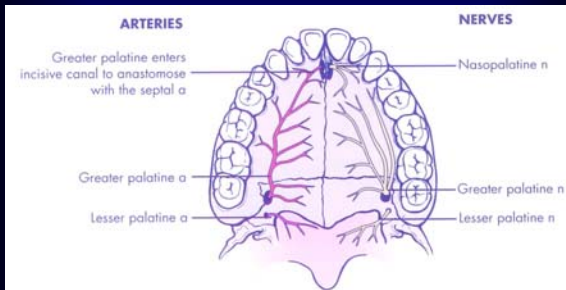


Plate 88

# PALATE



## Blood and Nerve Supply to Palate



## Pharyngeal Region



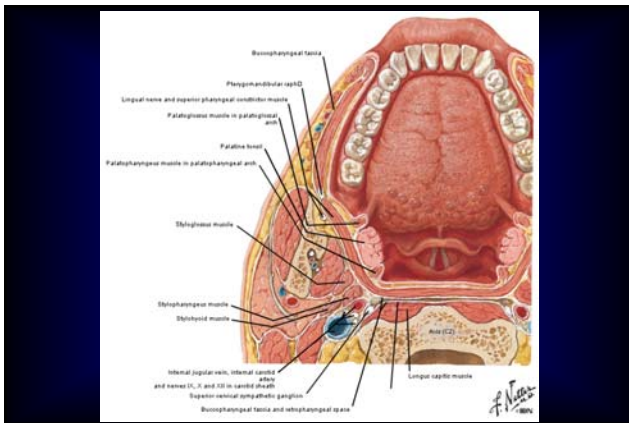
## Tonsils

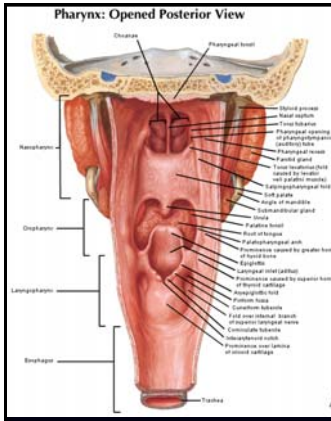
- small masses of lymphatic tissue (specialized lymph nodes)
- prevent infection in the body at areas where bacteria is abundant

There are five tonsils:

- a pair on either side of the inner wall of the throat (palatine tonsils)
- one near the rear opening of the nasal cavity (pharyngeal tonsil)
- a pair near the base of the tongue (lingual tonsils)

This "ring" around the throat helps trap and remove any bacteria or other foreign pathogens entering the throat through breathing, eating, or drinking.





**Pharyngeal tonsil**  
Lymphoid tissue (adenoids) distributed within the back wall of the nasopharynx

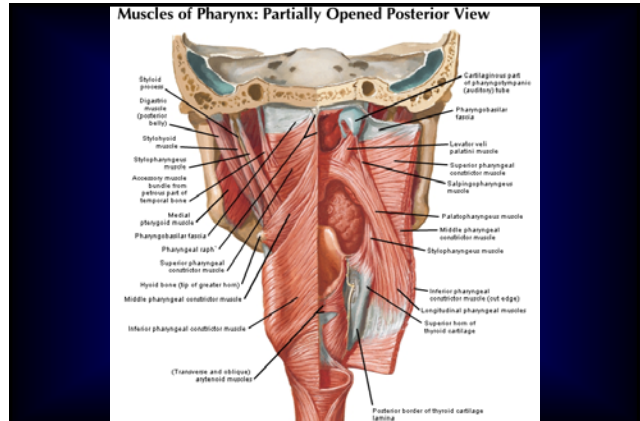
**Choanae**  
Openings of nasal cavity into pharynx

**Pharyngeal opening of auditory tube**

**Nasal Septum**

**Palatine tonsils**  
Lymphoid tissue, helps protect against infection

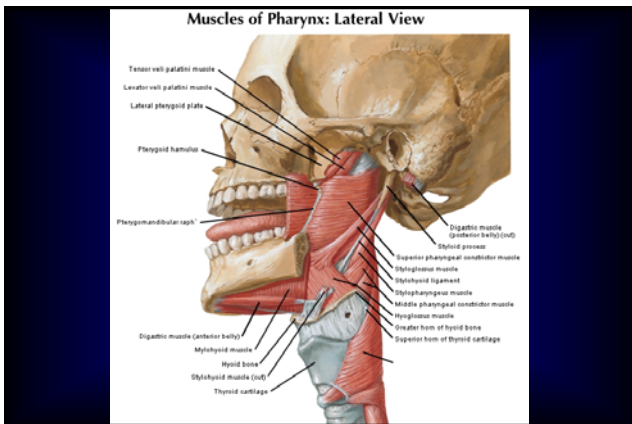
**Piriform fossae**  
Channels in laryngopharynx lead food into the esophagus



**Muscles of Pharynx: Partially Opened Posterior View**

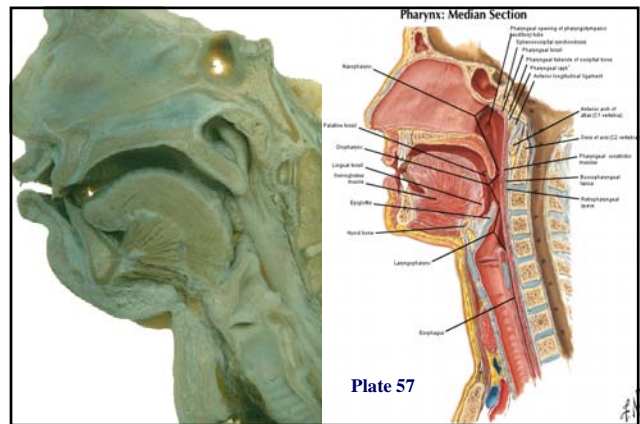
Styloid process  
Digastric muscle (superior belly)  
Stylohyoid muscle  
Stylopharyngeus muscle  
Accessory muscle  
Medial pharyngeal constrictor muscle  
Pharyngeal raphe  
Superior pharyngeal constrictor muscle  
Middle pharyngeal constrictor muscle  
Inferior pharyngeal constrictor muscle  
Thyroid cartilage

Cartilaginous part of pharyngotympanic (Eustachian) tube  
Pharyngotympanic fascia  
Lesser velum palatine muscle  
Superior pharyngeal constrictor muscle  
Salpingopharyngeus muscle  
Palatopharyngeus muscle  
Middle pharyngeal constrictor muscle  
Stylopharyngeus muscle  
Inferior pharyngeal constrictor muscle (not edge)  
Longitudinal pharyngeal muscle  
Superior base of thyroid cartilage  
Posterior border of thyroid cartilage lamina  
(Transverse and oblique) attached muscles



**Muscles of Pharynx: Lateral View**

Tensor veli palatini muscle  
Levator veli palatini muscle  
Lateral pharyngeal plate  
Pharyngeal hamulus  
Pharyngomandibular raphe  
Digastric muscle (superior belly) (SVB)  
Stylohyoid ligament  
Superior pharyngeal constrictor muscle  
Stylopharyngeus muscle  
Middle pharyngeal constrictor muscle  
Mylohyoid muscle  
Hyoglossus muscle  
Greater horn of hyoid bone  
Superior horn of thyroid cartilage  
Thyroid cartilage



**Pharynx: Median Section**

Pharyngeal opening of pharyngotympanic (Eustachian) tube  
Pharyngotympanic fascia  
Pharyngeal raphe  
Pharyngeal constrictor muscles  
Thyroid cartilage  
Nasopharynx  
Palatine bone  
Oropharynx  
Lingual tonsil  
Pharyngeal tonsil  
Epiglottis  
Hyoid bone  
Laryngopharynx  
Esophagus

Plate 57

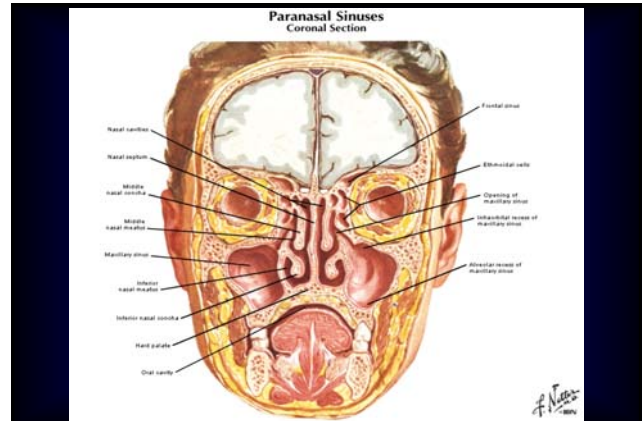
All of the muscles of the pharynx supplied by the pharyngeal plexus except *stylopharyngeus* which is supplied by a muscular branch of the glossopharyngeal nerve.

**Pharyngeal plexus**

Formed by the pharyngeal branches of the glossopharyngeal and vagus nerves

- glossopharyngeal branch is afferent (sensory) only
- vagal component is motor to pharynx and palate and sensory to the same areas

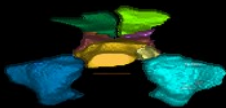
# Nasal Cavity & Paranasal Sinuses



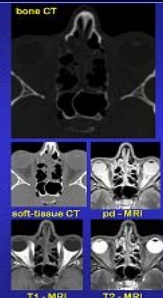
## Paranasal Sinuses

- Recesses of nasal mucosa growing into bones
- starts in late fetal period – after birth
- considerable variations: (interindividual & intraindividual)
  - onset and continuation of growth
  - size
  - shape
  - tiny cristae
  - small recesses

3D-reconstruction



## Ethmoid cells + sphenoid sinus



## Maxillary Sinus

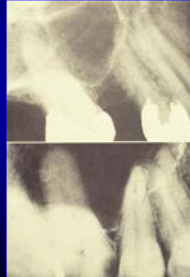


## Mucous Retention Cyst

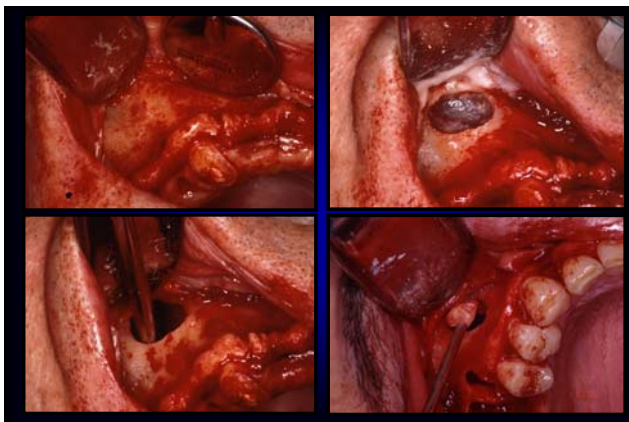
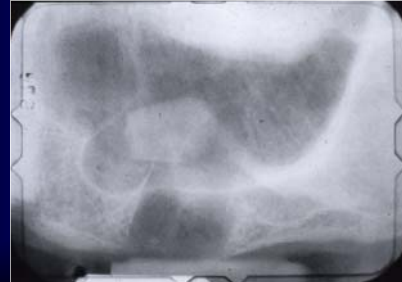


## DISPLACED ROOT / TOOTH

1. Under flap
2. Sinus
3. Infratemporal Fossa



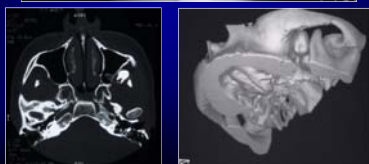
## Root Tip in Maxillary Sinus



## Third Molar Displaced into Maxillary Sinus



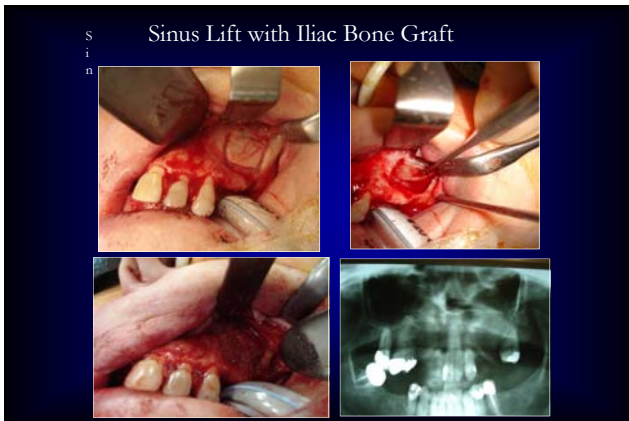
## Third Molar Displaced into Infratemporal Foss



## Fractured Tuberosity with Maxillary Sinus Exposure







# PARANASAL ORIGINS OF PAIN

## Paranasal Sinuses

Headache and facial pain are commonly related to infection, inflammation, and/or obstruction of the outflow of the tracts of the paranasal sinuses.

- ### Acute / Chronic Sinusitis: PAINFUL COMPLICATIONS
- Mucosal inflammation and thickening in cases of acute sinusitis
  - Partial or complete obstruction of sinus ostia
  - Pressure sensation
  - Maxillary mucoceles
  - Osteomyelitis

### Acute / Chronic Sinusitis:

<u>Sinus involved</u>	<u>Site(s) of referral</u>
• Sphenoid sinus	• Vertex, other parts of the cranium
• Frontal sinus	• Frontal region
• Ethmoid sinus	• Between the eyes
• Maxillary sinus	• Maxilla, dental structures
• Pansinusitis	• Pain may be coalescent, less localized, associated with frontal headaches, constant pressure



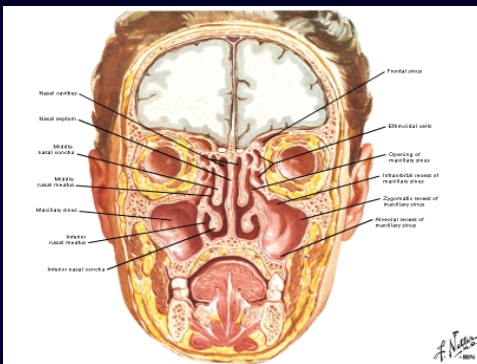
## Pansinusitis

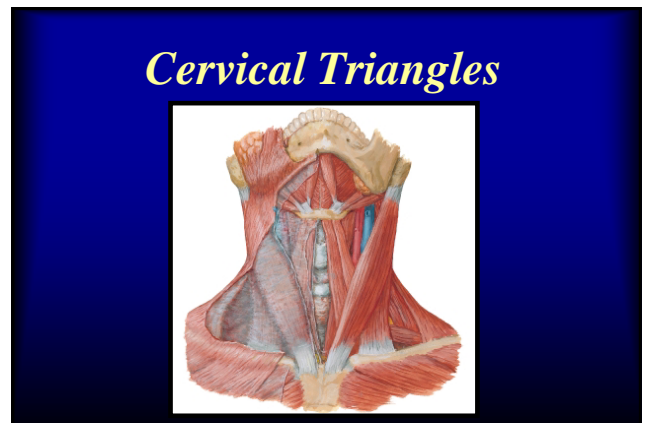
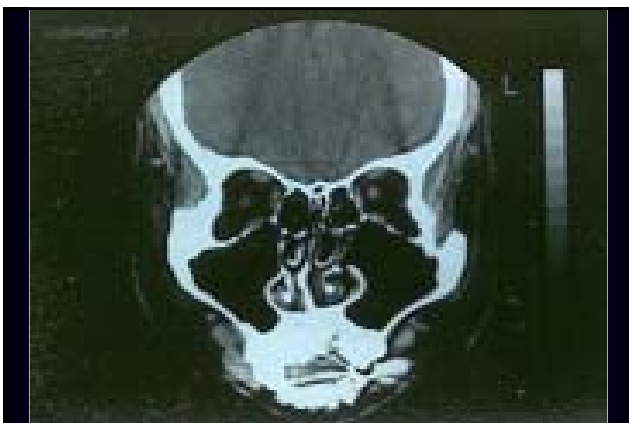
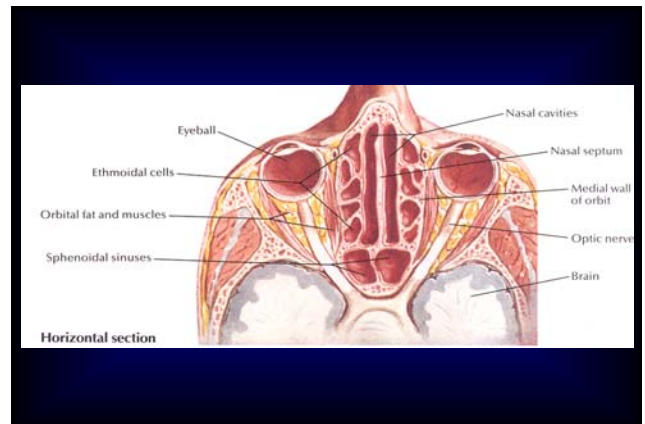
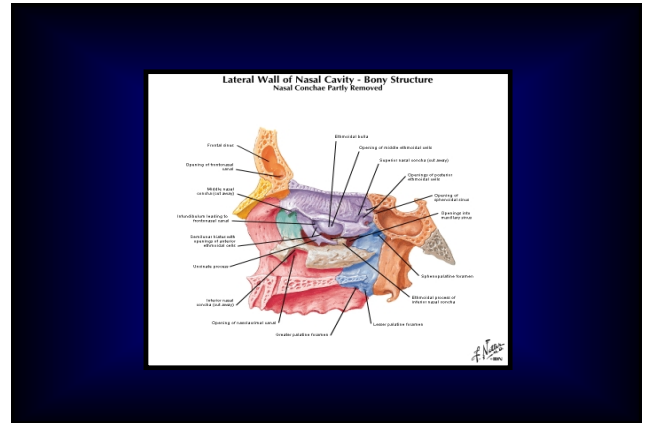
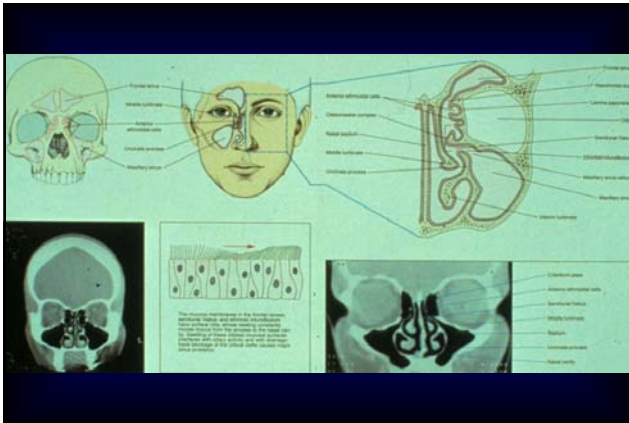


## MUCOSAL CONTACT HEADACHE

### Mucosal Contact Headache

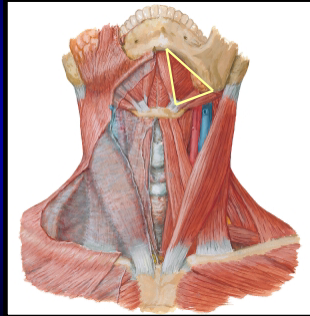
- Dull and aching
- Diffuse peri-/retro-ocular, supraorbital pain
- History of chronic maxillary sinusitis
- Allergy prone
- Associated with upper respiratory tract infection
- Impedance of normal mucosal activity



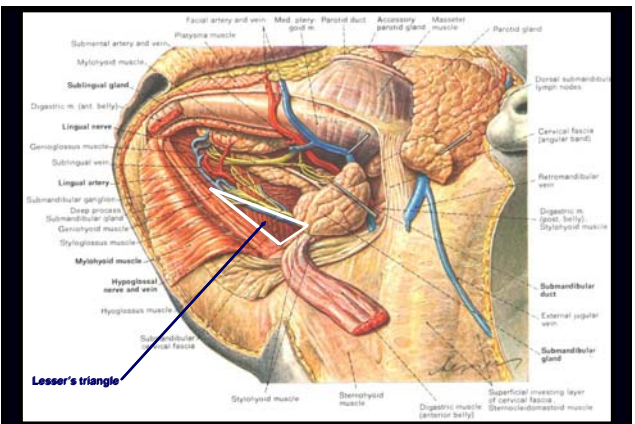
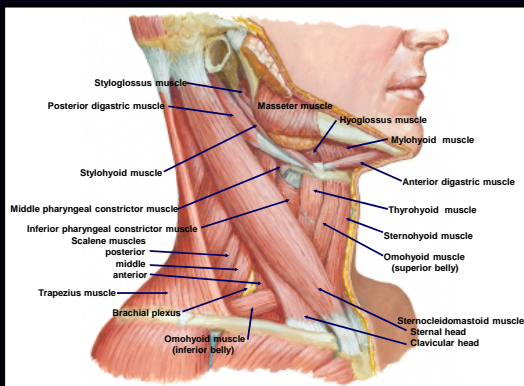
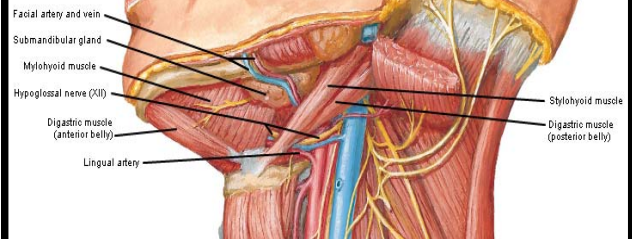


## Submandibular (Digastric) Triangle

- Superior
  - Inferior border of mandible
- Anterior
  - Superior border of anterior belly of digastric
- Posterior
  - Superior border of posterior belly of digastric

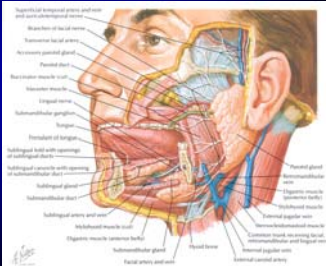


## Digastric Triangle



## Major Salivary Glands

- Parotid gland
  - pure serous
- Submandibular gland
  - primarily serous
- Sublingual gland
  - primarily mucous



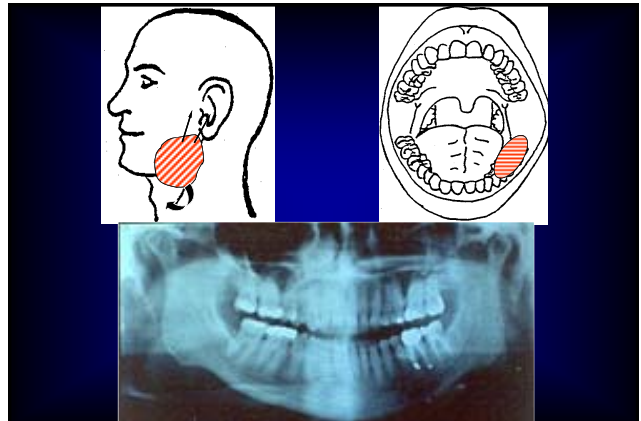
## Patient: Betty

- 51 year old Caucasian female
- Medical history significant for:
  - left temporomandibular surgery X2
  - hypothyroidism



## Patient: Betty

- Chief pain concern:
  - “I have pain in my jaw and throat when I eat. The pain radiates to my ear. It feels like a toothache.”



## Patient: Betty

- Aggravating factors:
  - chewing and drinking
  - certain aromas
- Alleviating/relieving factors:
  - none identified

## Sialolithiasis

*Diagnosis*

- History
  - pain with salivation
- Inspection
- Palpation



## Sialolithiasis

*Diagnosis*

- Imaging
  - occlusal
  - lateral jaw
  - panoramic
  - sialogram



## Submandibular Gland Stone



Sialogram



## Infrahyoid and Suprahyoid Muscles

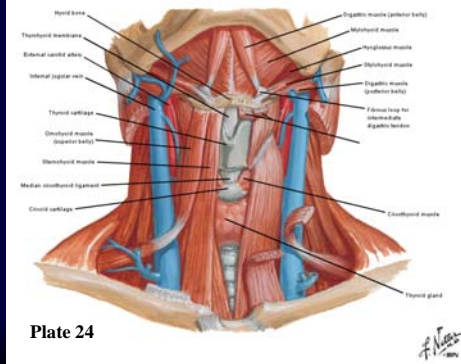


Plate 24

Obstruction



ADAM

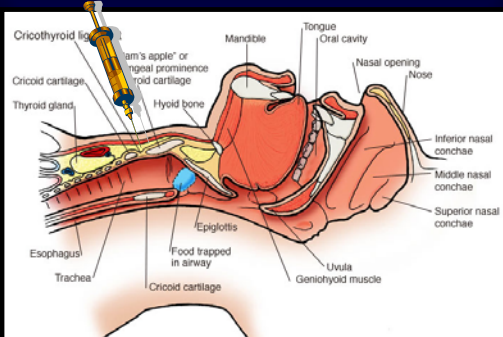
## Cartilages of Larynx



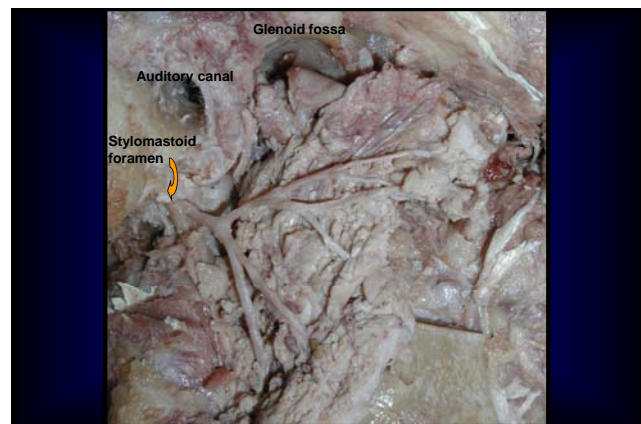
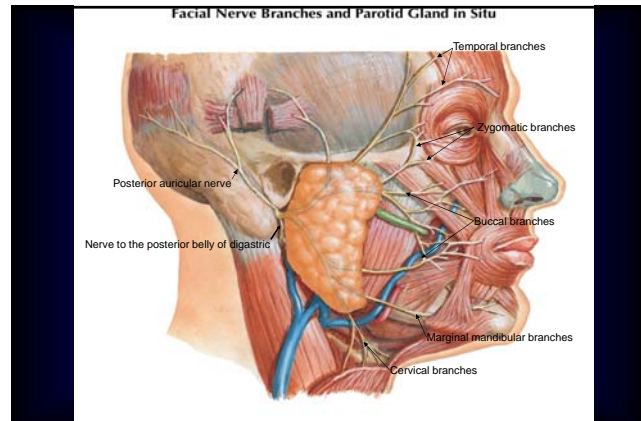
## Thyroid Gland In Situ



## Cricothyrotomy: Emergency airway



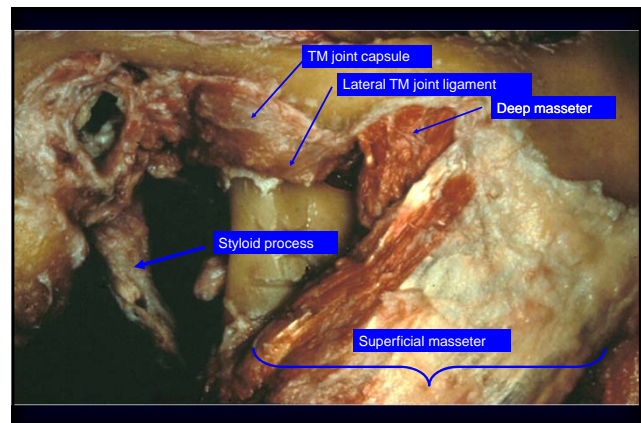
## Superficial Face

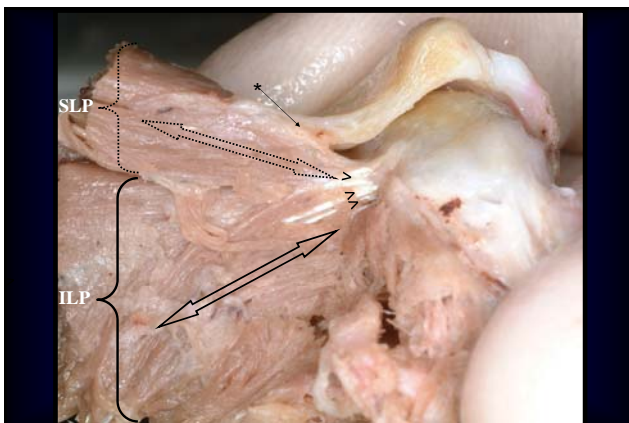
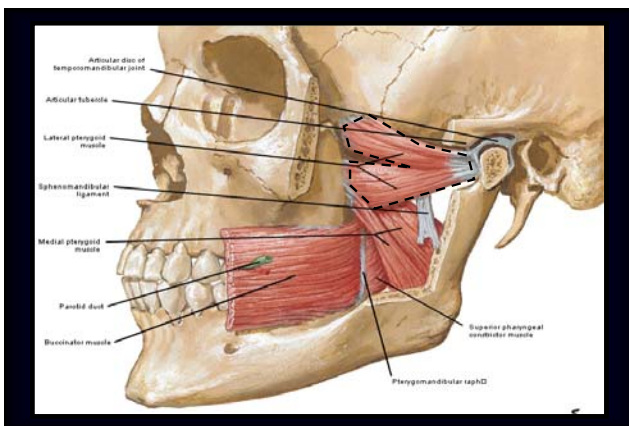
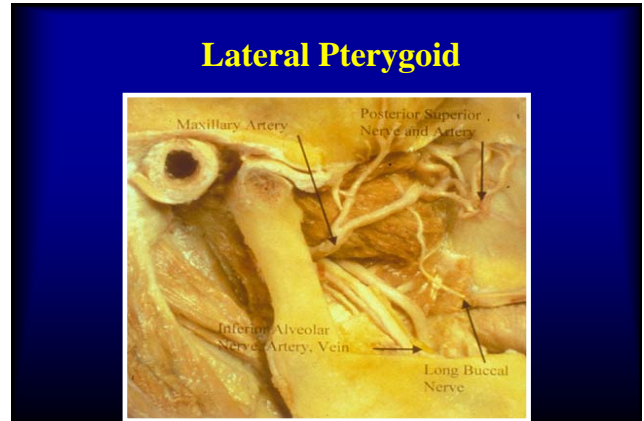
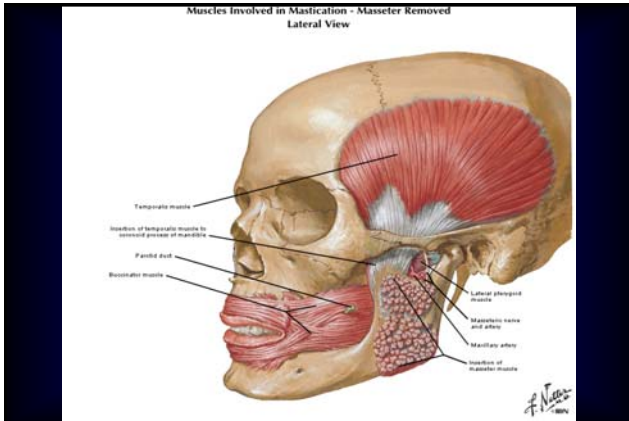


## BELL'S PALSY



- Cranial nerve VII paralysis
- May occur post-dental procedure
- Usually unilateral
- Gradual or sudden onset
- Viral relationship???





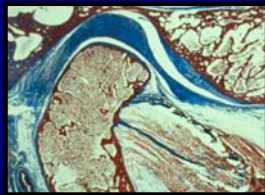
**IMPORTANT ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES**

*Muscles involved in joint function*

1. Muscles active on jaw opening-lateral pterygoid (inferior belly), suprahyoid and digastric muscles
2. Muscles active on jaw closure-temporalis, masseter, medial pterygoid muscles, lateral pterygoid (superior belly)
3. Excursive movements-lateral pterygoid



## Functional Anatomy/Biomechanics of the Masticatory System



Temporomandibular Joint

## Masticatory System: Unique Features

- Right and left function as one unit
- Articulating surfaces are fibrocartilaginous
- Articular disc separates the joint into two compartments
- Ginglymoarthrodial joint (hinge-gliding)



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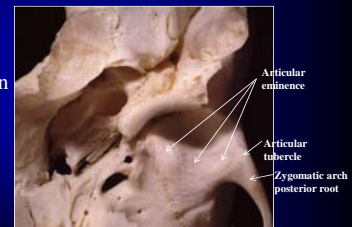
- Right and left function as one unit
- Articulating surfaces are fibrocartilaginous
- Articular disc separates the joint into two compartments
- Ginglymoarthrodial joint (hinge-gliding)
- Articulation has a rigid end point on closure of the teeth



## OSSEOUS STRUCTURES

### Glenoid fossa and articular eminence

1. Part of temporal bone
2. Glenoid fossa is concave structure covered with thin layer of fibrocartilage
3. Articular eminence is convex, posterior slope has an average angle of 60°



## OSSEOUS STRUCTURES

### Candyle

1. Adult condyle is elliptical
2. Mediolateral dimension is about 20 mm and is twice the size of its antero-posterior width
3. Articular surface is covered by a layer of fibrocartilage



## SOFT TISSUES

### Articular Disk (Meniscus)

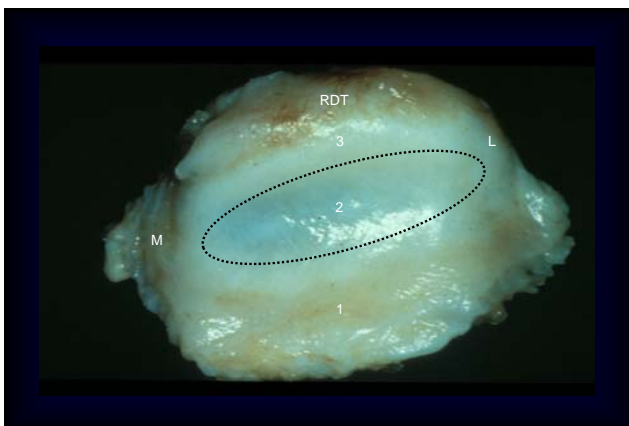
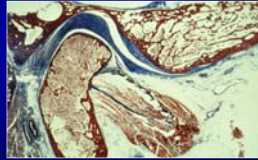
1. Bioconcave structure, divided the joint space into superior and inferior spaces
2. Attachments
  - a. Anterior-capsule and superior belly lateral pterygoid
  - b. Posterior-bilaminar zone (retrodiskal tissues)
  - c. Medial/lateral condyle



## SOFT TISSUES

### Articular Disk (Meniscus)

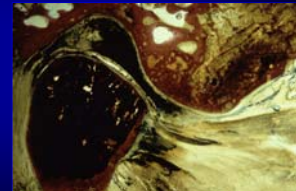
3. Made up of three zones
  - a. Posterior band – 3 mm thick
  - b. Intermediate zone – 1 mm thick
  - c. Anterior band – 2 mm thick
4. Consists of avascular connective tissue with some cartilaginous elements



## JOINT SPACES

### Disk divides joint space into two compartments

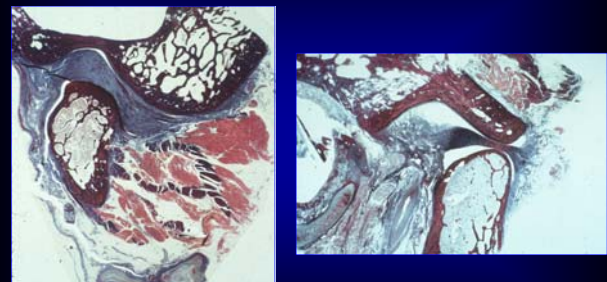
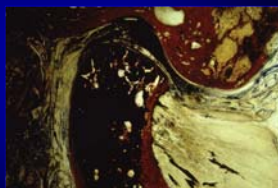
1. Superior joint space (UJS)
  - a. Larger than inferior
  - b. Translation occurs between condyle-disk unit and articular eminence in the UJS

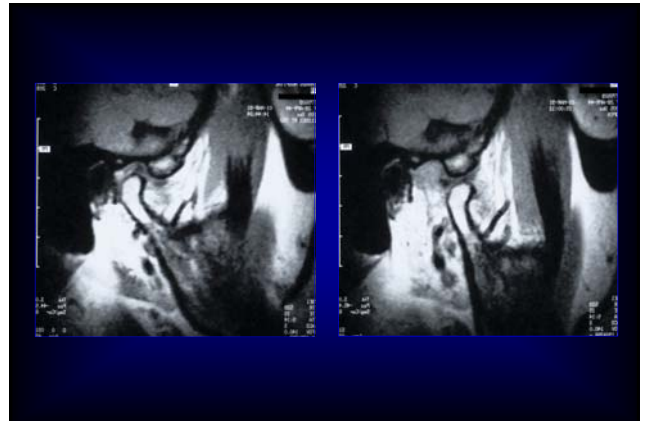


## JOINT SPACES

### Disk divides joint space into two compartments

2. Inferior joint space (LJS)
  - a. Smaller than superior
  - b. Rotation occurs between condyle and disk in LJS



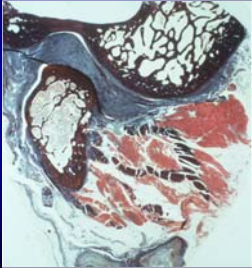


**SOFT TISSUES**

*Articular Disk (Meniscus)*

5. Functions

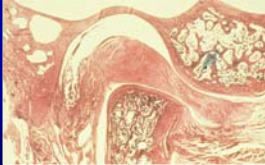
- Load adapter
- Fluid distribution
- Divides joint space into two compartments allowing complex movements consisting of rotation and translation



**JOINT SPACES**

*Synovial Membrane*

- Lines all non-loaded surfaces
- Made up of intimal layer of cells 1-4 deep
  - Type A – phagocytic
  - Type B - secretory
- Functions of synovial fluids
  - Lubrication
  - Nutrition
  - Maintains and protects articular cartilage



**TM Joint Surfaces**

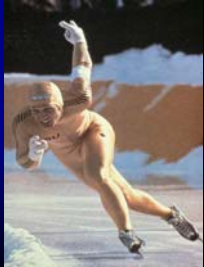
*Without lubrication*

- relatively smooth
- have high surface energy
- may shear and rupture

**TM Joint Biomechanics**

*The role of lubricant*

- Reduces area of contact
- Reduces surface energy
- Reduces shearing



## TM Joint Biomechanics

### Lubrication

- Boundary
- Surface (weeping)

## Synovial Organ

### Functions

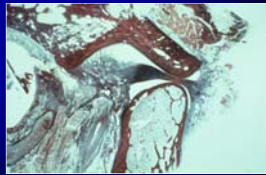
- Semi-permeable membrane which allows for adjustment of pressures within the TM joint.

*Bauer W, et al. Physiological Rev 1940; 20:272-312*

### JOINT SPACES

#### Intra-articular Joint Pressures

1. Resting (-4 mm Hg)
2. Opening (-54 mm Hg)
3. Closing (+64 mm Hg)



## Synovial Fluid

As the intra articular pressure increases, the viscosity of the synovial fluid decreases.

This may impair the lubricating ability of the fluid... thus increasing the frictional resistance.

## TM Joint Mechanical Stress

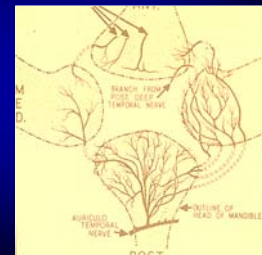
Increased sustained TM joint pressures result in:

- impaired diffusion
- local ischemic changes
  - may lead to cell death
  - free radical formation
- decreased lubrication
  - increased frictional resistance

### IMPORTANT ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES

#### Sensory Innervation of the TMJ

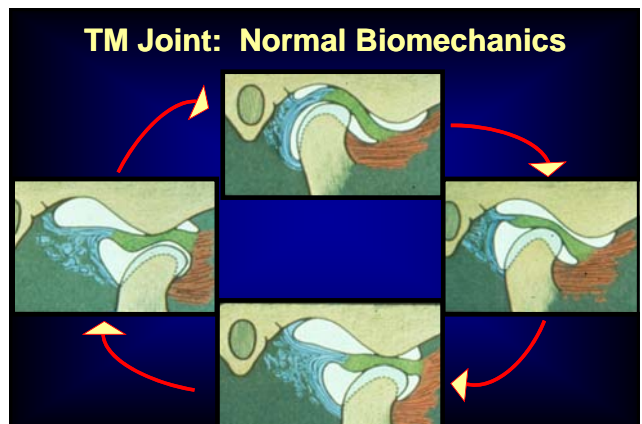
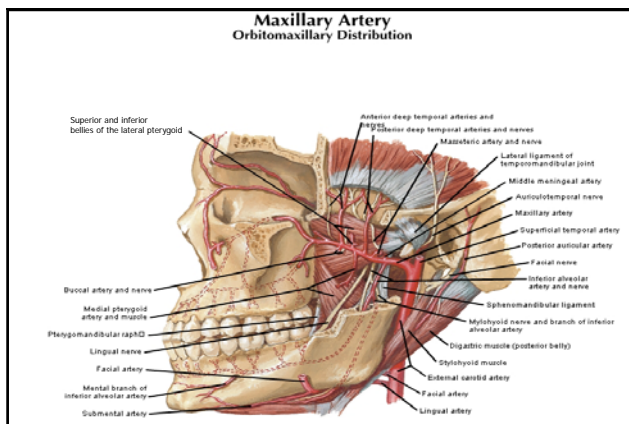
1. Branches of the 3<sup>rd</sup> division of the trigeminal nerve
  - a. Auriculotemporal
  - b. Masseteric
  - c. Deep temporal
2. Fibers for pain and proprioception are mainly located in the bilaminar zone and capsule



**IMPORTANT ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES**

*Blood Supply*

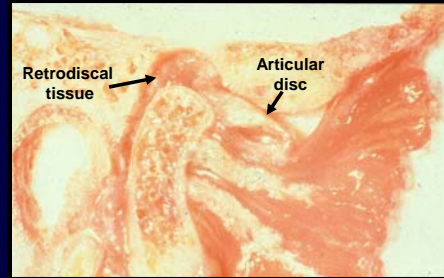
1. Branches from superficial temporal and maxillary artery
2. Extensive venous plexus in the bilaminar zone



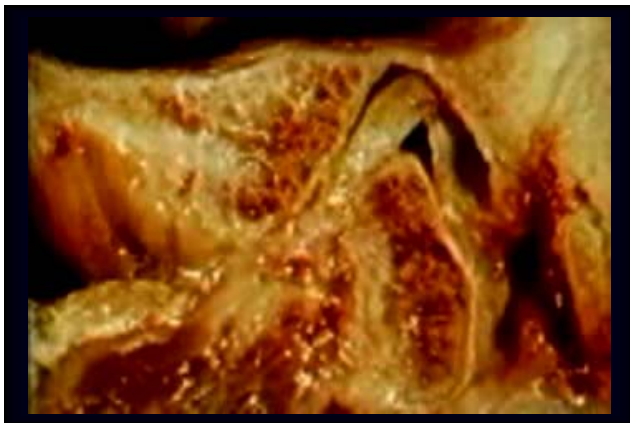
### Condyle-Disc-Lateral Pterygoid Complex



### Articular Disc Displacement



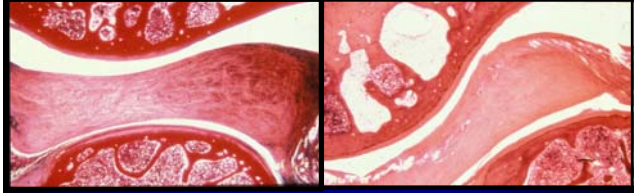
### Articular Disc Displacement With Reduction



**Degenerative temporomandibular joint disease is the result of maladaptation to increased joint loading.**



Westesson, Rohlin 1984  
Axelson, et al. 1992, 1993  
Stegenga, et al. 1992  
deBont, Stegenga 1993



**Thank you!**

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