

A Node Over Right Hard Palate

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First visit data



Differential diagnosis



Treatment course



Discussion



Conclusion



First visit data



Personal Data

- ▶ Name: 謝x木
- ▶ Gender: Male
- ▶ Age: 51 y
- ▶ Marital status: Married
- ▶ Blood type: O
- ▶ First visit: 96. 08. 04



Chief Complaint

- ▶ Chief complaint:

An uncomfortable swelling mass over right hard palate for 2 weeks



Present Illness

- ▶ The 51 y/o patient felt uncomfortable and found a swelling mass on his right hard palate for two weeks. He was also on the course of immuno-rheumatic therapy, so he told his doctors about above episode. The doctor examined and suggested him to come to our dental department for examination and evaluation.



Past Medical History

□ Past medical history

1. HBV(+), HCV(+)
2. Coronary artery disease
3. Rheumatoid arthritis
4. Duodenal ulcer
5. Diabetes Mellitus Type 2
6. Arteritis
7. Mixed cryoglobulinemia



Past Dental History

1. Periodontal control
2. Endodontic treatment
3. Extraction
4. Prosthesis fabrication
5. Left parotid gland tumor 20+ years ago, diagnosed and resected in other hospital.



□ Drug allergy: penicillin

□ Medication:

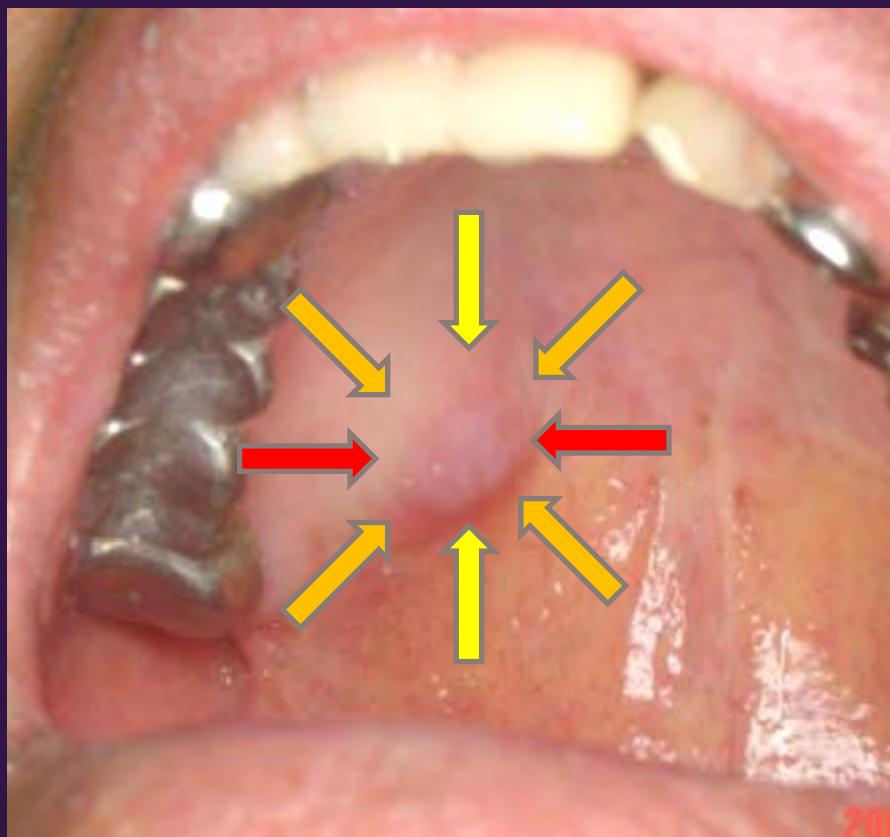
- Prednisolone
- Plaquenil (Hydroxychloroquine)
- Defense (Climetidine)
- Forflow (Pentoxifylline)
- Colchicine

□ Oral habits related to malignancy:

- Alcohol drinking (-)
- Cigarette smoking (-)
- Betel-quid chewing (-)

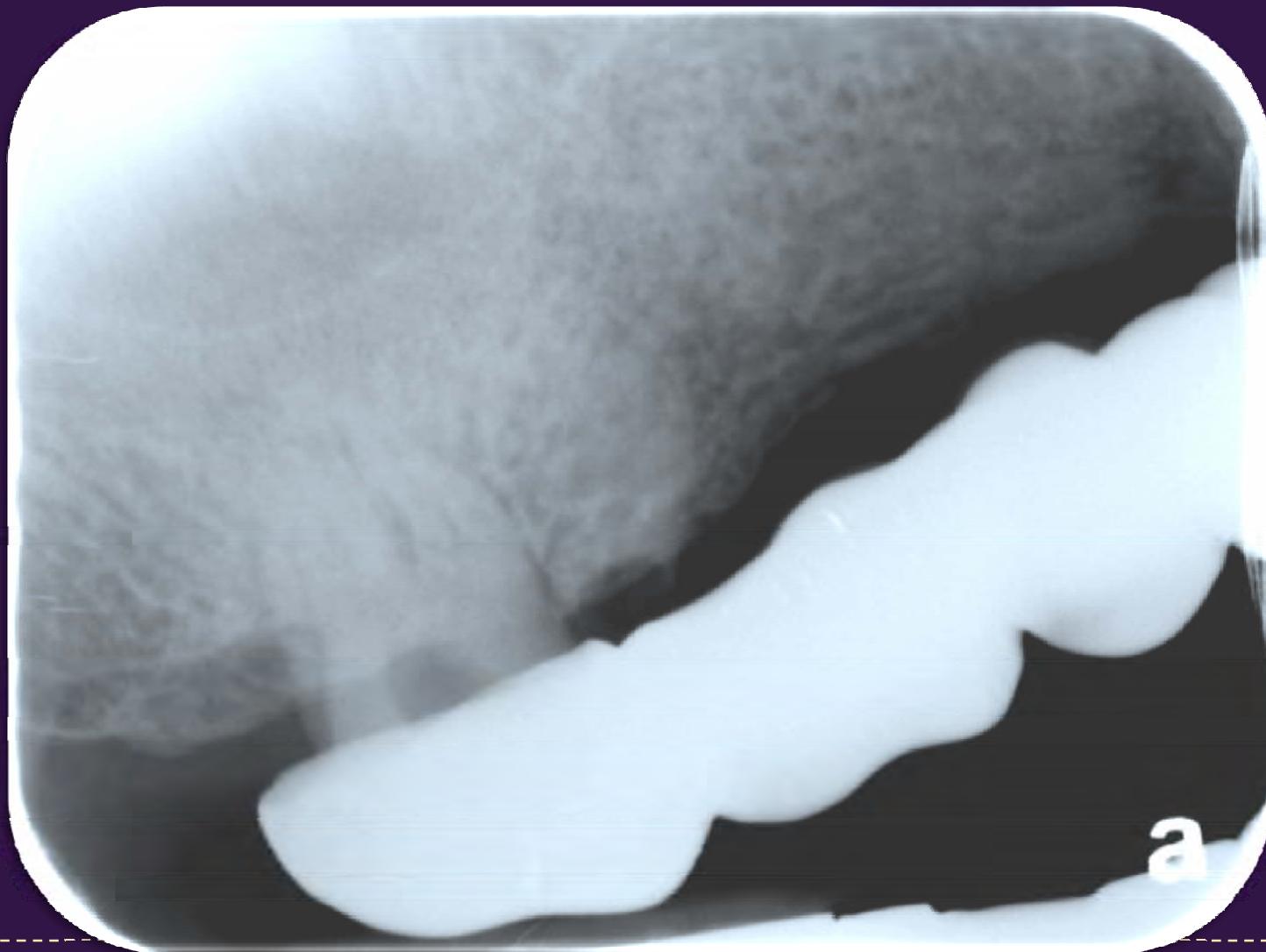


Intra-Oral Findings



Site:	► Right posterior hard palate near molar region
Size:	► 0.6x0.6 cm
Color	► Bluish
Surface:	► Smooth
Base:	► Sessile
Shaped	► Dome
Consistency	► Soft
Mobility	► Fixed
Pain (-), Fluctuation (+/-), Induration (-)	

Periapical X-ray



Differential Diagnosis



Inflammation or
neoplasm

Benign or
malignant

Intrabony or
peripheral

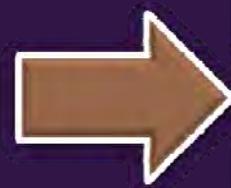
Tissue origin

Our Patient

Smooth surface	Bluish (+)
Soft	Pus discharge (-)
Swelling (+)	Fixed (+)
Redness (-)	Fluctuation (+/-)
Fever (-)	Induration (-)
Pain (-)	LAP (-)
Tenderness (-)	Found the lesion for 2 weeks

Inflammation or Neoplasm

Redness (-)
Swelling (+)
Fever (-)
Pain (-)
Fluctuation (+/-)
Pus discharge (-)
Found the lesion for 2 weeks



Neoplasm

Benign or Malignant

Smooth surface
Soft
Pain (-)
Tenderness (-)
Induration (-)
Fixed (+)
LAP (-)



Benign or
low-grade
malignant

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TOM-BI RAGE



Intrabony or Peripheral

Submucosa
lesion (+)

+

Bony
destructio
n (-)



Peripheral



Tissue Origin

1. Minor salivary gland origin
Bluish
2. Neural origin
Smooth surface
3. Fat tissue origin
Soft
4. Fibrous origin
Pain (-)
5. Vascular origin
Fluctuation (+/-)

Minor salivary gland origin

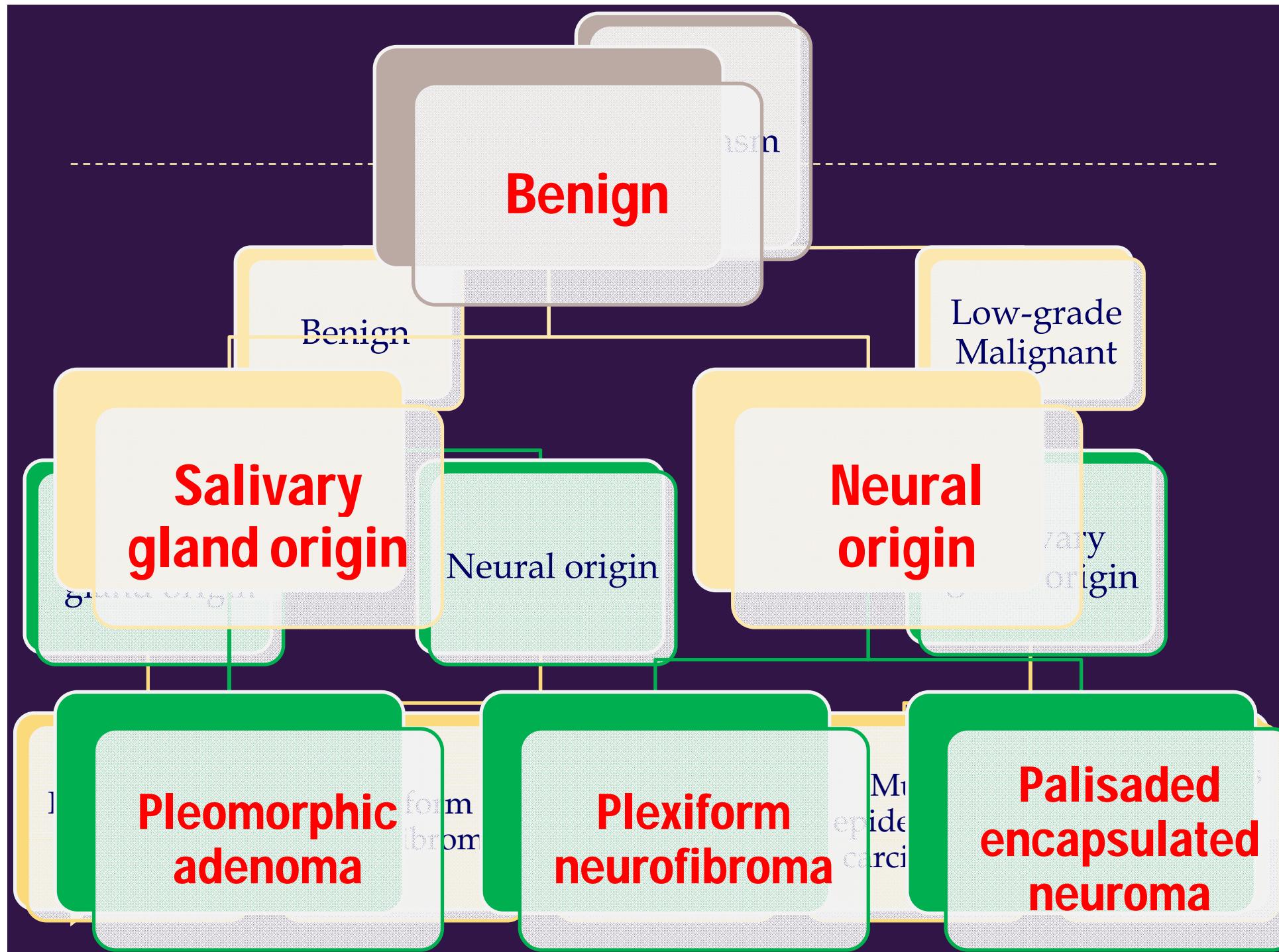
Neural origin



Neoplasm

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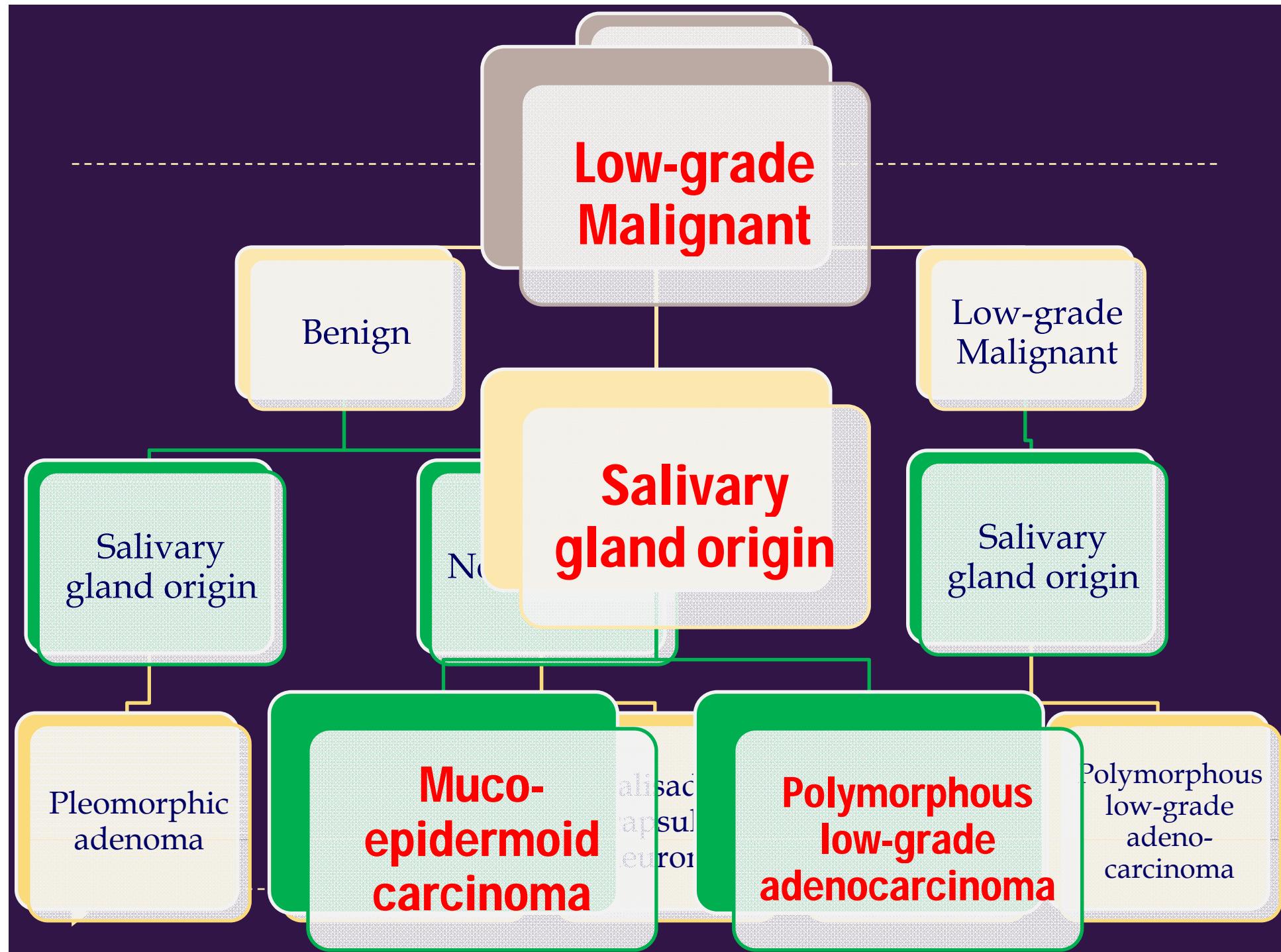


	Pleomorphic adenoma	Plexiform neurofibroma	Palisaded encapsulated neuroma	Our case
Gender	Female (slight predilection)		Equal	Male
Age	Any age (30~50)	Young adult	50~70	51 y/o
Size	Variable	Variable	< 1 cm	0.6*0.6 cm
Site	Posterior lateral aspect of palate	Tongue and buccal mucosa	Hard palate	R' t hard palate
Shape	Dome-shaped	Nodule	Dome-shape	Dome-shaped
Margin	Well-defined	Well-defined	Well-defined	Well-defined
Consistency	Firm	Soft		Soft



	Pleomorphic adenoma	Plexiform neurofibroma	Palisaded encapsulated neuroma	Our case
color	Normal	Blue		Blue
Pain	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Induration	(-)			(-)
Tenderness	(-)			(-)
Surface	Smooth		Smooth	Smooth
Duration	Months~years, slowly growing		Many months or years	Found lesion 2 weeks ago





	Polymorphous low-grade adeno-carcinoma	Mucoepidermoid carcinoma (Low grade)	Our case
Gender	Female(2/3)	Slight female predilection	Male
Age	60~80	20~70	51 y/o
Size	1~4.3 cm	variable	0.6*0.6 cm
Site	Hard or soft palate	1: Parotid gland, 2: Minor salivary gland (hard palate)	R' t hard palate
Shape	Round or polygonal	Dome	Dome
Margin		Well-defined	Well-defined

	Polymorphous low-grade adeno-carcinoma	Mucoepidermoid carcinoma (Low-grade)	Our case
Consistency		Soft to firm	Soft
color		Blue or red	Blue
Pain	(-)	(-)	(-)
Induration		(-)	(-)
Tenderness		(-)	(-)
Surface		Smooth	Smooth
Fluctuation		Sometimes	
Duration	6 months to 20 years	Aware for the lesion for 1	Found lesion 2

Clinical Impression

Benign

- *PLEOMORPHIC ADENOMA*

Malignant

- *MUCOEPIDERMOID
CARCINOMA (LOW-
GRADE)*



Treatment course





Pre-operation



Operation



Reconstruction



Treatment Course

► 96/8/4 OM

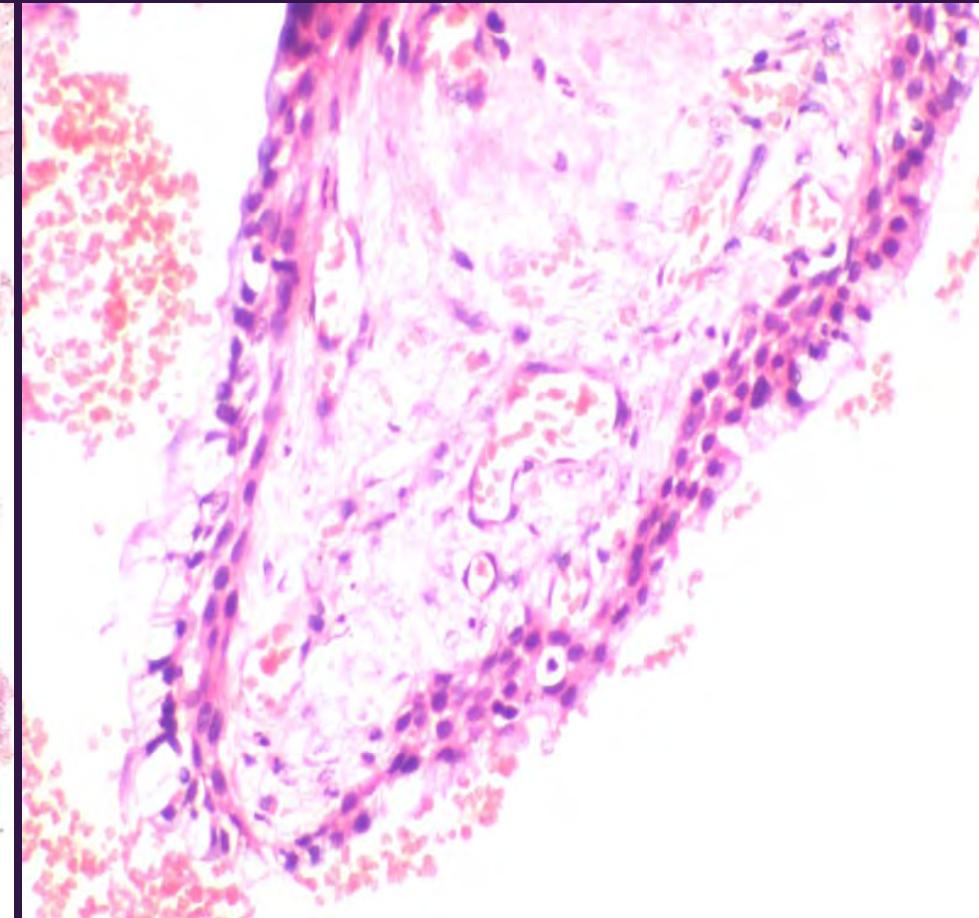
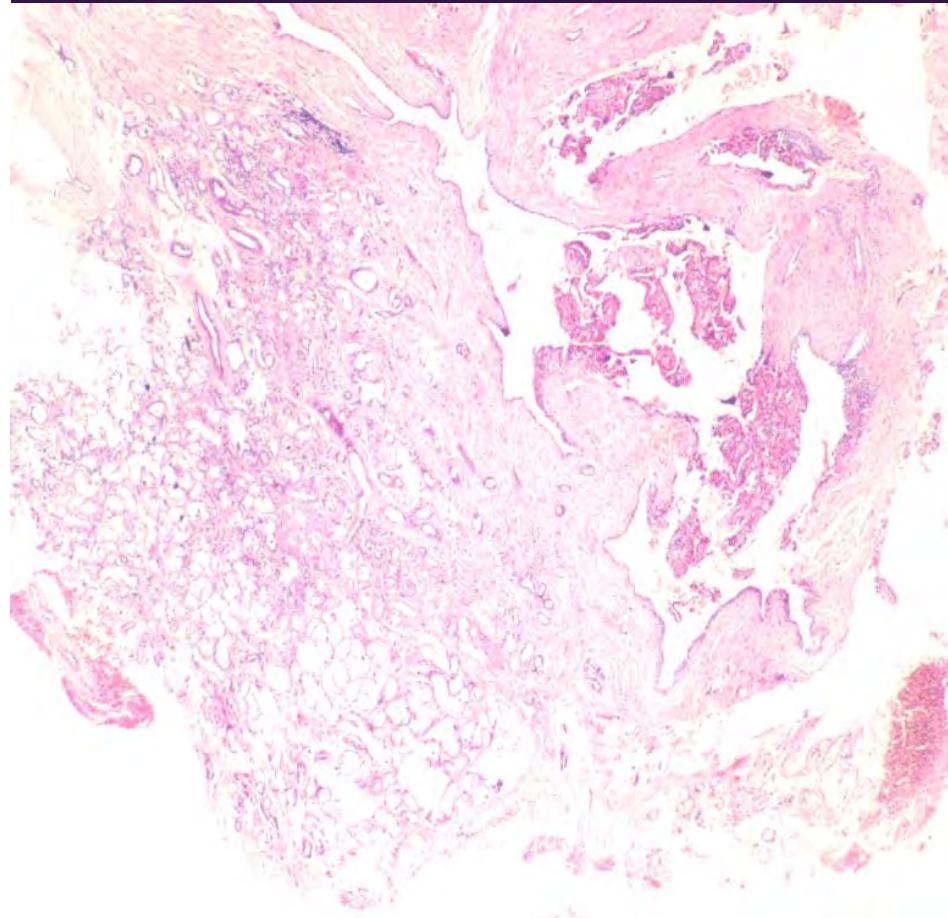
1. Refer to OS for Biopsy on 96.8.6
2. Suggest removal of crown and bridge, extraction of residual root

► 96/8/6 OS

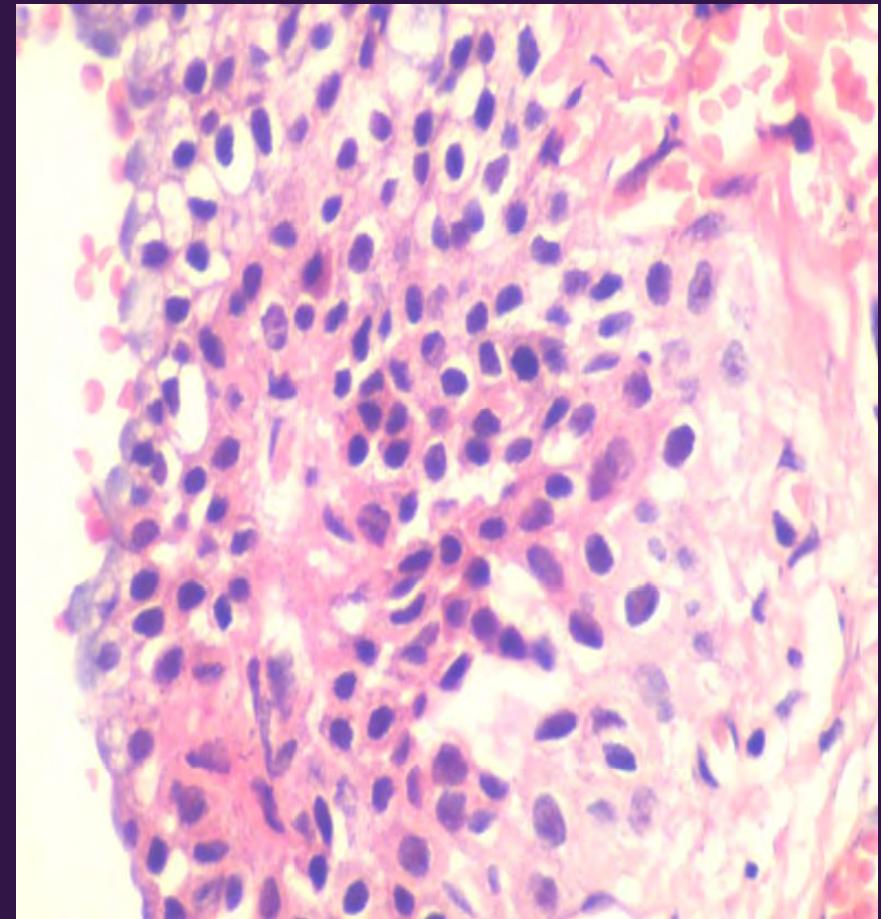
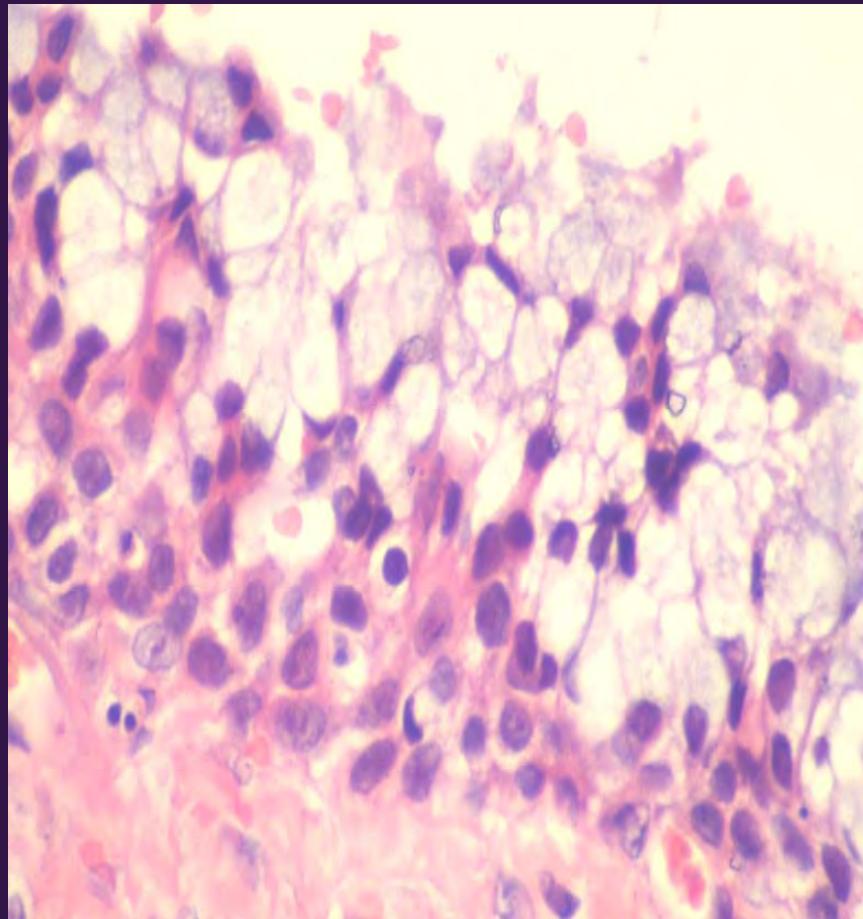
1. Incisional biopsy is performed under local anesthesia, and sticky mucin is noted during the operation



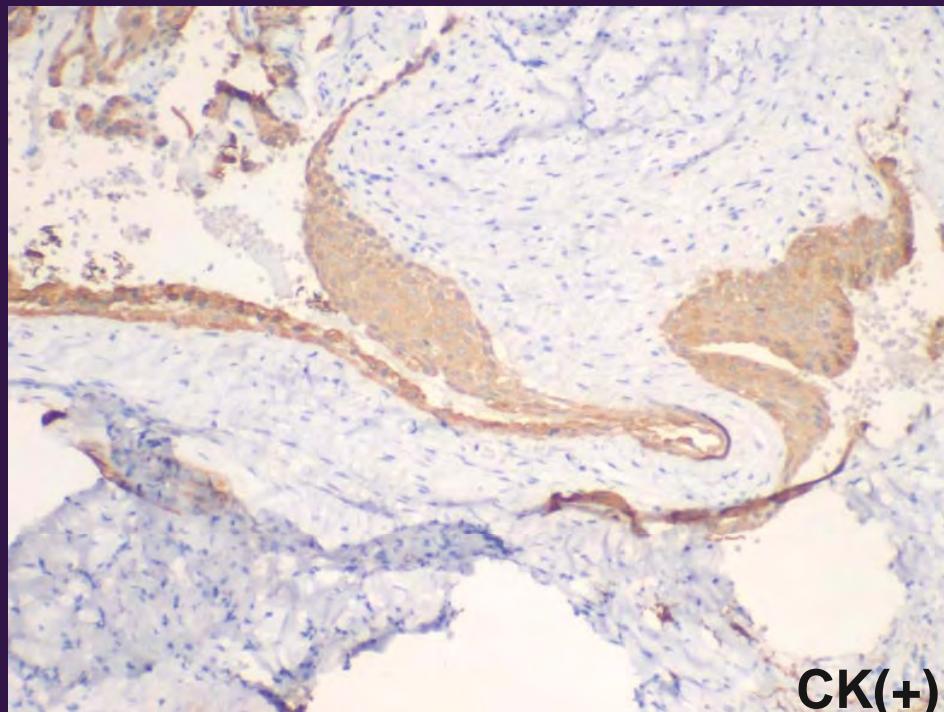
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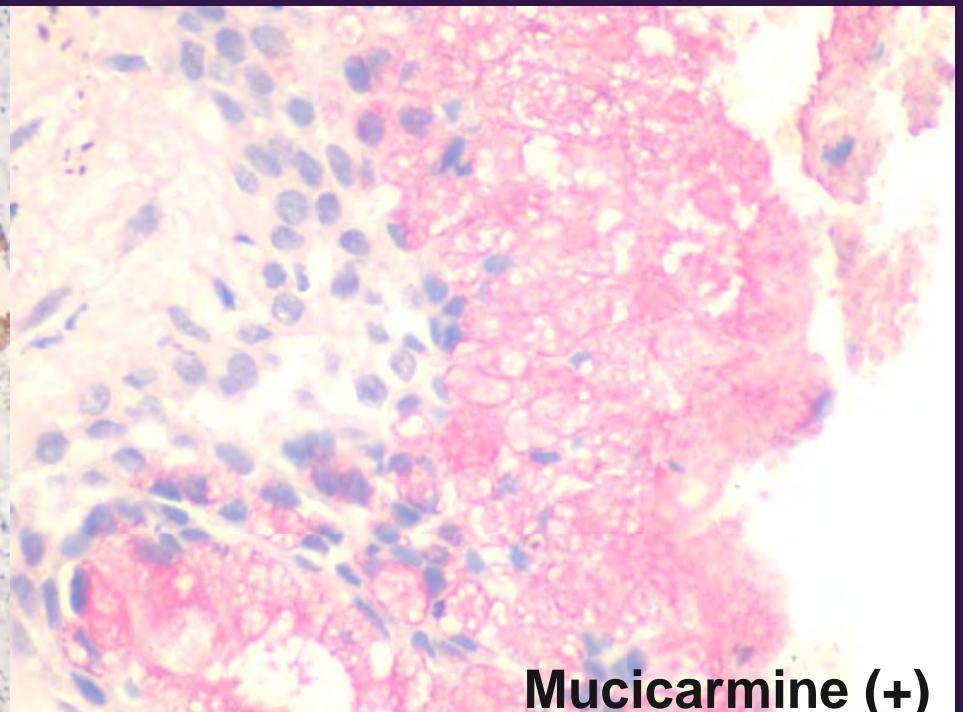
Histology Finding



Histology Finding



CK(+)



Mucicarmine (+)



Pathological Diagnosis

► *MUCOEPIDERMOID
CARCINOMA, LOW GRADE*

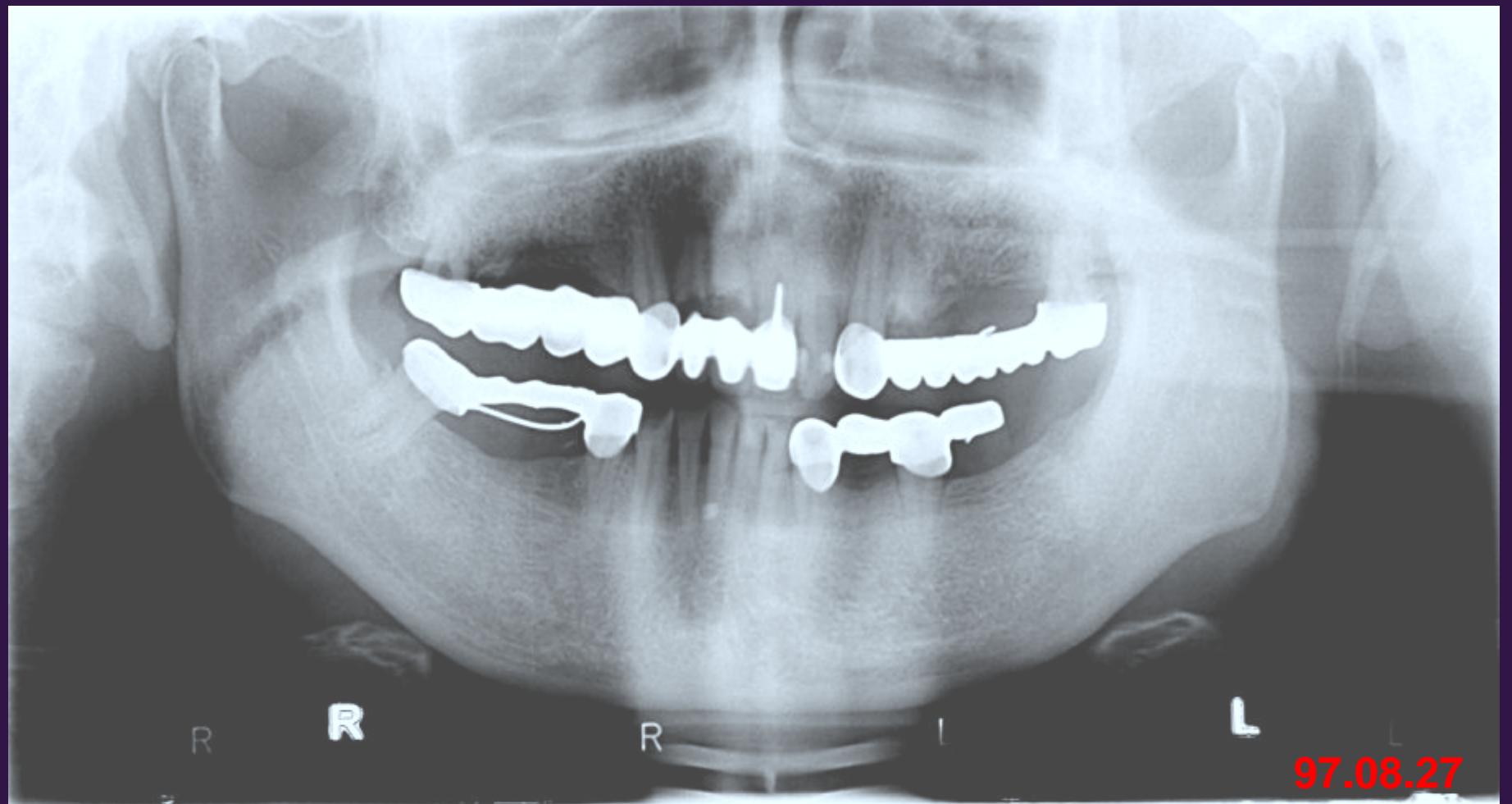


Treatment Course

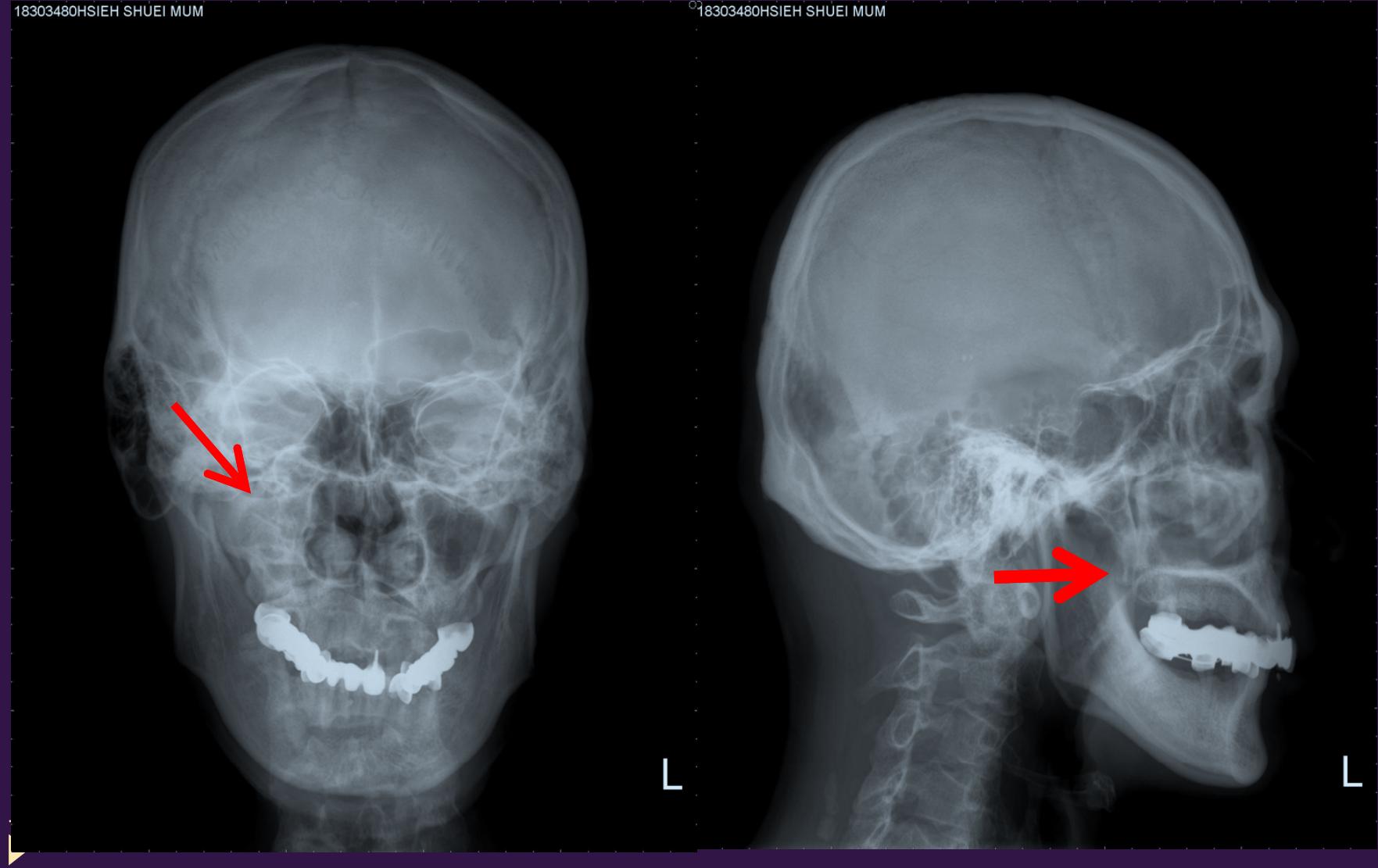
- ▶ 96/8/17 OS
 - 1. Arranged CT scan of maxilla
 - ▶ 96/8/20 OS
 - 1. Arranged hemimaxillectomy operation on 96/9/16
 - ▶ 96/8/27 OS
 - 1. Arranged pre-operation examination
 - 2. Panoramic x-ray taking
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Panoramic Finding

(96/8/27)



Skull Findings- PA, Lateral View

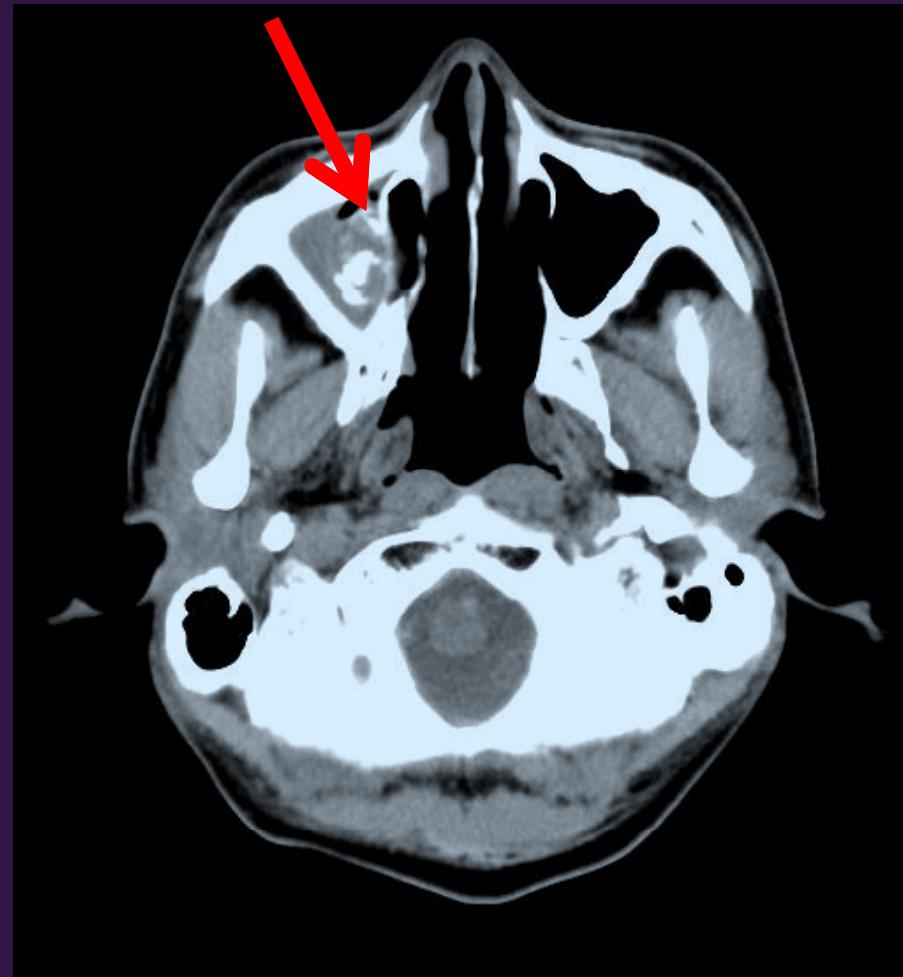


Skull findings- Water's view (96/8/27)

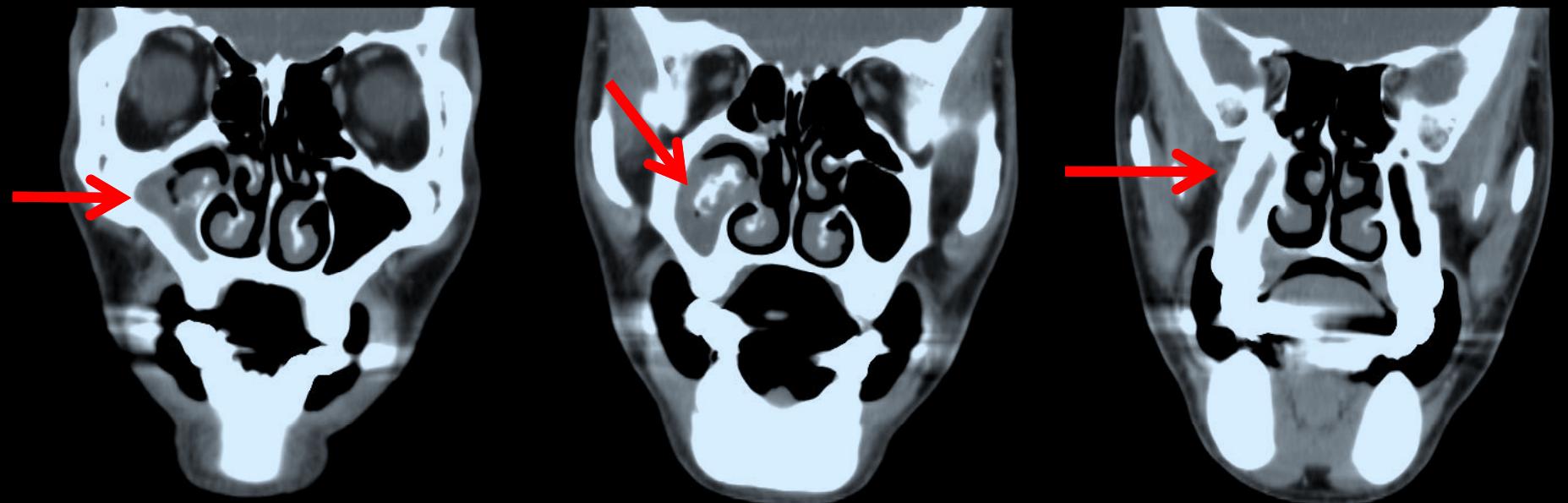
- ▶ Orbita and sinuses with intact structure
- ▶ No nasal septal deviation
- ▶ Obliteration of right maxillary sinus is present.



CT Findings-Axial View



CT Findings-Coronal View



CT Examination Diagnosis

- ▶ FAILS TO DEFINE THE MAIN LESION OF RIGHT HARD PALATE.
 - ▶ SINUSITIS OVER RIGHT MAXILLARY SINUS
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- ▶

Pre-operation



Operation

Reconstruction

Tentative Treatment Plan

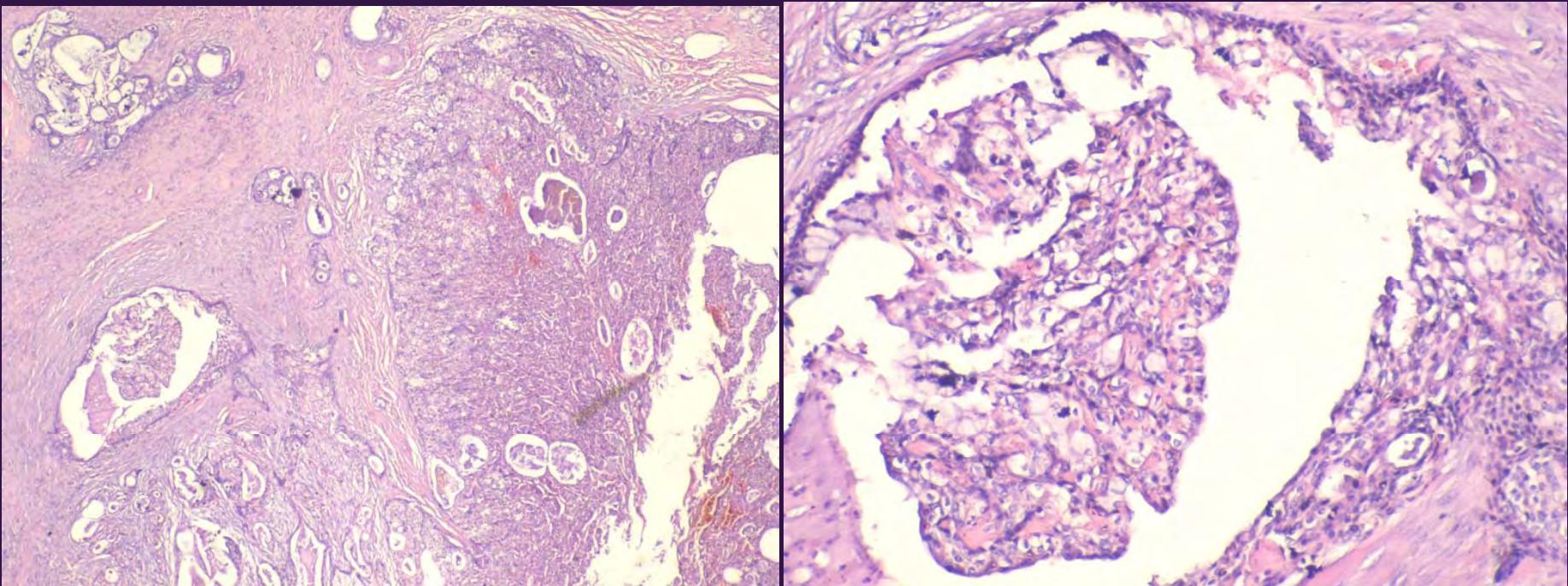
- ▶ Pre-hemimaxillectomy instruction
 1. Potential oro-antral communication.
 2. Phonetic and deglutition problem.
- ▶ Obturator is needed post surgery.
- ▶

Treatment Course

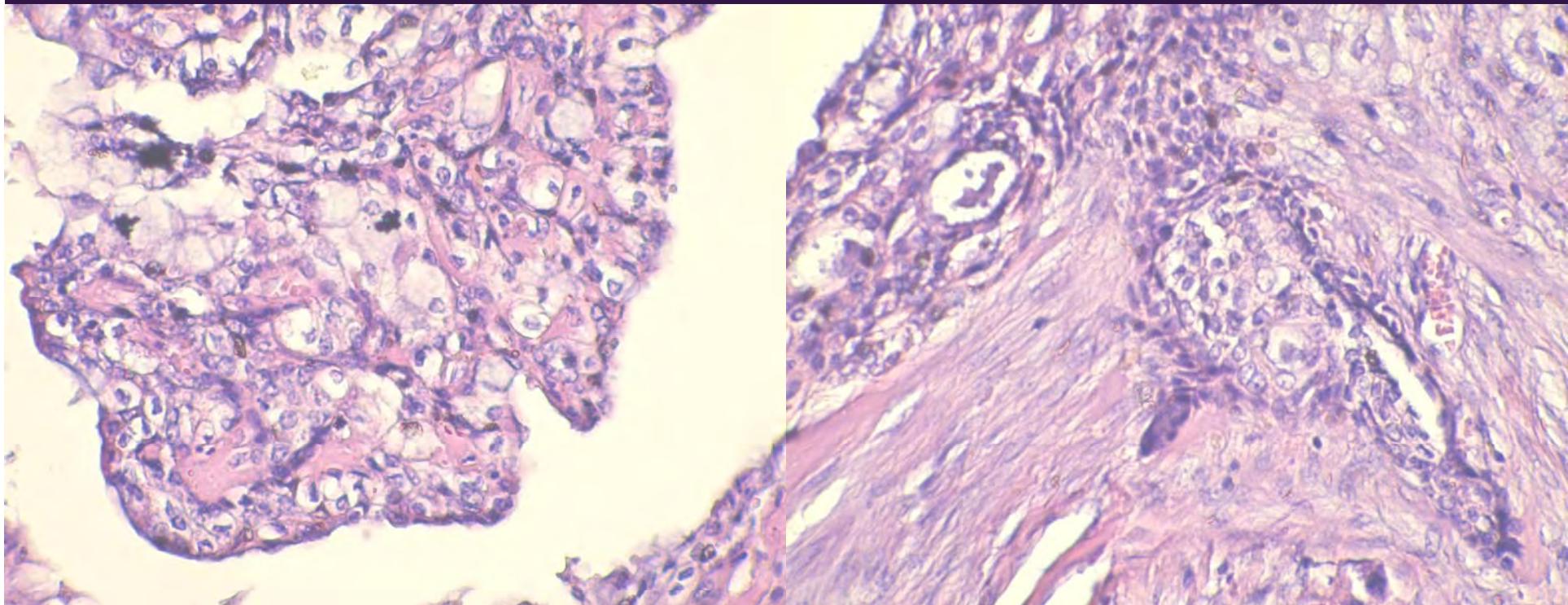
- ▶ 96/9/4 Hospitalization
- ▶ 96/9/6 Operation
 1. Hemimaxillectomy was performed from tooth 11 to pterygoid palate, nasal cavity to lateral wall of sinus.
 2. Frozen section: Infraorbital wall and sinus membrane near to nasal cavity→ Free of malignancy



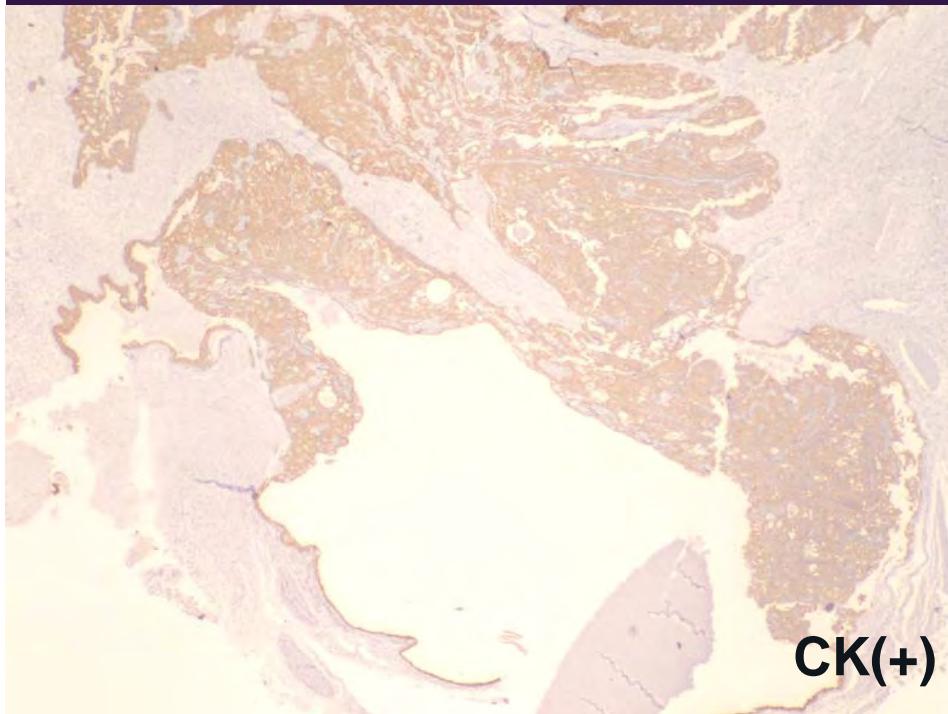
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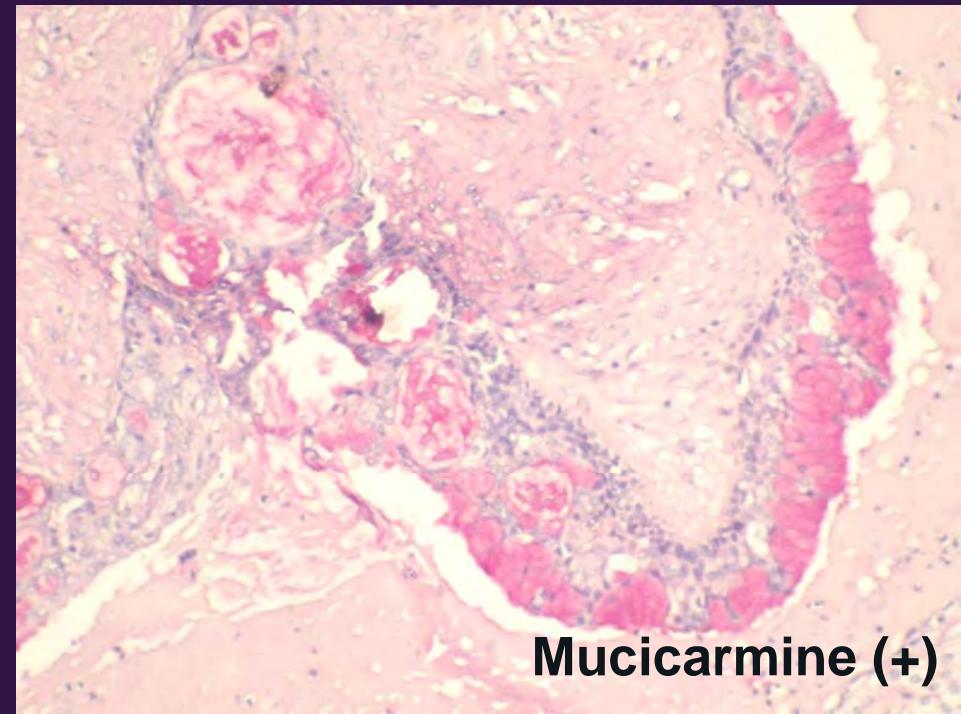
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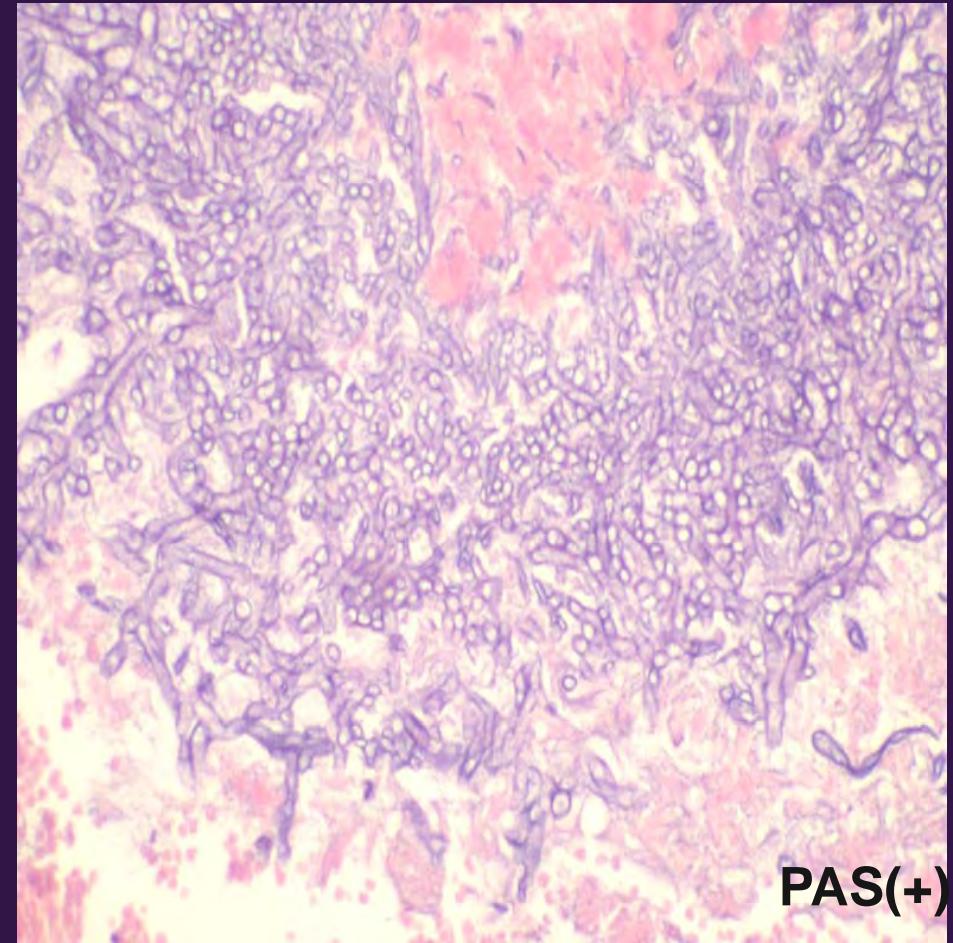
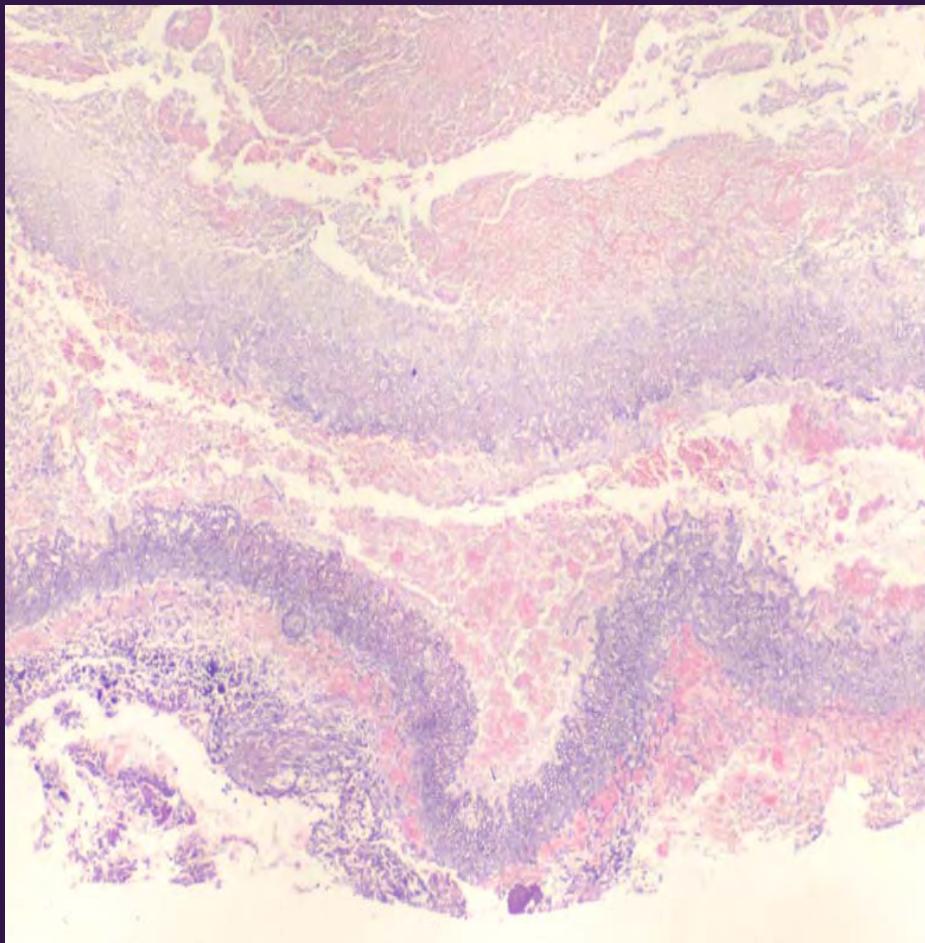
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Mucicarmine (+)



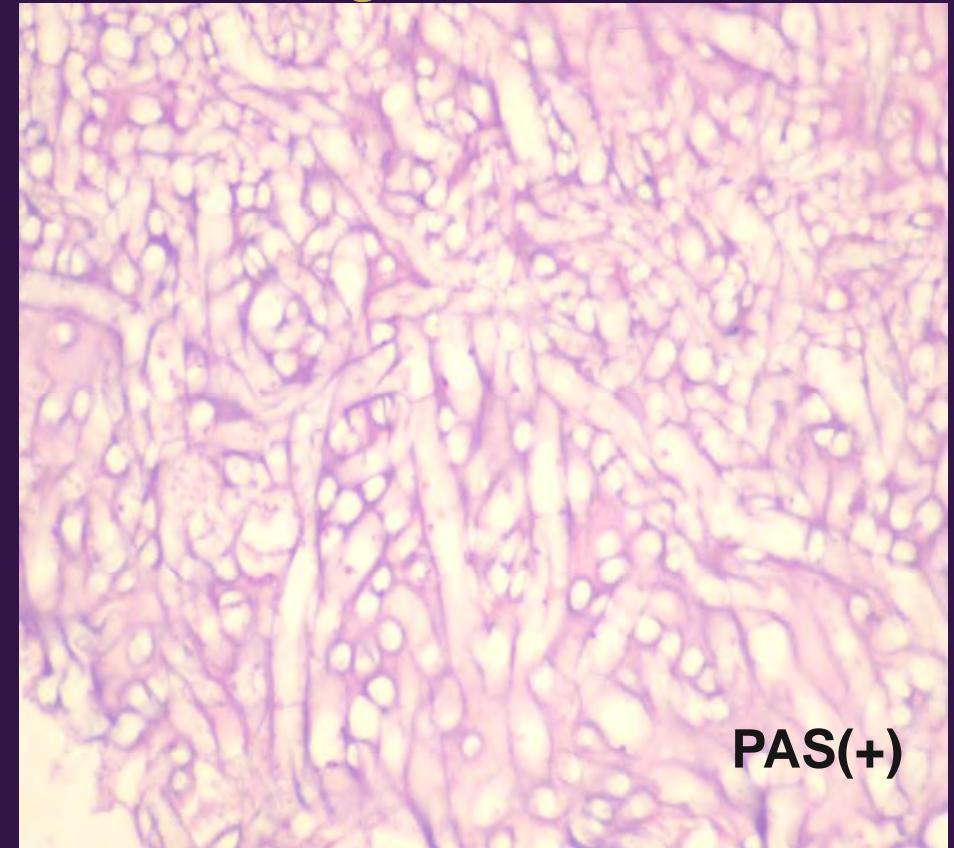
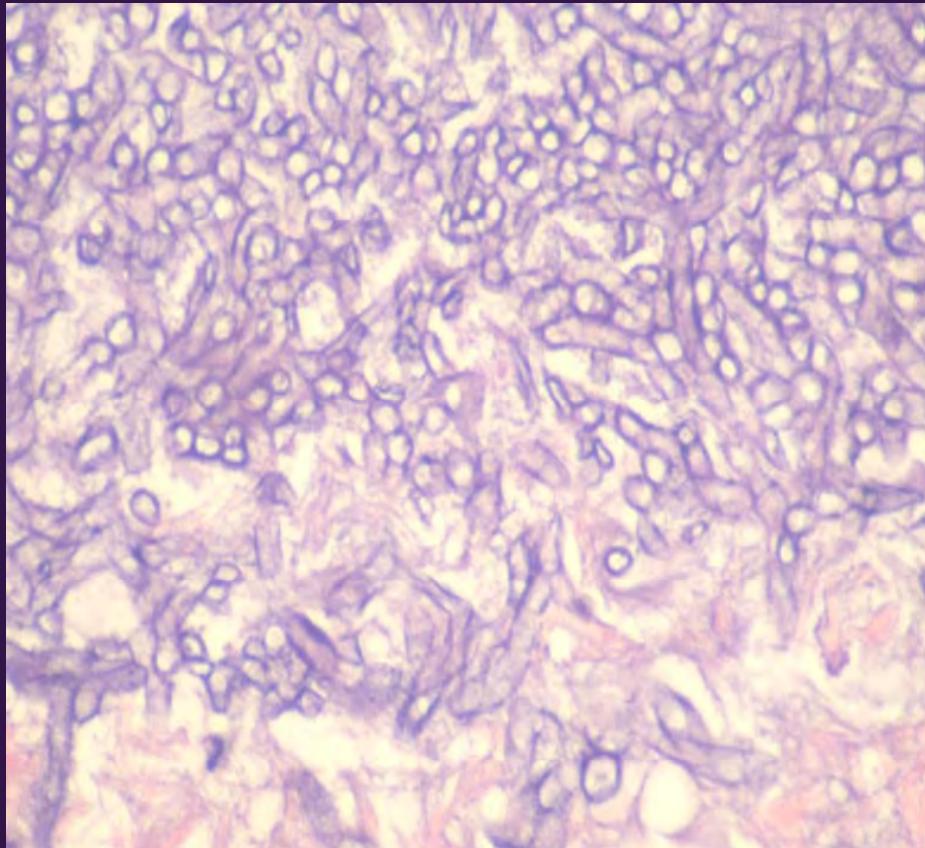
Microscopic Finding- Maxillary sinus



PAS(+)



Microscopic Findings – Maxillary Sinus



PAS(+)

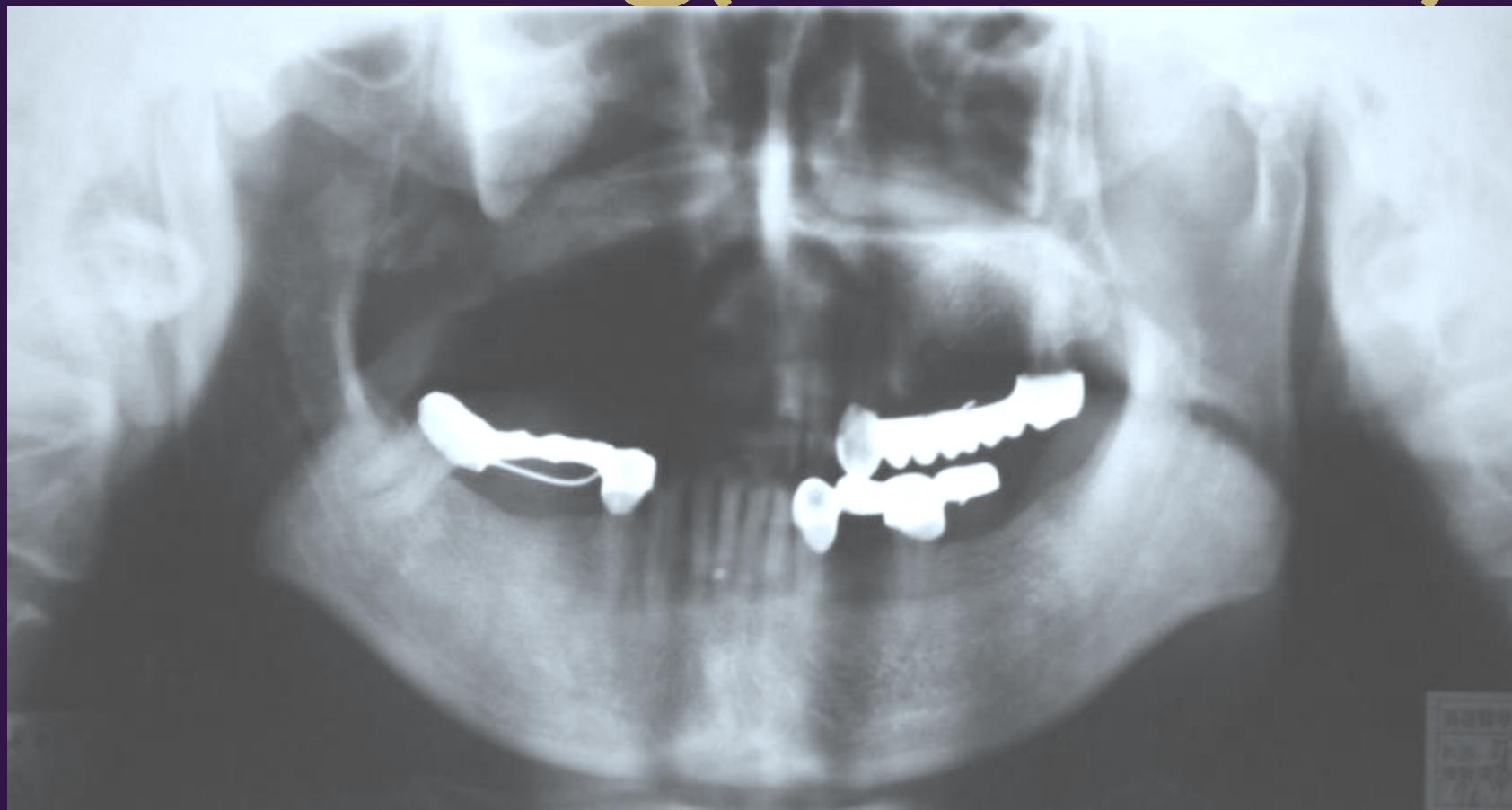


Final Diagnosis

- ▶ MUCOEPIDERMOID CARCINOMA
(LOW GRADE, ORAL CAVITY, HARD PALATE,
RIGHT, EXCISION)
- ▶ ASPERGILLOSIS
(SINUS, MAXILLA, RIGHT,
HEMIMAXILLECTOMY)



Panoramic Finding(96/09/19)



Treatment Course

- ▶ 96/9/7 ~ 96/9/11 Post Operation
 - 1. Oro-antral communication is noted.
 - 2. Deglutition.
 - 3. Disturbance in speech .
- ▶ 96/9/14 OS
 - 1. Impression for immediate obturator.





Pre-operation



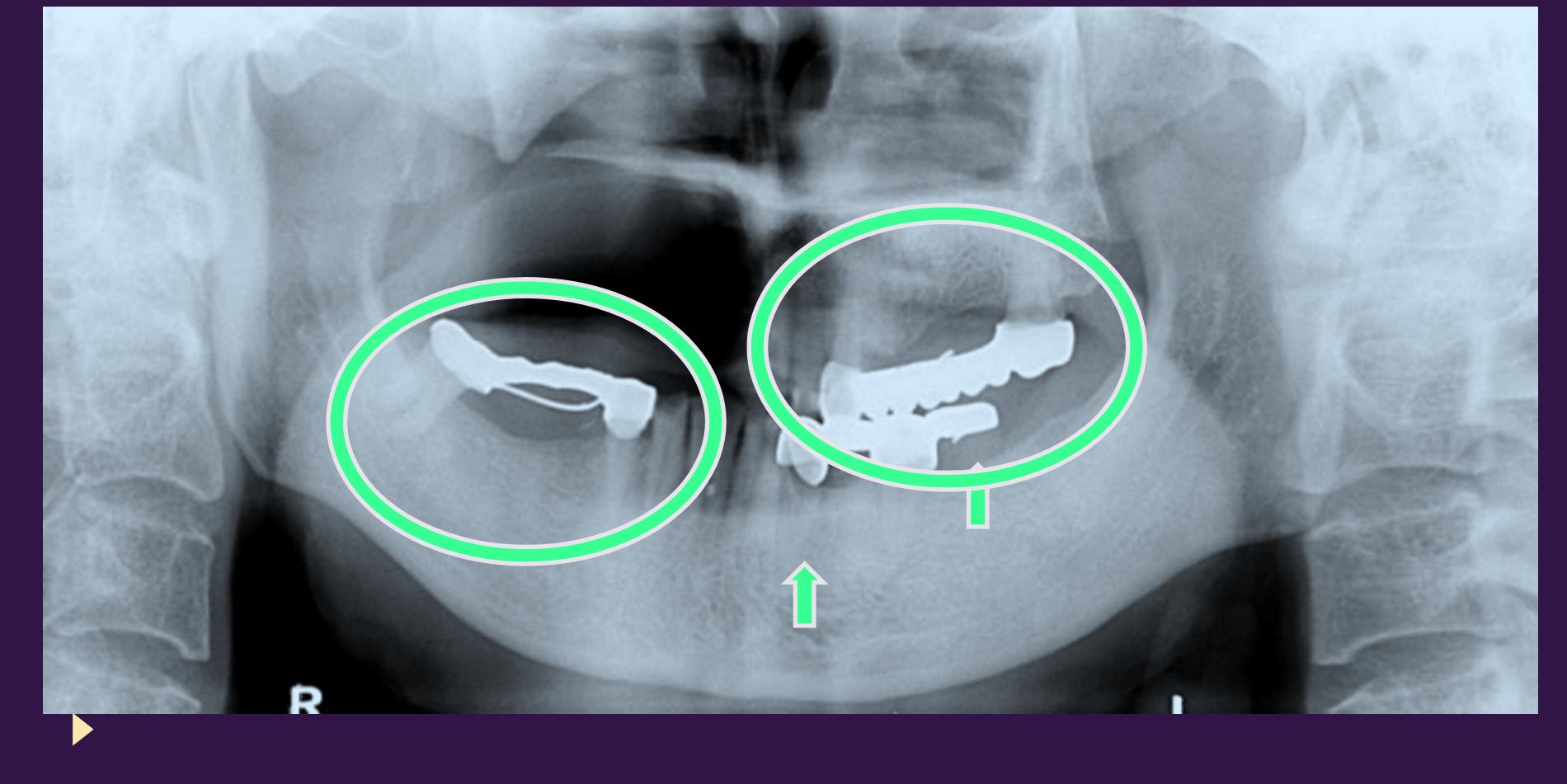
Operation



Reconstruction



Panoramic Finding (97/07/21)



Treatment Course

- ▶ 97/8/11 OS
 - ▶ Oro-antral fistula is noted on right hard palate.
 - ▶ Palatal rotation flap to the fistula was performed under superior alveolar nerve block and suture with 3-0 Dexon.
 - ▶ 97/12/22 OS
 - ▶ Refer to prosthodontic department for obturator fabrication.
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Prosthesis Treatment Plan



Upper

1. Remove upper left previous prosthesis
2. Telescope type obturator



Prosthesis Treatment Plan



Lower

1. Remove ill-fitting crown and bridge
2. Refer to OS for 33 residual root extraction
3. Tooth 35, 44, 47 surveyed crown
4. Lower Kennedy Class II RPD



Discussion



Muco- Muco- epidermoid Carcinoma

FUNGUS
SINUSITIS

- CLINICAL AND HISTOLOGICAL FEATURE
- TUMOR GRADE
- CLINICAL AND HISTOLOGICAL FEATURES
- TUMOR GRADE CLASSIFICATION
- IMMUNOCHEMICAL MARKERS

- Introduction
- Classification
- Related to our case

Clinical Features

- ▶ One of the most common salivary gland malignancies.
 - ▶ A wide age range (20 to 80 years)
 - ▶ Slight female predilection
 - ▶ Site :
 - ▶ 1. Parotid gland,
 - ▶ 2. Minor salivary gland (especially palate)
 - ▶ Asymptomatic swelling
 - ▶ Blue or red color
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Histopathologic Feature

Mucus-producing cells

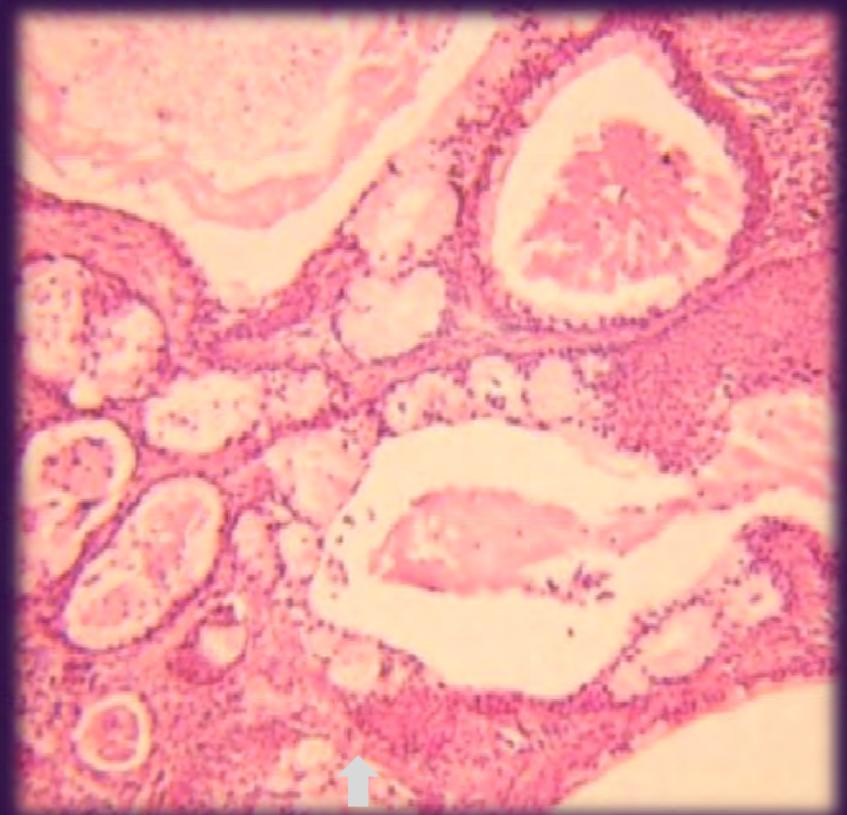
- Abundant foamy cytoplasm (positive with mucin stains)

Squamous cell

- Epidermoid cell

Intermediate cell

- Progenitor of above cell



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Quantitative Grading System

1. Amount of cyst formation
 2. Degree of cytologic atypia
 3. Relative numbers of mucous,
epidermoid, and intermediate cell
- Determine three histopathologic
grades



Low | Intermediate | High



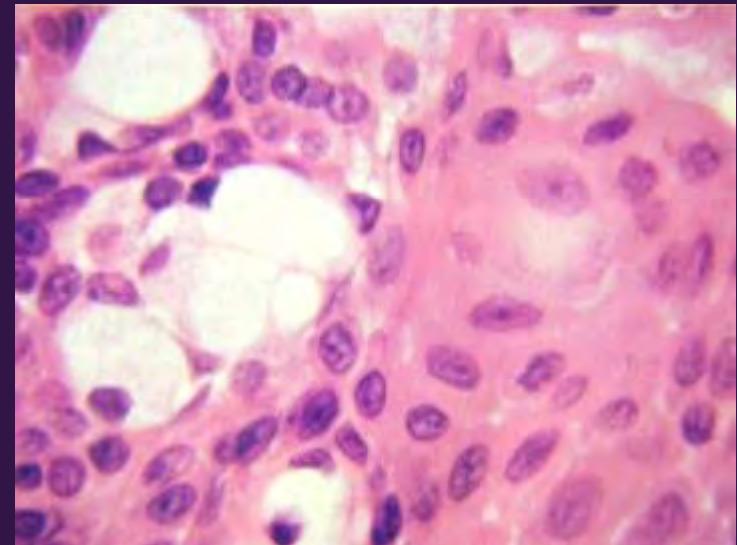
Quantitative Grading System

- ▶ Low grade: cyst formation, minimal cellular atypia, high proportion mucous cells



Quantitative Grading System

- ▶ High grade :
solid islands of squamous
and intermediate cells,
ill-defined margin,
hemorrhage and necrosis
- ▶ Intermediate grade :
Between the high
and low grade.



Quantitative Grading System

- Based on allocation of points of the five features

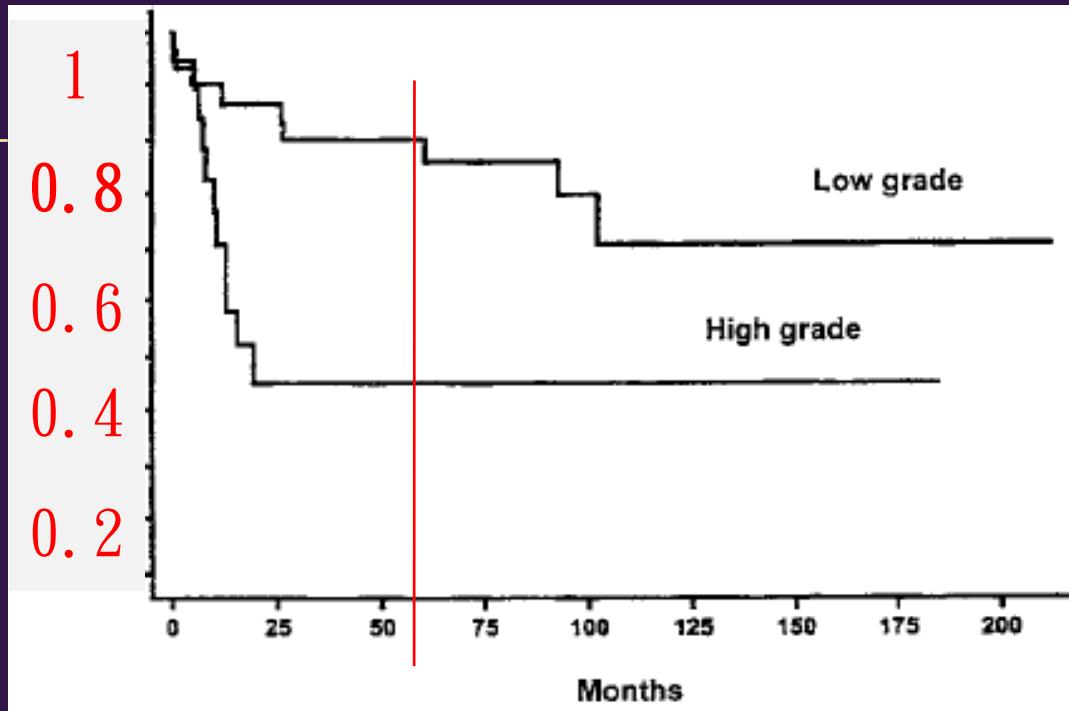
Parameter	Point value	Our Case
Intracystic component < 20%	+2	2
Neural invasion present	+2	0
Necrosis present	+3	0
Mitosis (4 or more per 10 HPF)	+3	0
Anaplasia present	+4	0

Grade	Point score
Low	0-4
Intermediate	5-6
High	7-14

= 2, Low grade



Prognosis



- ▶ Low grade : good
- ▶ Intermediate grade: slightly worse.
- ▶ High grade : 30~54% survival
- ▶ Submandibular gland tumors are with poorer outlook
- ▶ Minor salivary gland → good prognosis



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Immunohistochemical Markers

- ▶ Histopathology can be used to diagnosis tumor and classified the grade
- ▶ Special stains marking genes, protein, antigens differentiate tumors and to predict their prognosis



Immunohistochemical Markers

C-erbB-2

- Development, differentiation, mitogenic signalization
- Low-grade tumor

Proliferating cell nuclear antigen (PCNA)

- Non-histone nuclear protein →DNA synthesis
- Histologic grade of tumors and outcome → High-grade tumor

P53 tumor suppressor gene

- Critical point in the development of malignant tumors.

Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA)

- More common and more intense in malignant tumors

Immunohistochemical Markers

Low	Intermediate	High
13	9	5

		Category	Low grade	Intermediate	High
		-	13	9	4
P53	-	0	0	0	0
	+	0	0	0	1
	++	0	0	0	1

		Category	Low grade	Intermediate	High
		-	0	1	0
CEA	-	0	1	0	0
	+	0	1	0	0
	++	13	7	5	0

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Immunohistochemical Markers

- Low grade
- High grade

C-
erbB-
2

PCNA

P53

CEA

- No relation

- No relation



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Introduction

- ▶ Aspergillus: a spore-forming fungus
- ▶ Species: *A. fumigatus*, *A. niger*, *A. flavus*
- ▶ Infection site: lung, liver, spleen, bone, meninges, sinuses
- ▶ Predilection: female
- ▶ HP stains: Grocott, PAS → fungal hyphae



Introduction

- ▶ Clinical conditions posing added risk:
 - ▶ Poorly controlled DM, diabetic ketoacidosis
 - ▶ Leukemia and bone marrow transplant
 - ▶ End-stage renal disease
 - ▶ Prolonged antibiotic and corticosteroid treatment
 - ▶ Chronic immunosuppressive therapy



Introduction

- ▶ Presence of microscopic evidence of fungal hyphae within the tissue
- ▶ Mucosa is intact?
 - ▶ No → invasive
 - ▶ Yes → non-invasive (extramucosal)



Non-invasive
fungal
sinusitis

Non-invasive
destructive
sinusitis

Invasive
fungal
sinusitis

Allergic
fungal
sinusitis

Fungus
ball

Acute
fulminant
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Chronic
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Continuum of the
disease



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Non-invasive fungal sinusitis

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Invasive fungal sinusitis

Acute
fulminant
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Chronic
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Allergic Fungal Sinusitis

- Most common sinusitis

Age	Young adult
Site	>1 sinus, unilaterally
Appearance	Nasal polyps and thick yellow-green mucus
CT finding	Bone destruction, sinus wall expansion
IgE level	↑
Treatment	Surgery with or without systemic or local application of steroids



Allergic Fungal Sinusitis

- ▶ HP finding:
 - ▶ Inspissated material made up of amorphous, laminated layers of strongly eosinophilic to basophilic mucus intermixed with variably degenerated sheets of eosinophils
 - ▶ Charcot-Layden crystals



Fungus Ball

Complaint	Unilateral/bilateral nasal obstruction, nasal discharge
Site	One sinus (maxillary sinus, sphenoid sinus)
Appearance	Blackish or grayish cheesy material along with polyp, mycelia embedded in mucus
CT finding	Calcification areas within opacified mass, bilateral involvement of sinus
Histo-pathology	Without mucosal invasion
Treatment	Surgery without medical therapy

Fungus Ball

► Pathogenesis:

1. **Iatrogenic oro-antral communication:** Secondary to dental extraction, periodontal destruction, endodontic treatment with overfilling.
2. **Aerogenic theory:** Inhalation of high quantities of spores through natural ostium
3. ***Aspergillus* spores:** Poorly ventilated sinus, a pre-existing sinusitis, or foreign bodies in the sinus

Non-invasive fungal sinusitis

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Fungus
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Non-invasive destructive sinusitis

Invasive fungal sinusitis

Acute
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Non-Invasive Destructive

Complaint	Nasal discharge, nasal obstruction, headache
Appearance	Blackish or grayish cheesy material, mass of mycelia with bone destruction and dural exposure
Treatment	Surgery with or without medical therapy (itraconazole, ketoconazole , amphotericin B)
CT finding	Bone destruction and erosion, bilateral involvement of sinus
Histo-pathology	No mucosal invasion

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Acute Fulminant Sinusitis

- ▶ Rapid malignant course to the destruction of nasal cavity, orbit, and brain within a few days

Complaint	Persistent pyrexia, crusting of nasal mucous membrane, epistaxis, and headaches
Sign	facial swelling, orbital symptoms and systemic dissemination
CT finding	Opacity of the sinus with or without destruction



Chronic Invasive sinusitis

Sign	Extension to orbit with or without intracranial extension, slow progression
Site	Multiple sinus involvement
Appearance	Hard gritty mass
CT finding	Unilateral orbital, cavernous sinus, neurovascular structures, subcutaneous cheek
Histo-pathology	Mucosal invasion
Treatment	Surgery with or without medical therapy (itraconazole , ketoconazole, amphotericin B)

FUNGUS SINUSITIS

- Introduction
- Classification
- Related to our case

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1. Histologically allergic mucin
2. Eosinophilis
3. Scattered hyphae
4. Charcot-Layden crystals

No

Yes

Tissue invasion

Allergic aspergillus
sinusitis

Tissue
invasion

No

Yes

Destruction of
bone with
exposure of dura
periorbital

No

Non-
invasive
(fungal ball)

Yes

Non-
invasive
destructive
aspergillus

Vascular
Invasion

No

Chronic
invasive
aspergillus

Yes

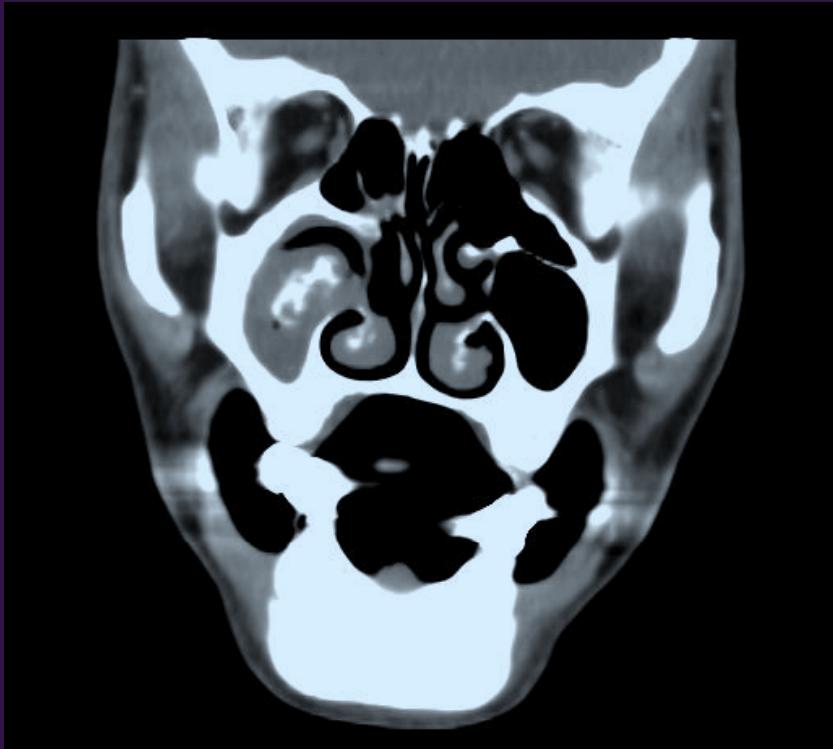
Fulminant
aspergillus



Conclusion



- ▶ Right hard palate: Mucoepidermoid carcinoma (low-grade)
- ▶ Right maxillary sinus: Aspergillosis



Predisposing Factor of Aspergillus

Local Factor

Endodontic treatment with overfilling.

Periodontal Destruction

Extraction

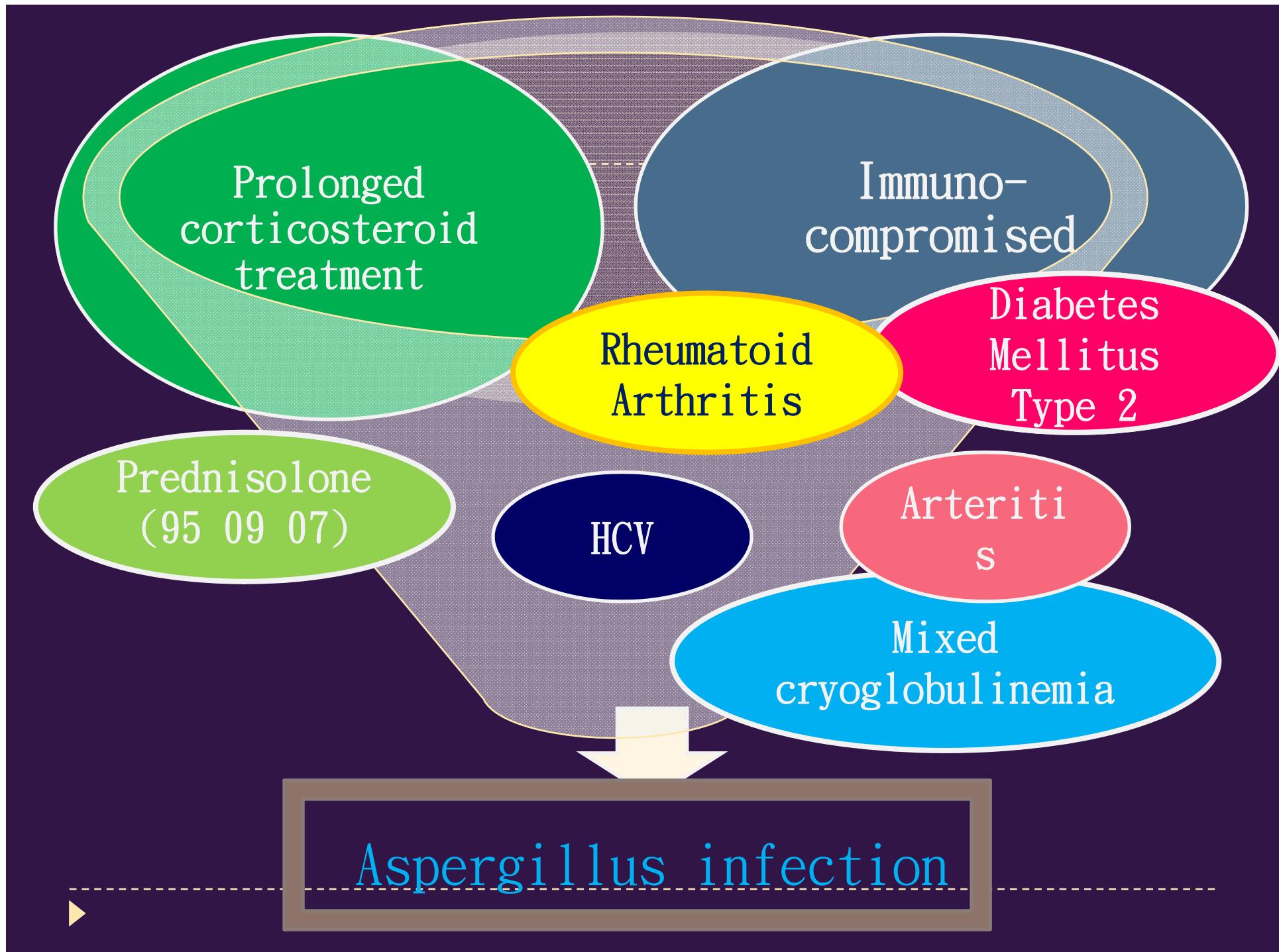
Systemic factor

Leukemia , bone marrow transplant

Poorly controlled DM

Chronic immunosuppressive therapy

Prolonged antibiotic, corticosteroid treatment



- ▶ Although these two concurrent lesions are distinct to each other histologically, the involved anatomic landmarks are in close proximity, so it is unable to clinically distinguish whether the two lesions are separated entities.
- ▶ So, these two lesions are removed together during the operation.
- ▶ Post-surgical obturator fabrication for palatal defect is necessary to promote the patient's life quality.

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attention



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