



Pathology

Pathology or diseases and tumors of the jaws range from lesions that involve the soft tissue of the mouth to lesions that are found within the bone of the jaws. Most of these lesions are benign and can be eliminated through simple surgical procedures. Some benign lesions require more extensive surgical therapy to prevent recurrence or prevent further injury to important anatomical structures. Rarely, cancerous lesions are encountered and require treatment through multiple modalities. Occasionally, people develop lesions of the jaws as a result of radiation treatment for head and neck cancers or due to certain medications. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons are experts in diagnosing, biopsying and treating most lesions of the mouth and jaws. Their extensive surgical training and knowledge of the oral cavity and teeth are vital in not only the diagnosis of these lesions, but also the proper reconstruction after more extensive lesions have been removed.