

Salivary mucoceles

What is a salivary mucocele?

A salivary mucocele is a cyst that arises in connection with minor salivary glands. They are common and are usually superficial.

Mucoceles mainly appear in the lip but can also occur in cheeks and the floor and roof of the mouth. They appear as a bluish/translucent swelling just under the lining of the mouth. They may have a history of bursting, collapsing then refilling which may be repeated.

A common cause is due to trauma of the area.

What is the treatment?

The treatment of choice is surgical removal of the mucocele. However, if the mucocele is small and doesn't cause any problems it can be left alone with no surgical intervention.

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