

# Odontogenic tumors

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# Odontogenic tumors

- Tumors derived from the dental formative tissues
- Uncommon, some are exceedingly rare, represent 1 % of all tumors of oral cavity.
- Derived from epithelial, ectomesenchymal and mesenchymal tissues.

# Classification of odontogenic tumors

- **According biological behavior**

- Benign
- Malignant

- **According localisation**

- Intraosseous
- Extraosseous

# Classification of odontogenic tumors

- **Histogenetic/histomorphological classification**
  - **Epithelial**
    - Without odontogenic mesenchyme
    - With odontogenic mesenchyme
  - **Mesenchymal**
  - **Tumors of debatable origin**
    - Melanotic neuroectodermal tumor of infancy
    - Congenital gingival granular cell tumor (epulis congenita)

# Benign epithelial odontogenic tumor

- **Without odontogenic mesenchyme**

Ameloblastoma

Squamous odontogenic tumor

Calcifying epithelial odontogenic tumor

Adenomatoid odontogenic tumor

Keratinising cystic odontogenic tumor = odontogenic keratocyst

- **With odontogenic mesenchyme**

Ameloblastic fibroma and fibrodentinoma

Ameloblastic fibro-odontoma

Odontoameloblastoma

Calcifying odontogenic cyst and dentinogenic ghost cell tumor

Complex odontoma

Compound odontoma

# Benign mesenchymal odontogenic tumours

## ■ Odontogenic fibroma

- benign, rare, mandible, maxilla

## ■ Myxoma

- benign, relapsing, mandible, maxilla

## ■ Cementoblastoma

- benign, relapsing, associated with the root of a tooth
- Calcified cementum-like tissue containing scattered cells lying in lacunae

# Malignant odontogenic tumors

## ■ Odontogenic carcinomas

Malignant ameloblastoma/ameloblastic carcinoma

Primary intraosseous carcinoma (without association with oral mucosa)

Clear cell odontogenic carcinoma

Malignant variants of other epithelial tumors

Malignant change in odontogenic cysts

(metastatic spreading into lymph nodes, lungs, bones,...)

## ■ Odontogenic sarcomas

Ameloblastic fibrosarcoma

Ameloblastic fibro-odontosarcoma

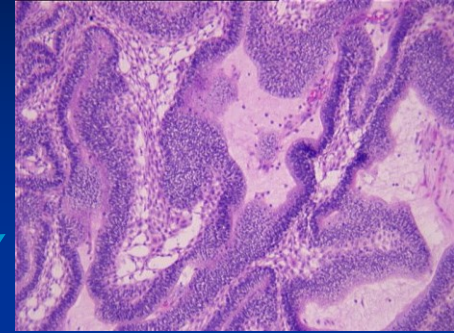
# Ameloblastoma

- Benign, local invasive, relapse after years
- Subtypes:
  - Solid/multicystic
  - Extrasosseous/peripheral (soft tissues above mandibula, older patients)
  - Desmoplastic (anterior maxilla and mandible)
  - Unicystic



# Solid multicystic ameloblastoma

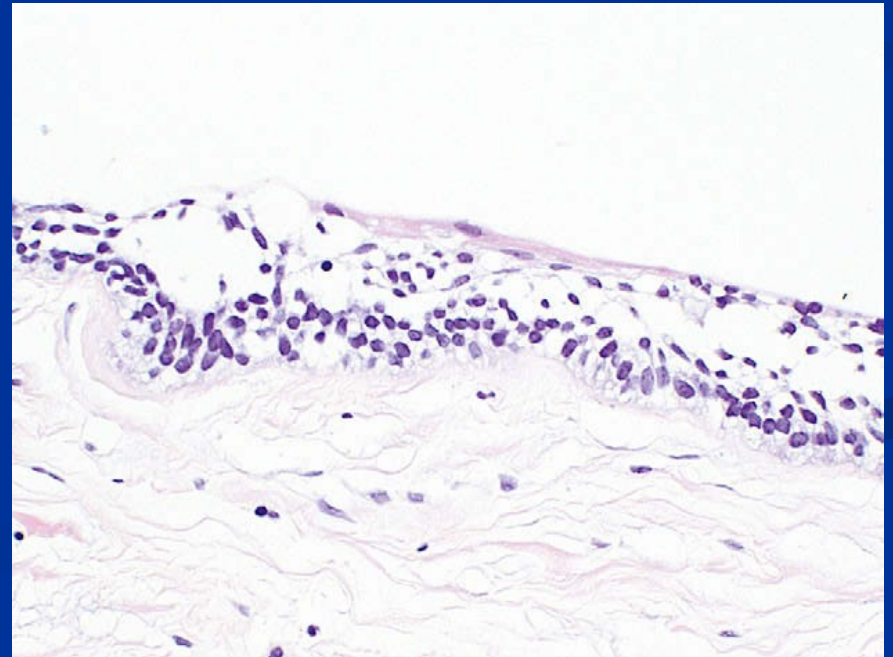
- 3.-5. decade, molar region/ascending ramus of the mandible (70 %) + posterior maxilla
- Two main histological patterns: follicular and plexiform
- *Variants*: basaloid, granular, acantomathous, keratoacantomathous
- Columnar/cuboidal peripheral cells considered to be preameloblasts)
- Mature fibrous stroma, does not contain enamel or dentin



Treatment: surgical resection with a margin of normal bone

# Unicystic ameloblastoma

- Younger patients
- Often associated with an unerupted tooth, macroscopically looks like dentigerous cyst
- Cystic lesion lined by ameloblastomatous epithelium, with palisading of basal layer of the cells
- Luminal and mural variants
- Luminal variants treated by enucleation and curettage; mural variants treated by resection



# Other benign epithelial odontogenic tumors

## ■ Squamous odontogenic tumor

- benign, locally aggressive, rare, in mandible, M>F, 4th decade
- nests of squamous epithelium in fibrous stroma

## ■ Calcifying epithelial odontogenic tumor (Pindborg's tumor)

- benign, locally aggressive, rare, in mandible, M>F, 4th decade (molar and premolar region)
- sheets of pleomorphic epithelial cells, amyloid-like material, calcification
- assoc. with Gorlin-Goltz syndrome

# Other benign epithelial odontogenic tumors

## ■ Adenomatoid odontogenic tumor

- benign, hamartoma?, 2nd, 3rd decade, anterior part of the maxilla, often assoc. with unerupted tooth
- solid nodules and tubular structures + eosinophilic material, calcification; treated by enucleation

## ■ Keratinising cystic odontogenic tumor = odontogenic keratocyst

(WHO 2005 true tumor, in current WHO classification odontogenic cyst)

- benign, locally aggressive
- Mandibular angle (50 %), 60 % relapsing; treated by enucleation?

# Odontogenic keratocysts

- Bimodal age distribution – 2nd-3rd decades and 5th decade
- Few symptoms; cause little expansion; may reach large size
- Unilocular/multilocular radiolucency; may mimic dentigerous cyst
- More common in mandibula than in maxila
- Tendency to recur
- May be multiple; associated with nevoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome

# Naevoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome (Gorlin-Goltz syndrome)

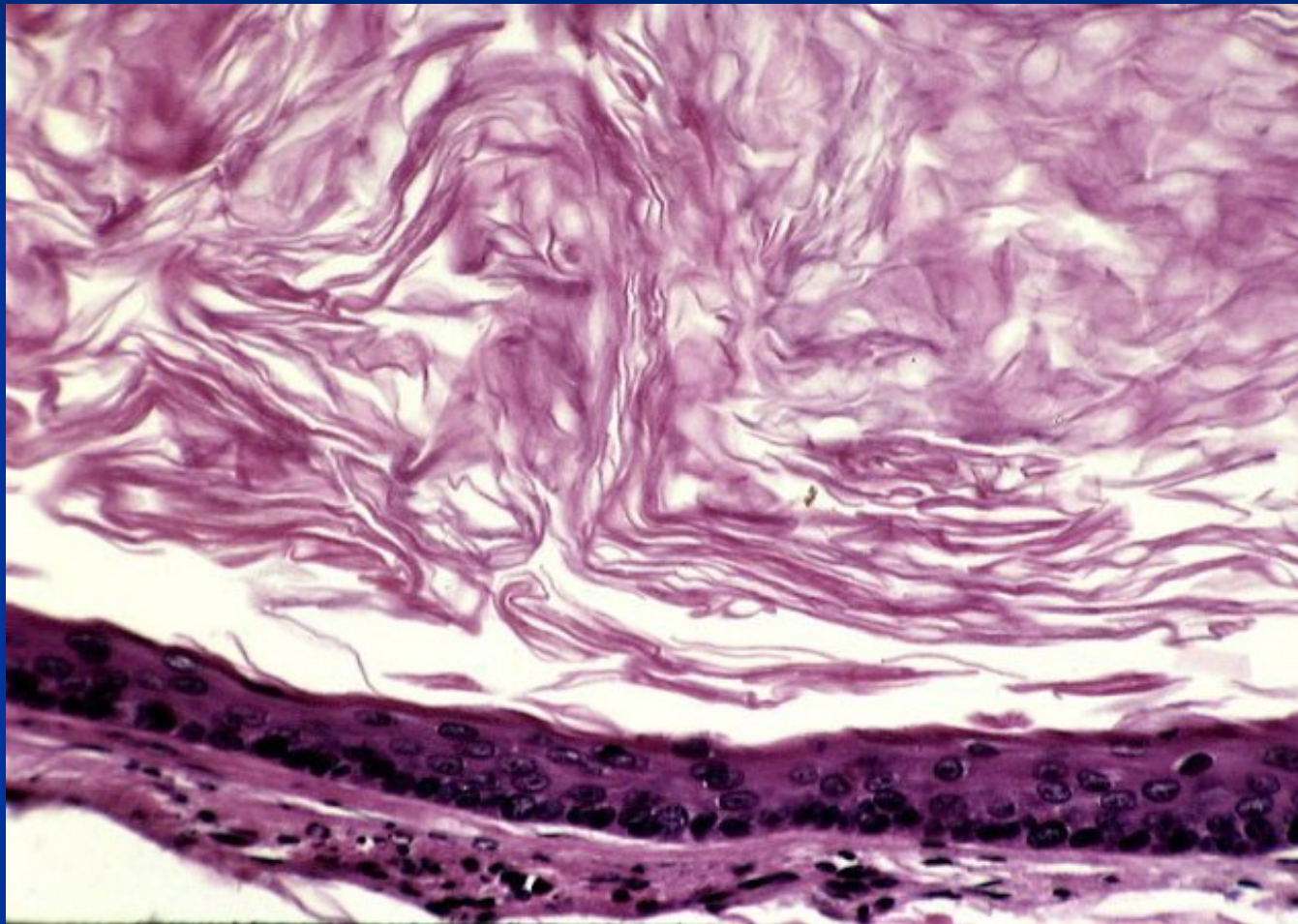
- AD
- Multiple naevoid BCC + multiple odontogenic keratocysts + skeletal abnormalities (rib abnormalities, vertebral deformities, polydactyly, cleft lip/palate) + calcified falx cerebri + brain tumours
- Mutation in tumor suppressor gene PTCH (9q)
- Mutations of PTCH affect the normal function of *Hedgehog* signalling pathway
- *Hedgehog* signalling pathway controls transcription of the genes involved in the development, patterning, and growth of numerous tissues and organs

# Odontogenic keratocysts

- **Thin, easily torn wall**
- **Lined by an even layer of parakeratinized squamous epithelium**
- **Palisaded basal cell layer**
- **Satellite cysts in capsule**
- **Tendency to recur due to difficulty of surgical removal**
  - thin, easily ruptured wall
  - Projection into cancellous spaces easily torn
  - Satellite cysts in capsule
- **Cyst enlargement involves**
  - Focal areas of active growth of the cyst wall
  - Extension of proliferating areas along cancellous spaces
  - Production of bone resorbing factors



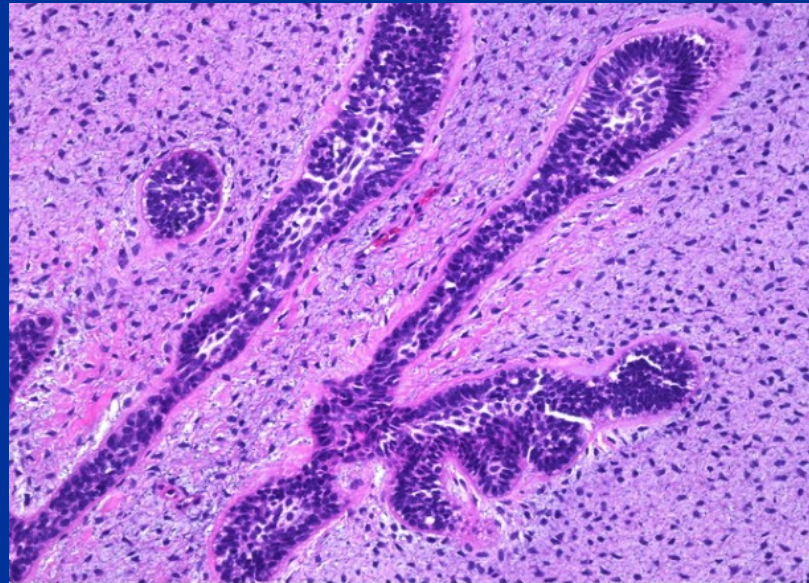
# Odontogenic keratocyst





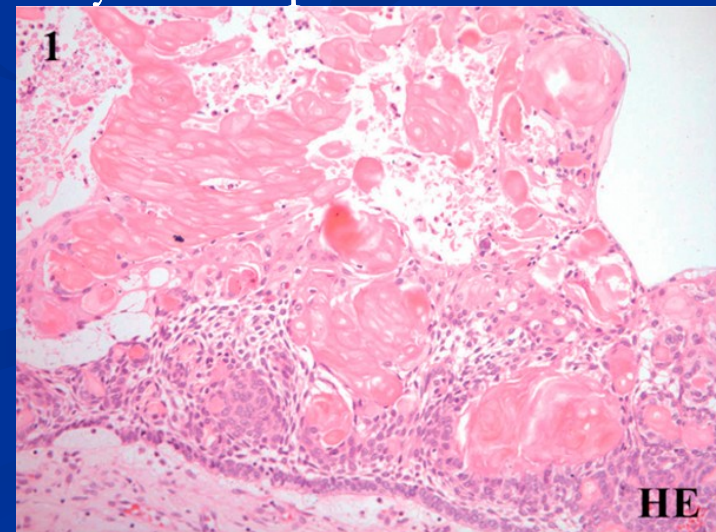
# Ameloblastic fibroma, fibrodentinoma, fibro-odontoma

- Benign tumors, fibro-odontoma v.s. hamartoma
- Well circumscribed, mainly in 1st and 2nd decade, posterior mandible
- Odontogenic epithelium + cellular mesenchymal tissue
- Fibrodentinoma contains dentin, fibro-odontoma enamel and dentin
- Must be distinguished from ameloblastoma, different treatment (curretage)!



# Calcifying cystic odontogenic tumor = calcifying odontogenic cyst (Gorlin's cyst)

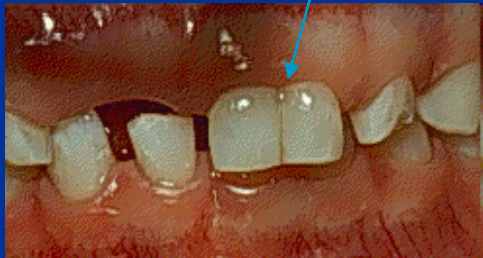
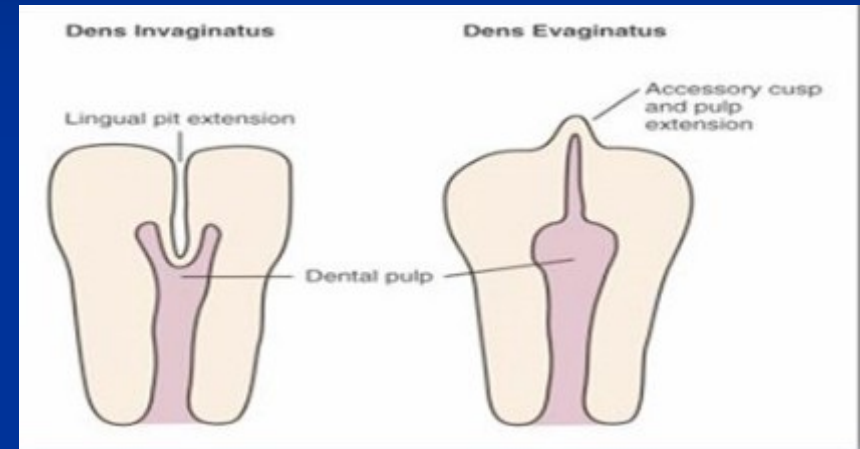
- WHO 2005 true tumor, in current WHO classification odontogenic cyst
- Wide age range
- Anterior mandible, maxilla, gingiva
- Cyst lined by ameloblastic epithelium, „ghost cells“ → calcification, „dentinoid“ at basal layer of epithelium in supporting fibrous tissue
- Tend to recur, sometimes associated with ameloblastoma
- Treatment: enucleation



# Odontomas

(true tumors?, hamartomas, congenital anomalies?)

- Invaginated (dens-in-dente, dens invaginatus)
- Evaginated (dens evaginatus)
- Enamel pearls/enamelomas
- „Double tooth“ / geminated odontoma

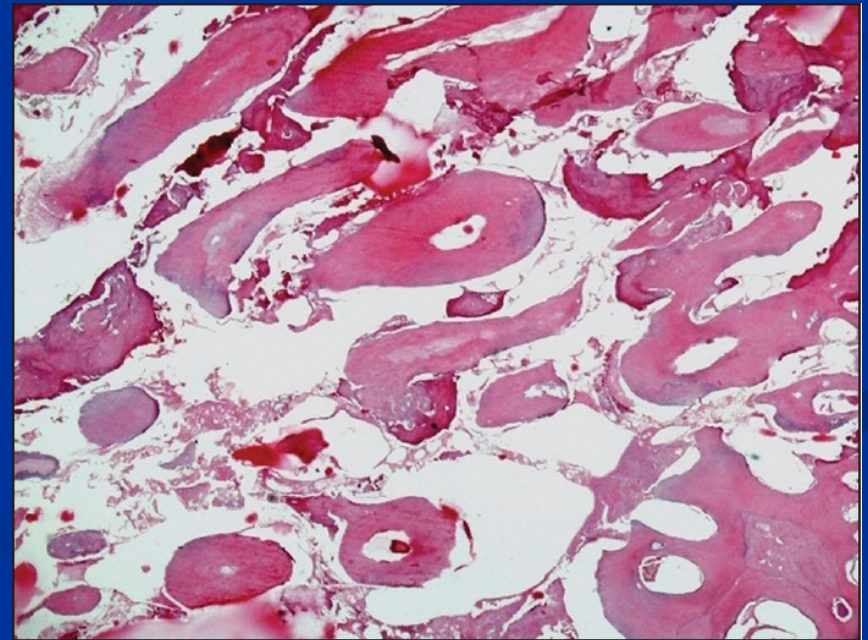
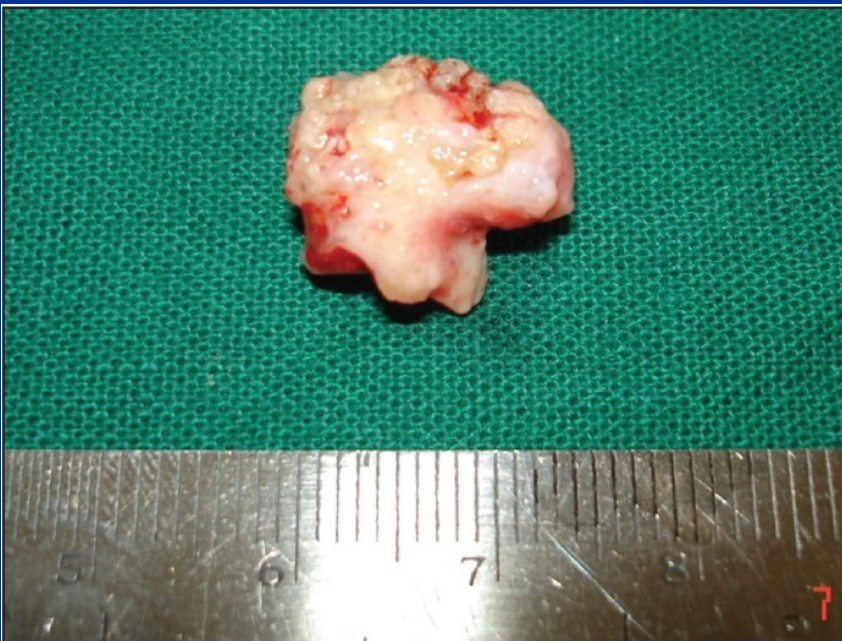


- Complex odontoma
- Compound odontoma



# Complex odontoma

- Developmental lesion resulting in disorganized mass of dental tissue
- 2nd/3rd decade, predominantly molar region mandible, may overlie/replace a tooth



# Compound odontoma

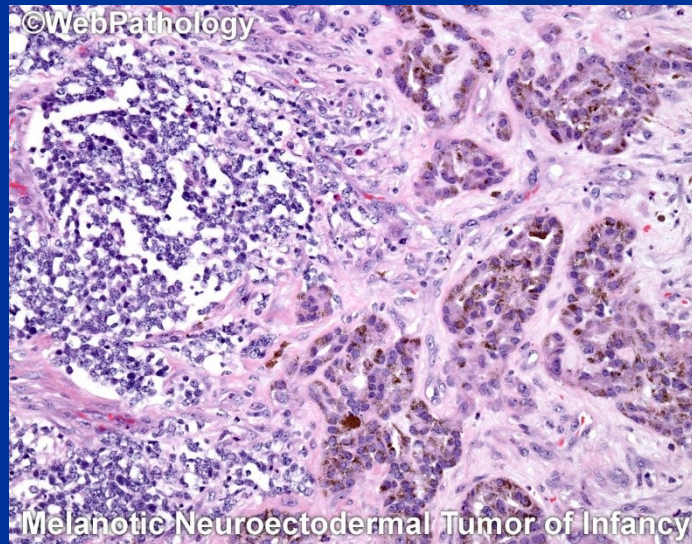
- 1st/2nd decade; predominantly anterior maxilla
- Developmental lesion resulting in the formation of a bag of discrete denticles
- Denticles comprise enamel, dentine, cementum, and pulp in their normal anatomical relationship
- Separate denticles identifiable on radiograph



## Melanotic neuroectodermal tumor of infancy

Synonyms: melanotic progonoma, retinal anlage tumor,...

- Very rare
- Tumor of infancy, 80 % < 6 month, 95 % < 1 year of age
- F:M: 2:1
- maxilla > mandible > skull
- Rapidly growing pigmented mass
- Local recurrences, metastatic (7 %): lymph nodes, liver, bones

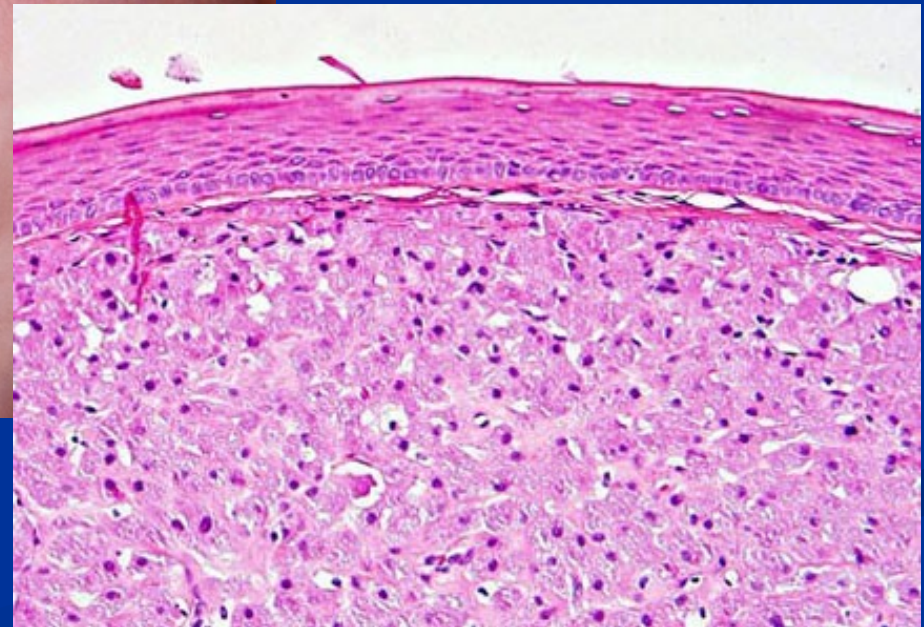
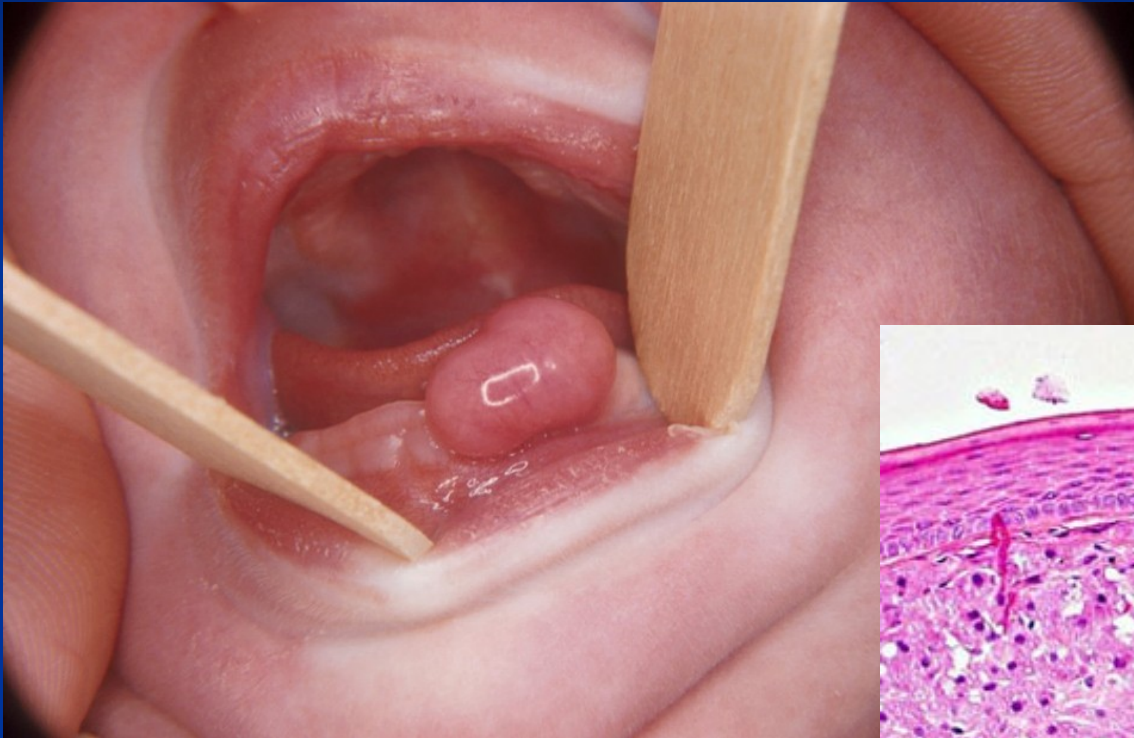


# Congenital epulis of the newborns – congenital gingival granular cell tumor:

- Incisor region of the maxilla, F>M
- Closely packed granular cells covered by flattened squamous epithelium
- Benign lesion, unknown etiology  
(reactive?,...neoplastic???, but unrelated to granular cell tumor of the tongue )



# Congenital epulis of the newborns – congenital gingival granular cell tumor





# Take home message

- Odontogenic tumors are rare, but occur
- NOT ONLY ameloblastoma
- Often benign x locally aggressive
- Not to rely only on radiography, histopathological examination of diagnosis is necessary!
- Secondary inflammation can cover some signs

