

Case presentation

FOM Ca

Floor of mouth carcinoma

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Introduction

- Case presentation
- Discussion on Floor of mouth CA
- Discussion on mandibular involvement

Patient details

- 58 yo male
- Complains of:
 - Tender tongue inferiolateral (L)
 - Pain when eating
 - Decreased tongue movement (L)
 - LOW

Patient history

- ENT T2N0M0 FOM Ca (L) 2002
- Surgery Excision Ca '02
SOND
- Radiotherapy Post surgery '02
- PMHx ? OA (shoulders / elbows)
- Meds Ibuprofen, Panado
- Allergies Nil
- Social Smoker 15pack years, cont after 2002
Alcohol social

Examination

- Thin 46 kg
- Scar previous SOND
- JACCOL nil. NO pathological nodes palpable
- Mouth edentulous
- FOM mass 2 x 4 cm
VERY TENDER
fixation to ventral aspect of tongue
affecting speech
unable to assess full extent of infiltration
- ENT otherwise normal
- Systemic NAD

Special investigation

- Bloods NAD. Hb13
- Panorex no infiltration of mandible
- CXR hyperinflated lungs
no metastases
- ECG
- Biopsy Infiltrating squamous cell carcinoma

Management Plan

- EUA infiltrate periosteum
 infiltrate cortex partially
T4N0M0 (recurrence)
- Referrals Dietician
 Social worker
 Dentist – post op.dentures
- X block Commando – (L)ND – Pec Major Flap
 No radius / fibula free flap (RoRx)
 No radiotherapy
- ICU monitor airway post operative

Surgery

- Tracheostomy
- Modified Schobinger approach; cheek flap
- Radical neck dissection (L) – take SCM + IJV + N.XI
- Split lip in middle
- Removal of tumor with free edge
- Marginal resection of mandible
- Closure / tongue and buccal mucosa
- Portovac
- Closure of skin







Post operative

- ICU 24 hours no airway compromise
- Transfused 2 units Hb 11
- NG feeds first 4 days
- Portovac first 7 days
- Trache remove day 6
- Seroma G5 2/52 later
Ultrasound no haematoma
aspirate
- Dental refer await for dentures

Floor of Mouth Carcinoma

- Oral cavity
- Risk factors
- TNM classification
- Considerations
- Management protocols
- Management options for mandible infiltration
- Complications
- Reconstruction

Anatomical sites of oral cavity

Buccal mucosa

Mucosal surface of upper / lower lips

Mucosal surface of cheeks

Retromolar areas

Buccoalveolar sulci, upper, lower

Alveolus and gingiva Upper and lower

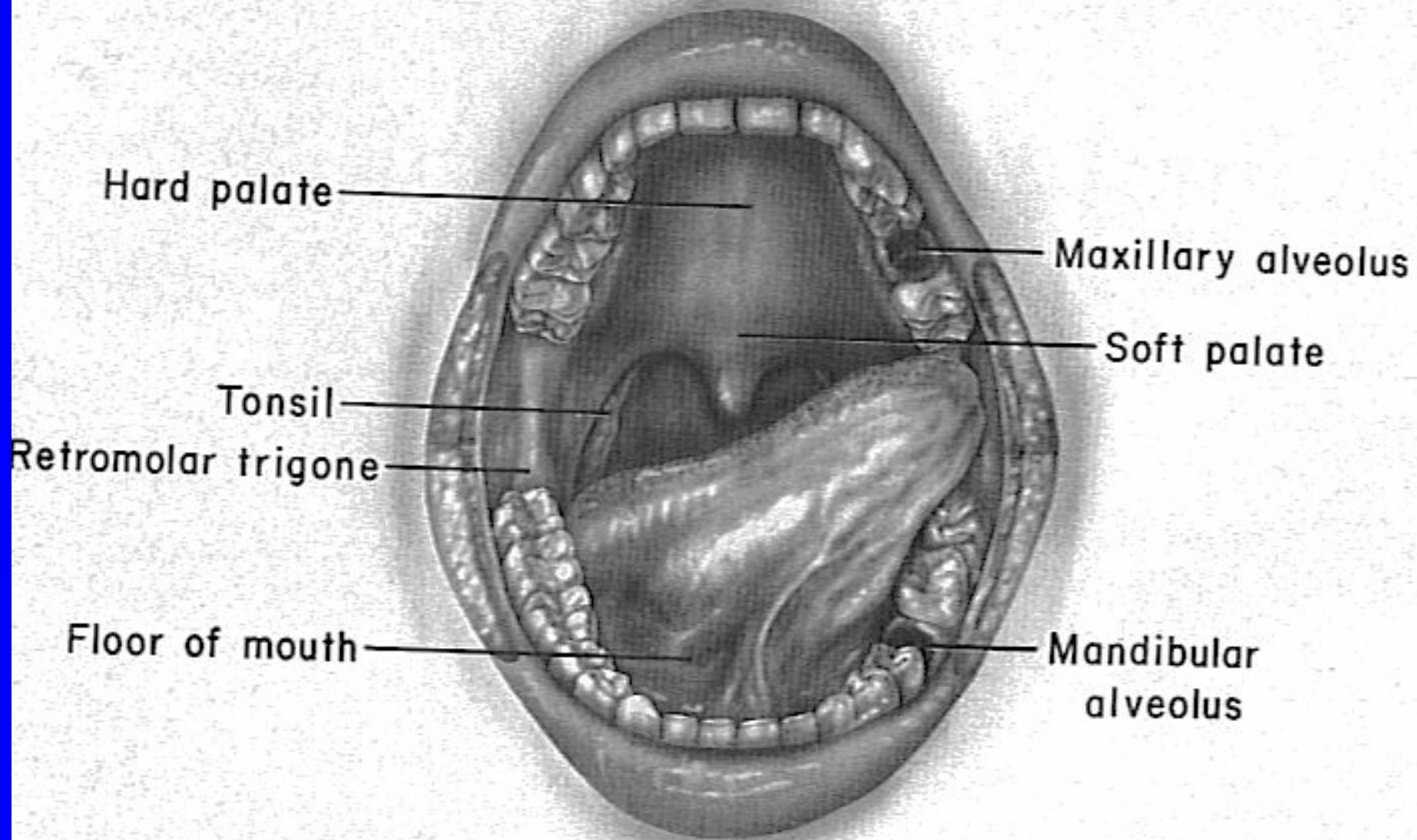
Hard Palate

Tongue

Dorsal surface + lateral borders ant. to vallate papillae (ant 2/3)

Inferior surface

Floor of mouth

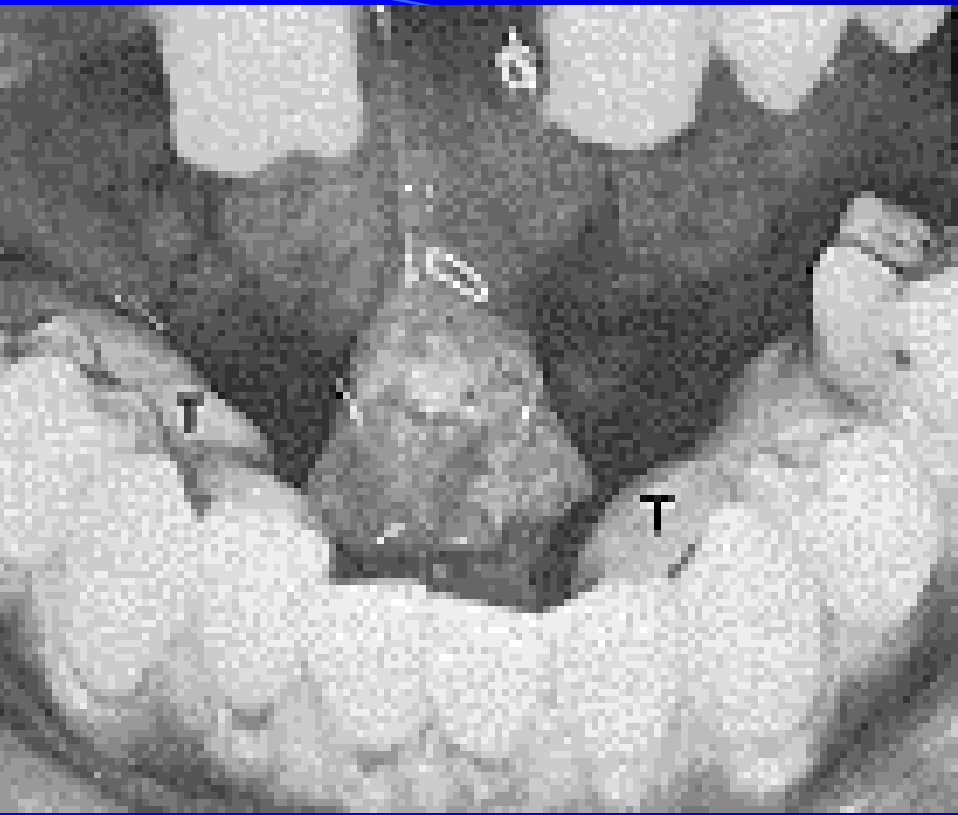


The incidence of mouth tumours

| <i>Type of tumour</i> | <i>Incidence</i> |
|--|------------------|
| <i>Ectodermal</i> | |
| Miscellaneous benign (mainly neural tumours) | 1.0% |
| Benign salivary | 2.0% |
| Squamous carcinoma (verrucous carcinoma) | 85.0% 5% |
| Malignant salivary | 5.0% |
| Melanoma | 0.1% |
| <i>Mesodermal</i> | |
| Haemangioma | 1.5% |
| Granular cell myoblastoma | 1.0% |
| Other benign | 1.0% |
| <i>Malignant</i> | |
| Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma | 1.0% |
| Hodgkin's lymphoma | 0.1% |
| Fibrosarcoma | 0.5% |
| Other sarcomas | 1.0% |
| <i>Metastatic</i> | 1.0% |

Site incidence of oral squamous carcinoma

| <i>Site of carcinoma</i> | | <i>Incidence</i> |
|--------------------------|-----|------------------|
| Retromolar | | 2% |
| Buccal mucosa | | 10% |
| Tongue | | 35% |
| Lateral border | 31% | |
| Tip | 2% | |
| Dorsum | 2% | |
| Floor of mouth | | 30% |
| Anterior | 25% | |
| Lateral | 15% | |
| Lower alveolus | | 15% |
| Upper alveolus | | 5% |
| Hard palate | | 3% |



Risk factors

1.Smoking Synergistic 1 + 2

2.Alcohol

3.Beetle quid

4.Snuff

5.Rural

6.Low socioeconomics

7.Poor dentitian

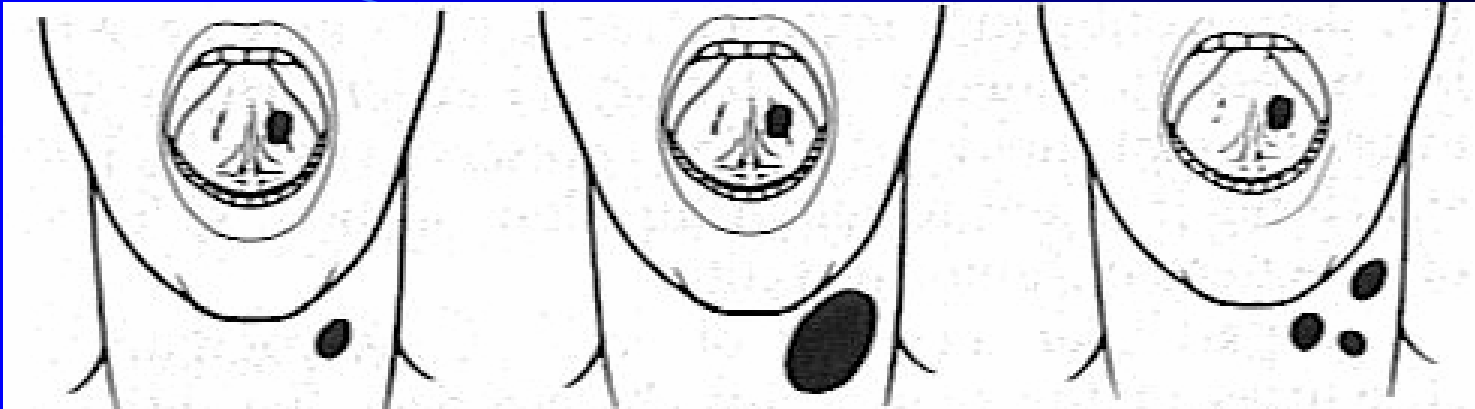
8.Textile industries

TNM classification

- T: Tx = 1° tumour can't be assessed
- T0 = No tumour evidence
- Tis= Carcinoma-in-situ
- T1 = < 2cm in greatest dimension
- T2 = 2 – 4 cm
- T3 = > 4 cm
- T4 = infiltrate surrounding structures
e.g. cortical bone, intrinsic tongue mm

TNM classification

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| N: | N_x | = | Can't assess regional lymph nodes |
| | N₀ | = | No regional lymph nodes |
| | N₁ | = | ipsilateral < 3cm single |
| | N_{2a} | = | ipsilateral 3 – 6 cm single |
| | N_{2b} | = | ipsilateral < 6 cm multiple |
| | N_{2c} | = | bilateral / contralateral < 6 cm |
| | N₃ | = | Any node > 6 cm |
| | | | |
| M: | M_x | = | Unable to assess |
| | M₁ | = | Metastases present |



N1

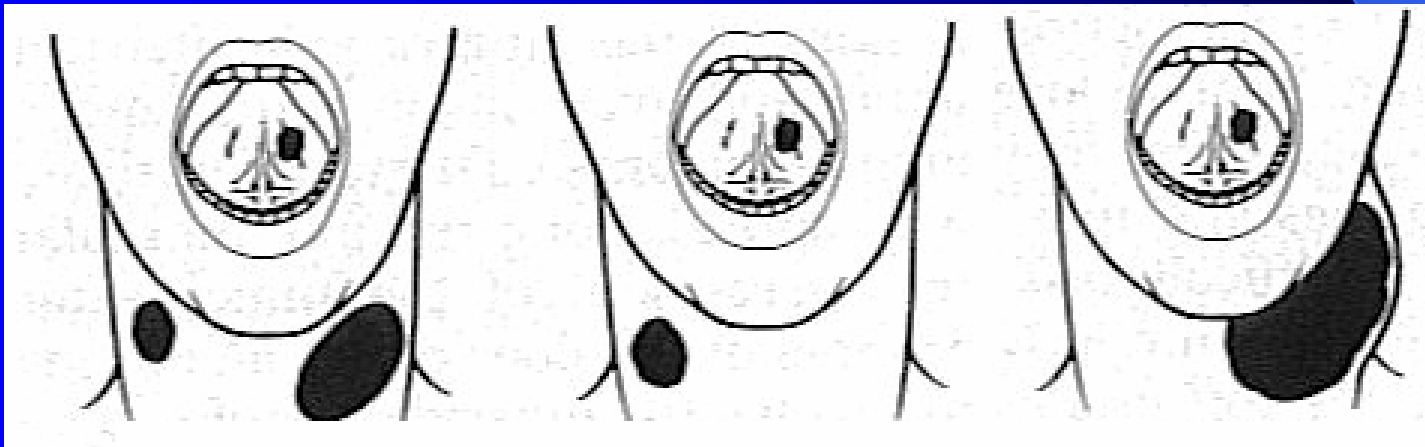
N2a

N2b

N2c

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N3



Considerations

Most anterior, midline – frenulum and just lateral

Infiltration deceptive

Lymph spread to cervical nodes late

Spread to submandibular

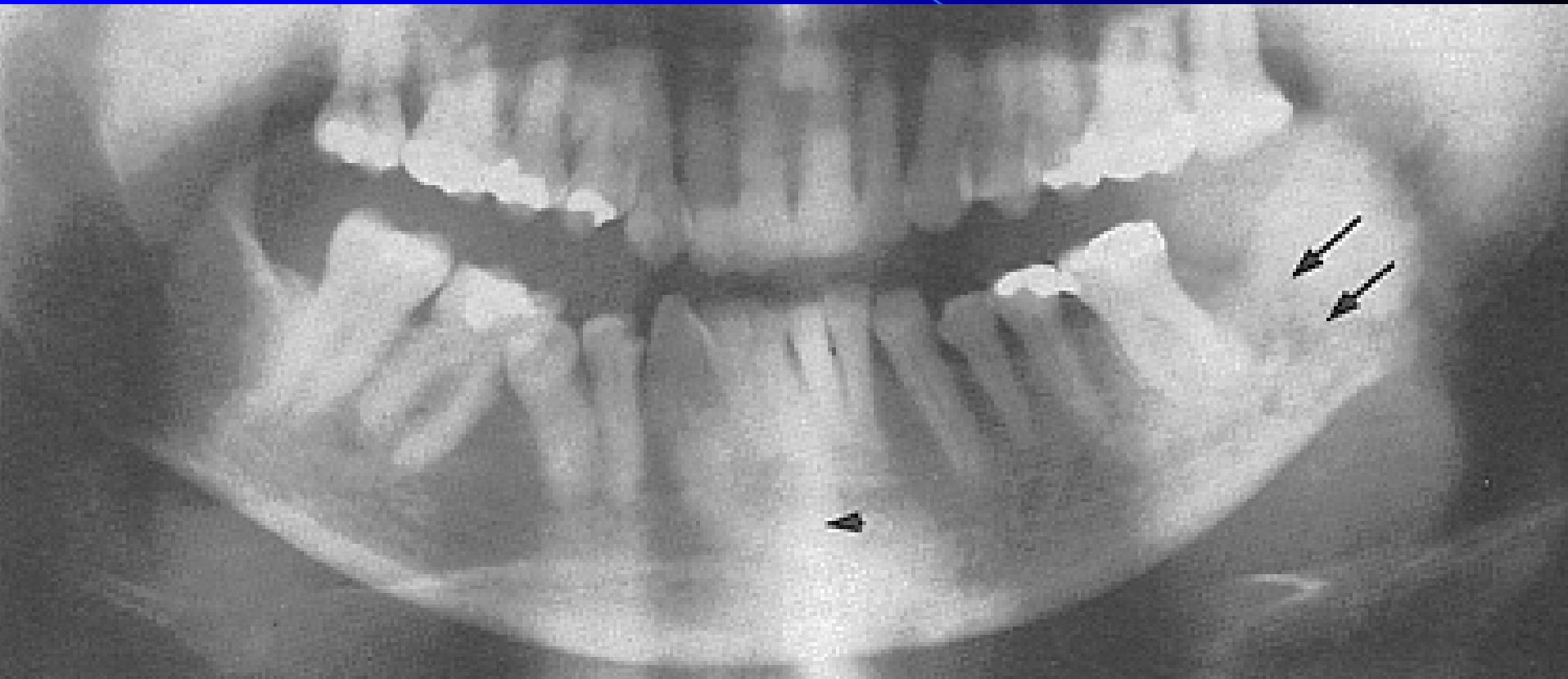
can go to submental

deep cervical chain: jugulo-omohyoid

can go to jugulo-digastric

can be bilateral

Panorex



Occlusal Xray



Surgical considerations

NB free margin

Superficial:

Resect - 1° closure or leave open

Transpose Wharton's duct if near opening

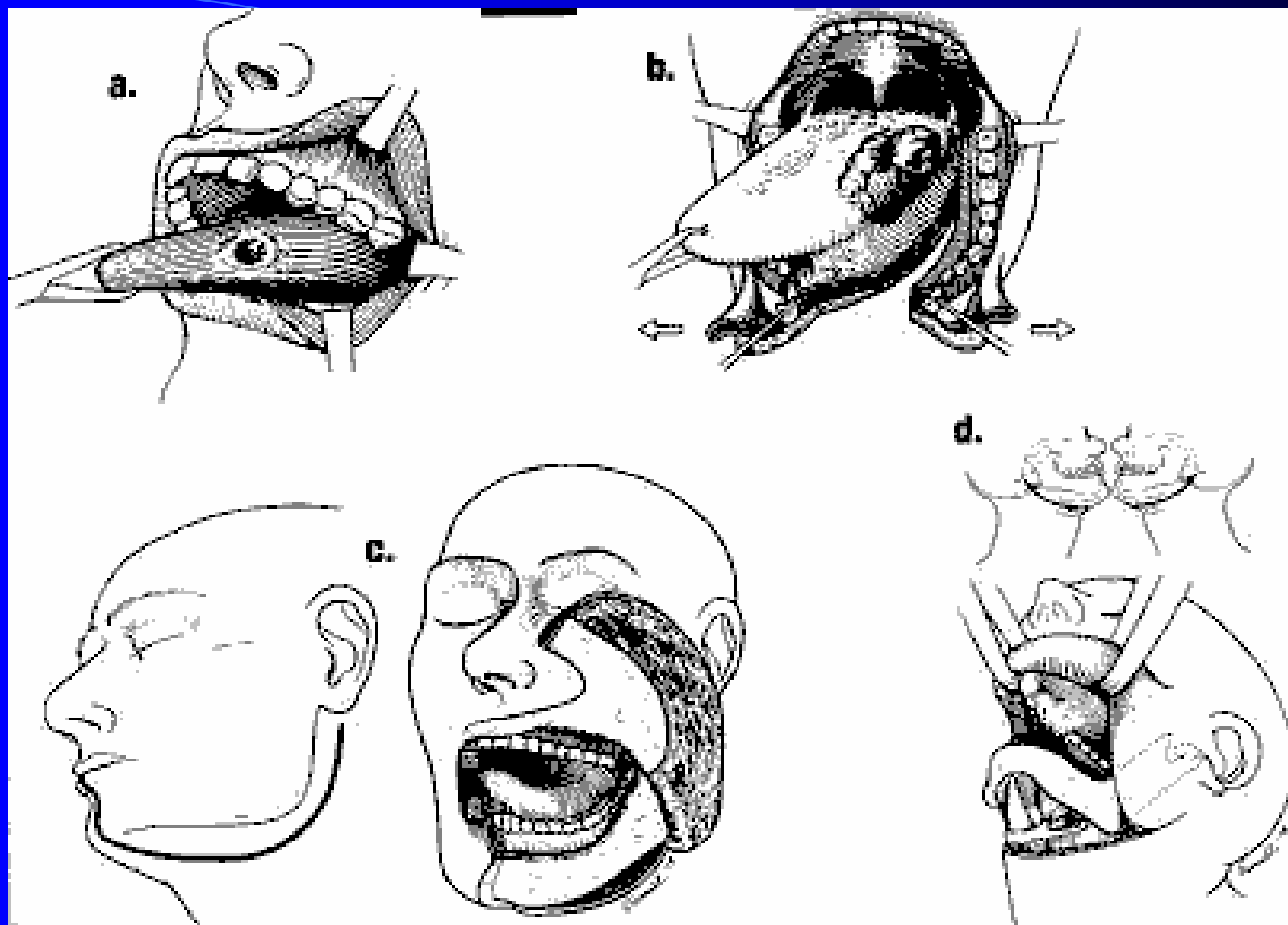
Deeper:

Resect along diaphragmaticmuscular plane +

- leave mandible if N mucosa between Ca and Mandible
- marginal mandibulectomy and preserve outer cortex if lesion abuts gingival mucosa
- segmental mandibulectomy if bone / periosteum involved [E:\p558](#)

Surgical approaches

1. Preoral for smaller lesions
2. Cheek flap(lower)
3. Visor flap for anterior FOM
(-) mental nerve
(+) not cut lip / cheek
4. Mandibulotomy for posterior FOM
(-) lingual nerve
(+) save mental nerve



Surgical approaches to the oral cavity. (a) Peroral approach. (b) Mandibulotomy with paralingual extension. (c) Lower cheek flap approach. (d) "Visor" flap approach.

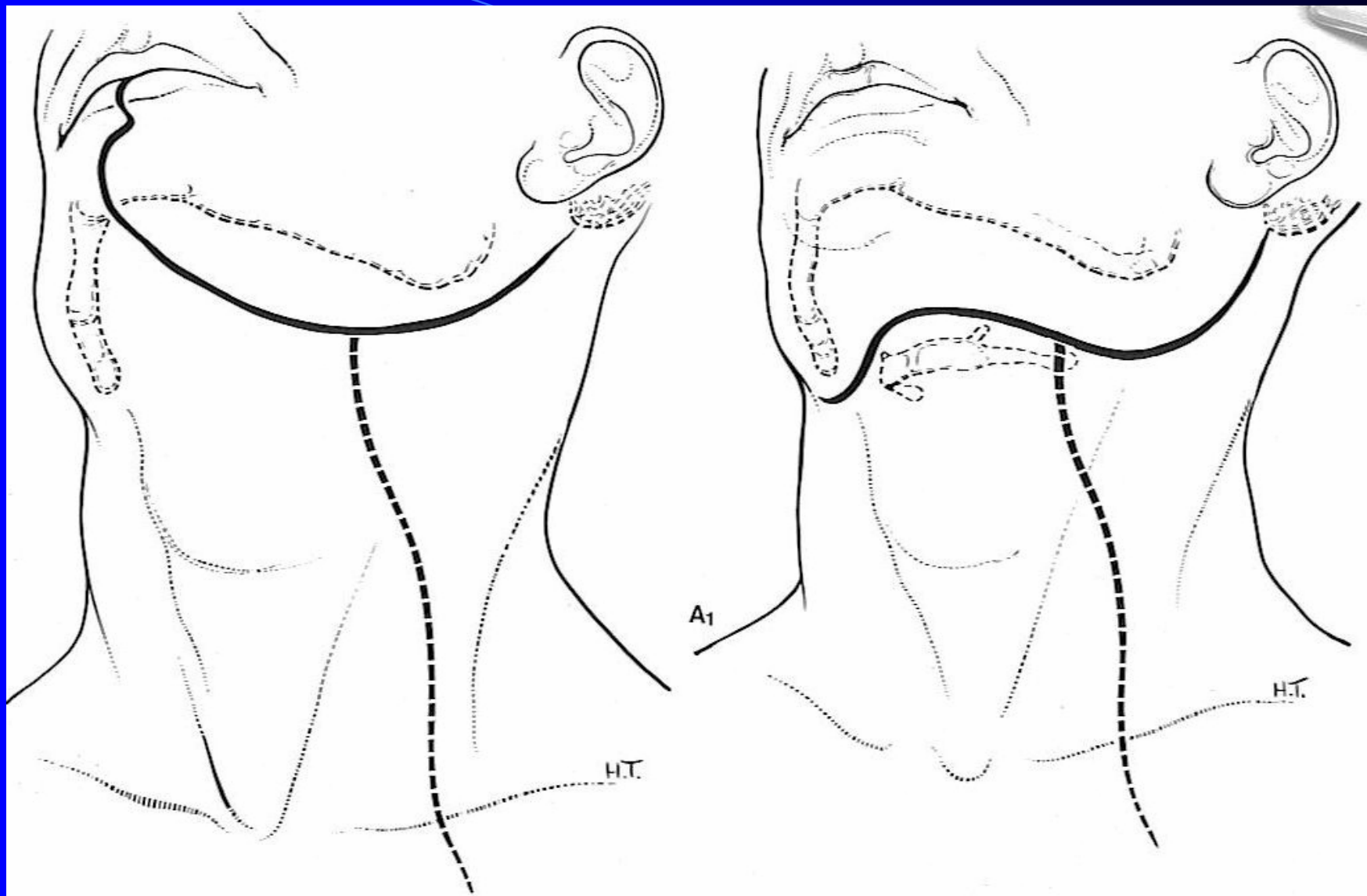


Fig. 3-2. Composite resection of advanced floor of the mouth carcinoma.

Mandible

Edentulous

- resorb alveolar process
- ↓ size
- ↑ angle (from 110 to 140°)

Marginal resection

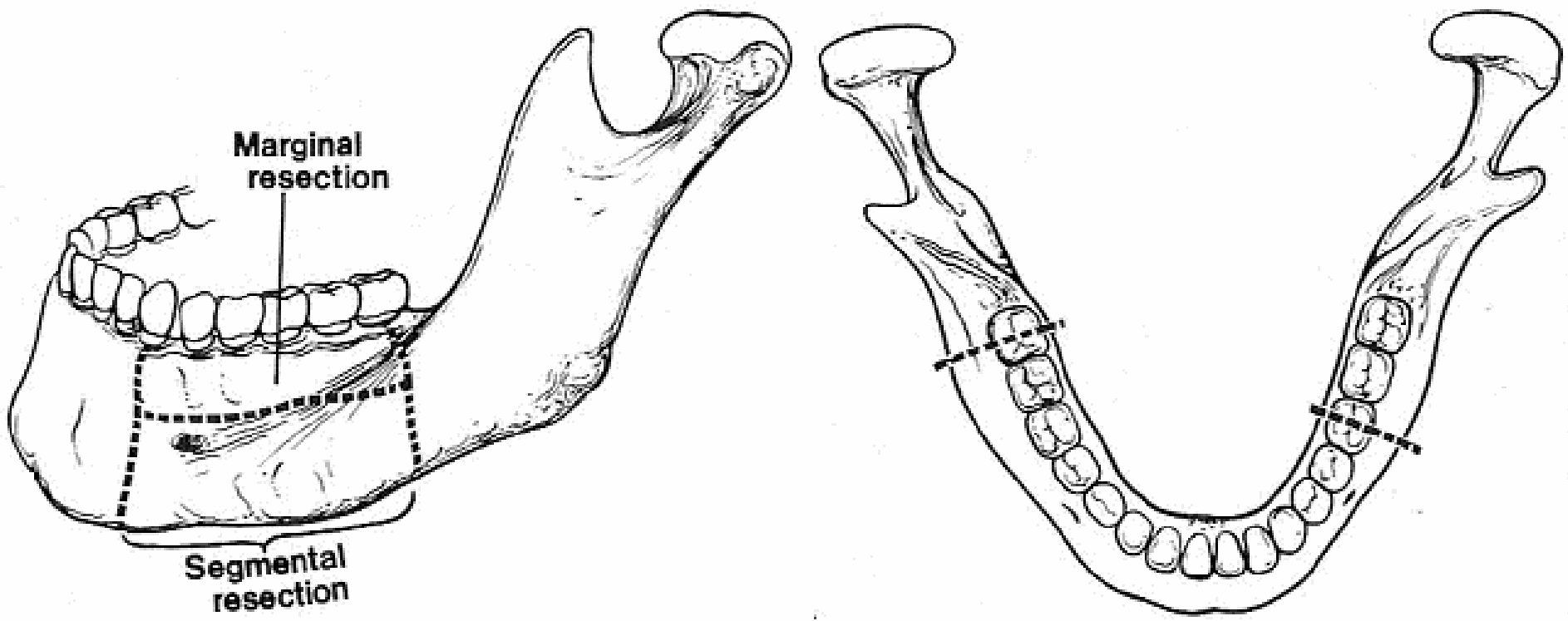
- remove partial thickness: alveolar ridge
anterior 1/2 ramus
subdental portion

Segmental resection

- remove entire segment
- if need to get free margin
- if periosteal infiltration

Marginal resection

Segmental resection



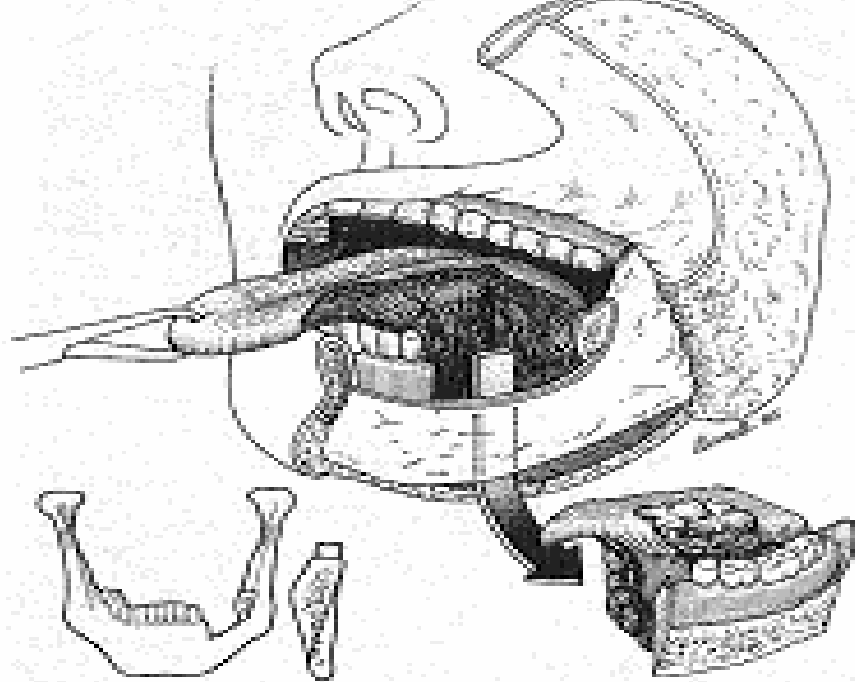


Figure 25-26. Marginal mandibulectomy for lesions approximating the gingiva.

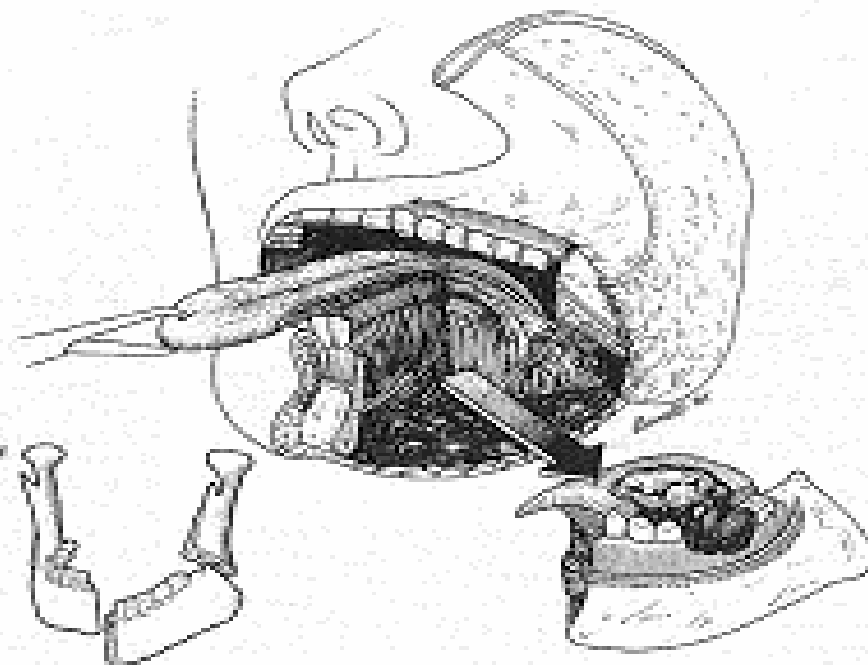


Figure 25-27. Segmental mandibulectomy gross invasion of the mandible.

Other considerations

T1 and T2

Early Ca

surgery vs. RoRx same cure

use single modality

Radiation failure

go to surgery

Can't give more than one course

because of comorbidity

T3 and T4

combination Tx: Preoperative RoRx + surgery

or postop. RoRx = Better (less morbidity)

Recurrence 1/3 5yr after T3- T4

Consider 2nd primary

Neck dissection

(-) clinical lymphnodes:

i) T2 or >:

Selective neck dissection – supraomohyoidE:\

- modified (spare XI)

= await histology – RoRx or

- radical ND

ii) Obese

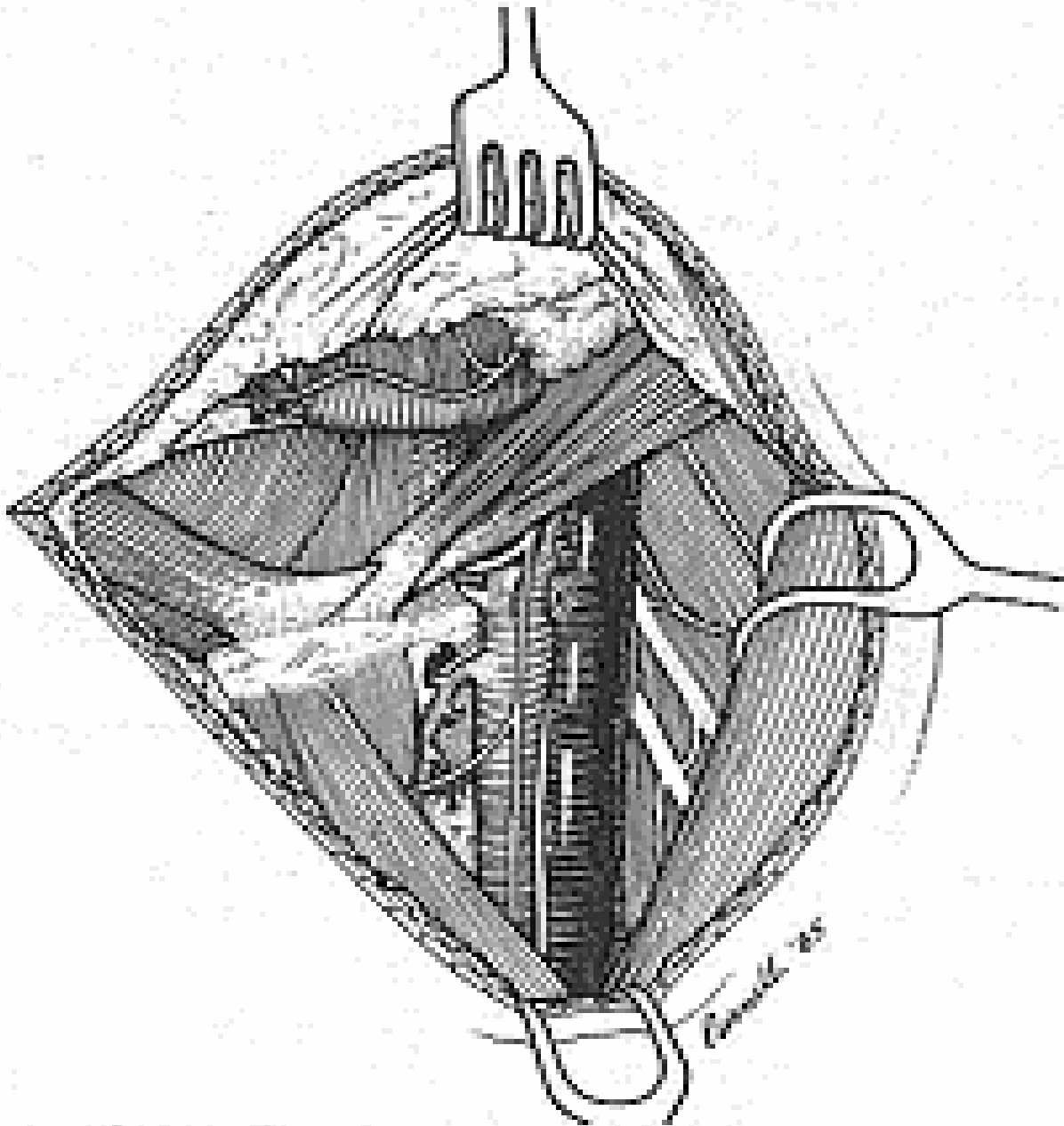
Non compliant follow up expected

Enter neck first to get to tumor:

Elective ND

(+) clinical lymphnodes:

Radical neck dissection; “en bloc”



Extent of node clearance by supraomohyoid neck dissection.

Management

- T1

Management

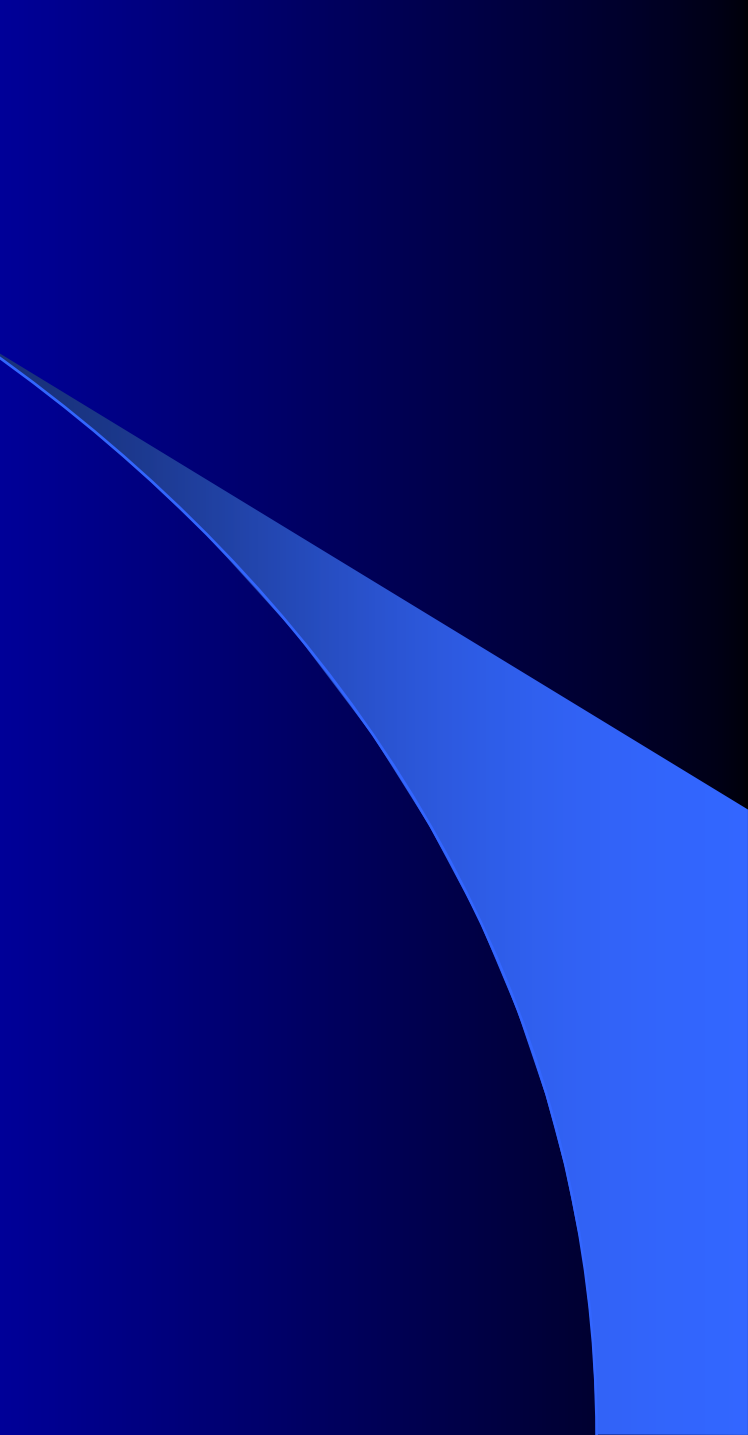
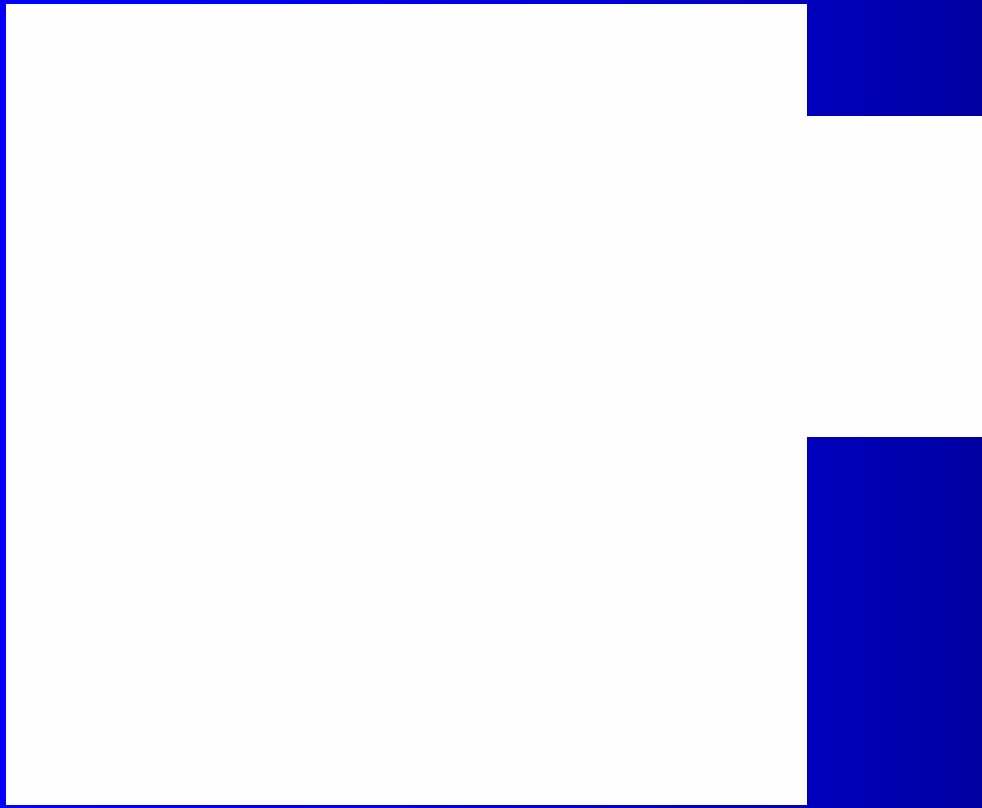
- T2

Management

- T3

Management

- T4



Management options for mandible infiltration

Complications

Intraoperative:

1. Major vessel injury
2. Fracture mandible – saw not chisel; wire
3. Antrostomy

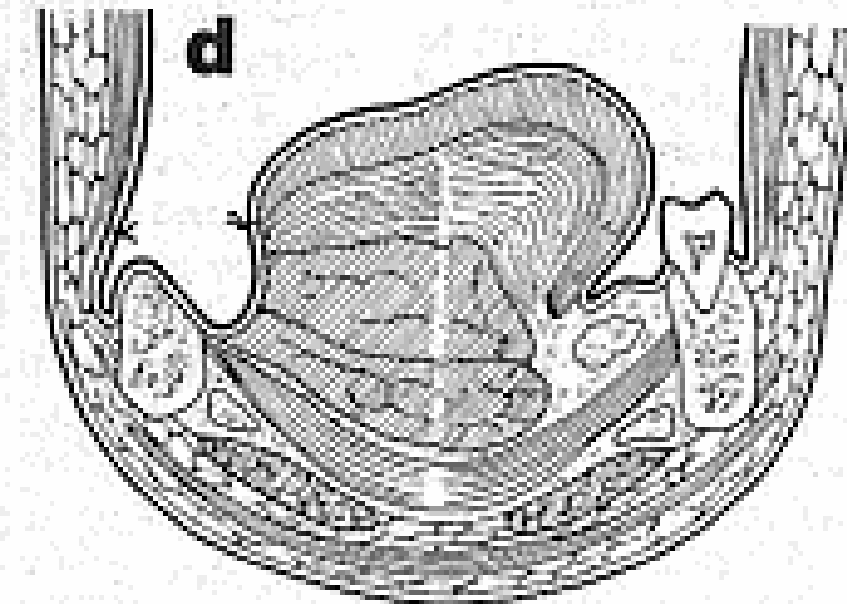
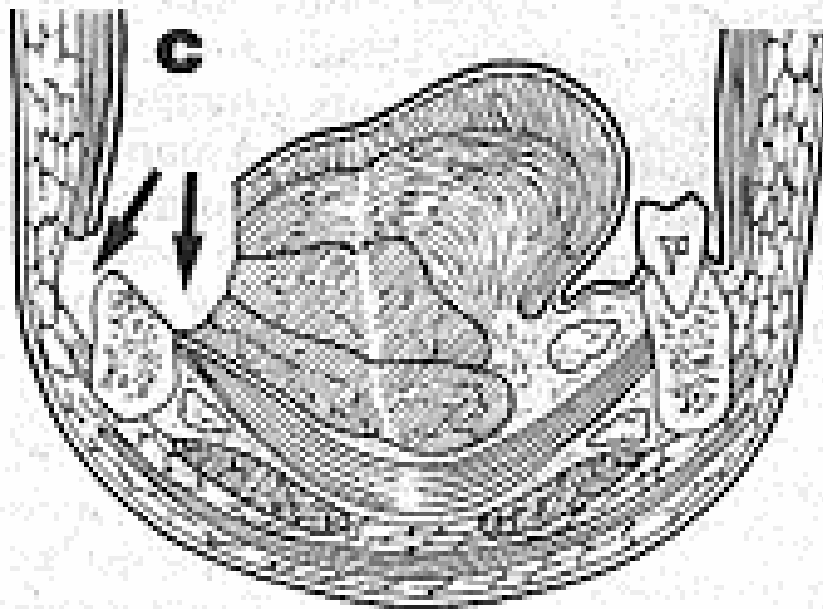
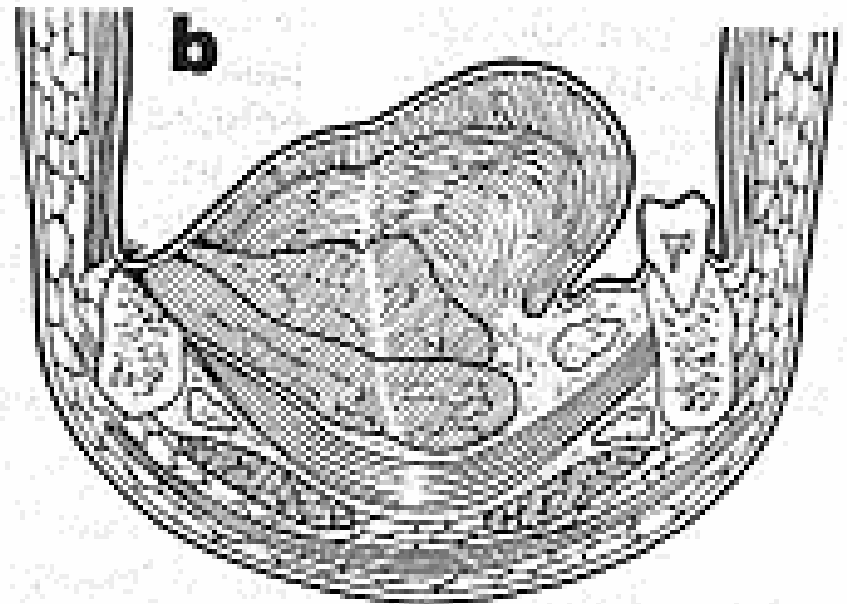
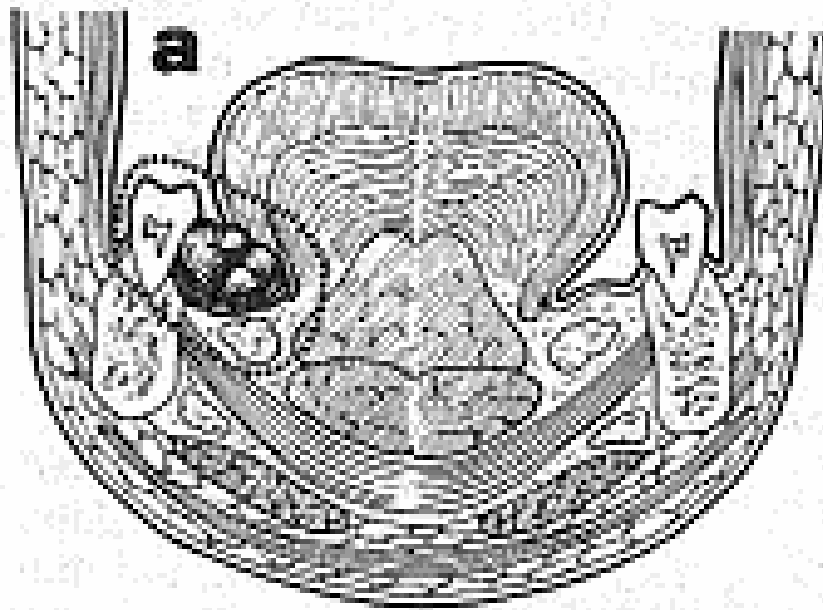
Immediate post operative:

1. Hemorrhage – dry; drain; open prn
2. Leak – saliva / blood; suction

Complications

Late:

1. Fistula – wait if not near carotid
open / flap if near or if large
2. Osteoradionecrosis
3. Chyle leak - explore
4. Osteomyelitis or non-union - esp if periosteum strip;
Abx, I+D, Stabilise
5. Mandible exposure - flap
6. Poor speech - speech therapy; surgery
7. Poor deglutition - maxfacial prosthodontist
8. Slough - debride early



Reconstruction

- Skingrafts
- Tongue
- Flaps: cutaneous
 myocutaneous
 free