

Oral Pathology



Comprehensive Evaluation, Diagnosis, and Treatment

The doctors at Oral and Maxillofacial Surgical Consultants are committed to routine comprehensive clinical and radiographic examination of the oral cavity. Every patient is examined for pathologic conditions of the oral mucosa, teeth, and underlying bone. Our goal is to treat your patient's pathologic condition with the most predictable and evidence based treatment, while minimizing risk and potential complication.

Patients are typically scheduled for a consultation prior to definitive treatment, but many times an excisional vs. incisional biopsy can be performed the same day. We utilize the University of Minnesota Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Service for interpretation of the histologic data. After establishing the definitive diagnosis, we can develop a treatment recommendation for your patient. Most procedures can be easily performed in a clinical setting utilizing local or general anesthesia. More involved cases are often managed at an outpatient surgery facility. As a more extensive surgery and reconstruction is typically required, treatment planning for these scenarios may require laboratory analysis, advanced imaging, and stereolithographic analog (SLA) models. Should a malignancy be identified, we typically arrange the appropriate referral to the appropriate oncologic surgeons at the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic, where we have great working relationships.

Our team manages most benign conditions, including atypical tooth impactions, bony neoplasms, cystic pathology, growth anomalies, infection, osteomyelitis, osteoradionecrosis, benign epithelial diseases, premalignant leukoplakic lesions such as epithelial dysplasia & lichen planus, major and minor salivary gland dysfunction, excluding parotid surgery.