

Fixed Tongue Case Report

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Case Scenario

Forty seven years old Sudanese male came to an oral and maxillofacial surgery clinic complaining from a heavy firm swollen tongue with an inability to elevate and move it a sides and difficultly to sleep due to partial airway obstruction.

General information: The patient was fit with no significant medical history.

Social history: Smoking for 14 years and snuff dipping for more than 7 years.

Thorough clinical examinations revealed a hard indurated fixed swollen tongue with significant indentations (Figures 1 and 2). Sub-mental and bilateral, sub-mandibular and cervical lymphadenopathy was exited. Histo-pathological examination showed poorly differentiated squamous cell carcinoma. Patient was refereed for concurrent chemo radiation therapy.



Figure 1: Shows a hard swollen tongue with significant indentations.



Figure 2: Shows tongue fixation and induration during palpation.

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