

# MUCOCELE

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Mucocele is a benign, mucus-containing cystic lesion of the minor salivary gland. An unusual presentation of the minor salivary gland lesion.

**characteristics:**

- Moveable and painless
- Soft and round



# Etiology

This most often happens if you repeatedly bite or suck on your lower lip or cheek.

- One of these ducts can become damaged or blocked, stopping the drainage of saliva from the duct.
- And this retention of saliva in the gland is the result for a mucocele.

# treatment

- Mucoceles often go away without treatment (mucoceles will often burst and heal by themselves).
- If they don't heal, or if they become a problem, see your doctor. But sometimes they enlarge.
- treatment a doctor or dentist most commonly uses:
  - Removing the gland.
  - Helping a new duct to form.
- Don't try to open them or treat them yourself. See your doctor or your dentist for expert advice.

