

# Salivary Gland Tumours

A condition caused by  
abnormal cell growth within  
the salivary gland ducts

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- Rare
- Most common gland affected is parotid gland
- Tumours are usually slow growing
- Most tumours affecting the salivary glands are benign
- Occasionally salivary gland carcinomas may occur

# Symptoms

- Swelling, usually anterior to the ear
- The swelling is usually painless and gradually increases in severity

## Examination

- ❖ Physical examination usually reveals painless enlargement of a salivary gland
- ❖ X-ray will confirm presence of tumour
- ❖ Biopsy will ascertain type of tumour

# Treatment

- Aim of treatment is removal of the tumour
- Surgical removal of the affected salivary gland is the only treatment required for a benign tumour
- Radiotherapy and more extensive surgery may be required if the tumour is malignant

# Prognosis & Complications

- Most salivary gland tumours are benign and excision of the affected gland is curative
- Complications may include malignant changes