

MUCOCELE

Please note this is our provisional diagnosis which must be confirmed by tests. *If you have any questions, particularly about the treatment or potential side-effects, please ask Professor.*

- This is a common condition
- The cause is usually damage to a small salivary gland
- Children do not usually inherit it from parents
- It is not infectious
- The condition tends to persist
- Blood tests and biopsy may be required
- Mucoceles usually can be cured by surgical removal
- Useful websites <http://www.ncemi.org/cse/cse0411.htm>

A patient has the right under common law to give or withhold consent to medical examination or treatment. This is one of the basic principles of health care. Patients are entitled to receive sufficient information in a way they can understand about the proposed treatments, the possible alternatives and any substantial risk or risks which may be special in kind or magnitude or special to the patient, so that they can make a balanced judgement. (UK Health Dept. 19.2.99. HSC 1999/031)

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