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Oral Lesions

Any alteration of the normal appearance of the oral mucosa could be a warning sign of an abnormal (pathologic) process. While the vast majority of oral lesions are benign (non-cancerous), the distinction between benign abnormalities and cancerous or pre-cancerous abnormalities can be difficult to discern (see oral cancer page). You may be referred by your general dentist or by your physician for evaluation.

Lesions requiring further evaluation include:

- A. Red or white patches of the oral mucosa
- B. Lumps or bumps
- C. Sores that are not directly caused by known trauma to an area
- D. Sores that fail to heal even when trauma is a suspected cause
- E. Chronic sore throat or hoarseness
- F. Difficulty in swallowing or chewing

Dr. Phillip Cary and Dr Nathan Cary are both highly trained and experienced surgical specialists who routinely evaluate and manage oral lesions. Clinical evaluation is sometimes all that is required to properly diagnose an abnormality. Biopsy (removal of a small sample of the abnormal tissue for evaluation under a microscope) may be needed.

You should make a habit of routinely looking at the inside of your mouth for abnormalities. Early detection and treatment remain the best defense against abnormalities that can adversely affect your dental and/or general health.