

## Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine Consultation

The Department of Diagnostic Sciences performs clinical consults in the pre- and post-doctoral treatment areas of the dental school when indicated. The determination that a consultation is appropriate should be made by the student with the approval of a group practice coordinator or other treatment-planning clinical preceptor. If the lesion in question warrants an oral pathology/oral medicine consultation, the student should:

- 1) Complete the OralDx form in axiUm,**
- 2) Upload relevant images (e.g., clinical photographs and/or radiographs) to MiPACS on axiUm,**
- 3) Email [OralDx@tufts.edu](mailto:OralDx@tufts.edu) with the patient's axiUm number and the pts next appointment to request a consult.**

After reviewing the note and images, a resident or faculty member will respond to the student within one workday to discuss the case and coordinate a time to evaluate the patient together chairside. Chairside evaluation in the predoctoral clinic is scheduled a minimum of 24 hours in advance between 9-11 AM or 1-3 PM. If it is determined that referral to a specialty clinic is indicated, an internal referral will be completed through axiUm at that time.

Once the student and faculty member have finalized the axiUm form, the oral pathology or oral medicine faculty will approve the note for inclusion in the patient's medical record.

Although students are always welcome to request consults if they are unsure of the diagnosis and/or if they would like to use the experience as a learning opportunity, not all benign conditions require consultation. Examples of innocuous conditions that do not necessarily require oral pathology/oral medicine consultation if they can be diagnosed clinically by students and treatment-planning faculty include:

- Benign migratory glossitis (geographic tongue)
- Fordyce granules
- Leukoedema
- Lingual varicosities
- Mandibular or palatal tori
- Stafne bone defects

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### How to upload images to MiPACS

1. Save images to the desktop.

2. Open MiPACS from the patient's axiUm record.
3. Click on the "Image" button.