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Preface

The incidence of salivary gland cancer is relatively low, affecting approximately 8 per 100,000 persons in the United States each year. Since benign and malignant salivary gland neoplasms commonly share overlapping clinical, radiologic, and pathologic features, a subset of cases continues to pose diagnostic challenges to head and neck specialists. Misclassification may pose patient care challenges, including undertreatment or overtreatment. The *Atlas of Salivary Gland Pathology* represents a gross and microscopic visual tour of salivary gland neoplasms for aspiring and practicing diagnosticians.

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Major salivary glands are visible as three paired organs: parotid, submandibular, and sublingual glands. The parotid gland is, for practical purposes, divided into superficial and deep lobes. The facial nerve courses between the superficial and deep lobes, serving as a surgical landmark. Stensen's duct, formed by the convergence of several excretory ducts within the parotid gland, empties into oral cavity buccal mucosa opposite the maxillary second molar. The subman-

dibular gland is located in the submandibular triangle and empties glandular secretions into the anterior floor of mouth by way of *Wharton's duct*. Lastly, the sublingual gland is situated in the lingual sulcus of the floor of mouth and empties into the oral cavity via *Bartholin's duct*.

Minor salivary glands, distributed widely throughout the mucosa and submucosa of the upper aerodigestive tract, are typically grossly inapparent (Figs. 1.1–1.8).

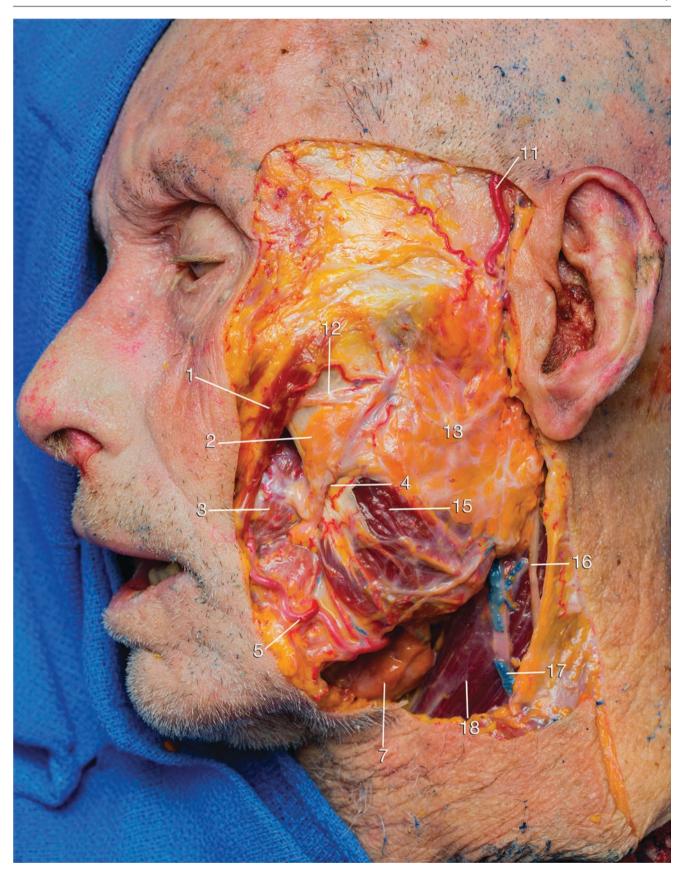


Fig. 1.1 (Gross Anatomy) Anatomic relationships of parotid and submandibular glands. 1—Zygomaticus major muscle, 2—Accessory parotid gland, 3—Buccinator muscle, 4—Stensen's duct, 5—Facial artery, 7—Submandibular gland, 11—Superficial temporal artery, 12—Zygomatic branch of facial nerve, 13—Parotid gland, superficial lobe, 15—Masseter muscle, 16—Great auricular nerve, 17—External jugular vein, 18—Sternoclediomastoid muscle



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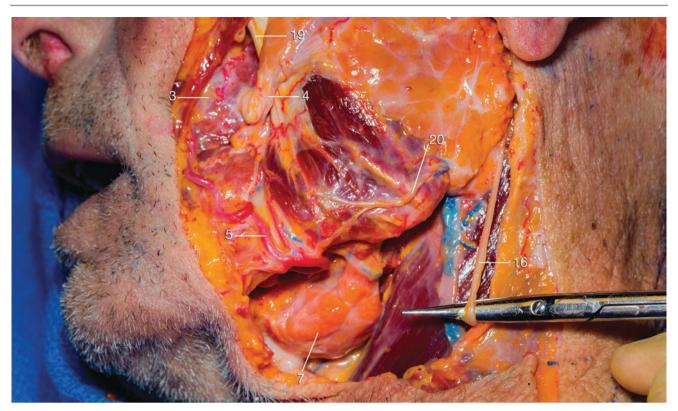


Fig. 1.3 (Gross Anatomy) Anatomic relationships of parotid and submandibular glands. 3—Buccinator muscle, 4—Stensen's duct, 5—Facial artery, 7—Submandibular gland, 16—Great auricular nerve, 19—Tendon of masseter muscle, 20—Marginal mandibular branch of facial nerve



Fig. 1.4 (Gross Anatomy) Anatomic relationships of parotid and submandibular glands. 6—Buccal branch of facial nerve, 13—Parotid gland, superficial lobe, 14—Parotid gland, deep lobe





Fig. 1.6 (Gross Anatomy) Anatomic relationships of submandibular gland. 7—Submandibular gland, 21—Mandible, 22—Mylohyoid muscle, 23—Tongue, 24—Geniohyoid muscle, 25—Gingival mucosa

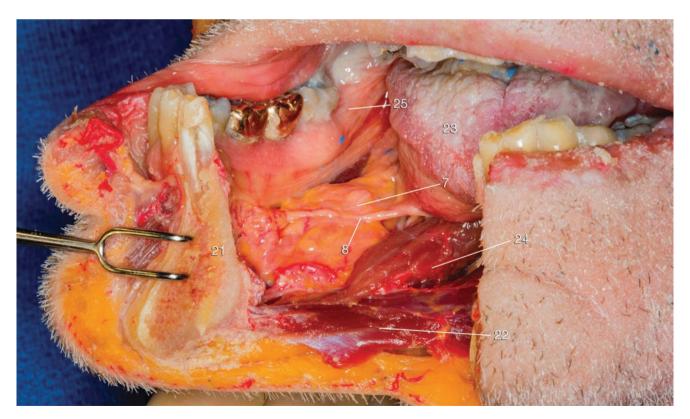


Fig. 1.7 (Gross Anatomy) Anatomic relationships of submandibular gland. 7—Submandibular gland, 8—Wharton's duct, 21—Mandible, 22—Mylohyoid muscle, 23—Tongue, 24—Geniohyoid muscle, 25—Gingival mucosa

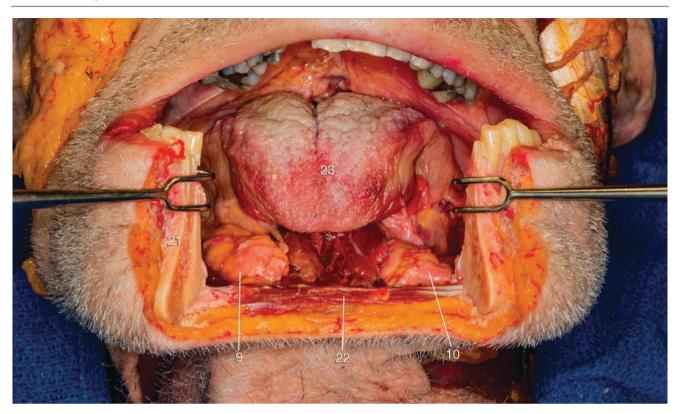


Fig. 1.8 (Gross Anatomy) Anatomic relationships of sublingual glands. 9—Sublingual gland, right, 10—Sublingual gland, left, 21—Mandible, 22—Mylohyoid muscle, 23—Tongue