

Red flags for malignancy

(Regulatory NICE recommend immediate referral to relevant specialist and maximum 2 week wait for consultation)

Systemic signs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 50 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous history of Carcinoma
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smoking /alcohol/ Betel nut/ Pan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Night fevers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weight loss
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blood loss/ anaemia
Local signs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent onset
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rapid growth
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neuropathy - sensory or motor
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resorption of adjacent structures
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Localised mobility of teeth
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progressive trismus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Persistent painless ulcer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lymphadenopathy painless persistent
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of response to conventional treatments:

– Antibiotics

– Endodontic surgery