**Head & Neck USC Intra-oral photography**

Where possible, please try to include clear imaging of intra-oral lesions when making a Head and Neck Urgent Suspected Cancer referral.

Please find below tips for capturing imaging of lesions in different sites.

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| Site of Oral Lesion | Patient Positioning | Guidelines |
| Gums, inside of cheek, inside/outside of lip | Upright | Pull lips or cheeks to the side until lesion is clearly visible |
| Roof of mouth | Reclined with the head and chin tilted back | Pull the cheeks to the side until they are not blocking the lesion |
| Floor of mouth | Chin tilted down | Patient should lift tongue to roof of mouth, or push back the tongue gently with a spoon |
| Tongue | Upright | Patient should extend the tongue, trying to keep it parallel to the floor. Pull aside the cheek on the side of the lesion to ensure that the lesion is in clear view. |

Photos are courtesy of the BC Oral Cancer Prevention Programme: [Intraoral Photography Recommendations for Remote Risk Assessment and Monitoring of Oral Mucosal Lesions - PMC](https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC9275315/)