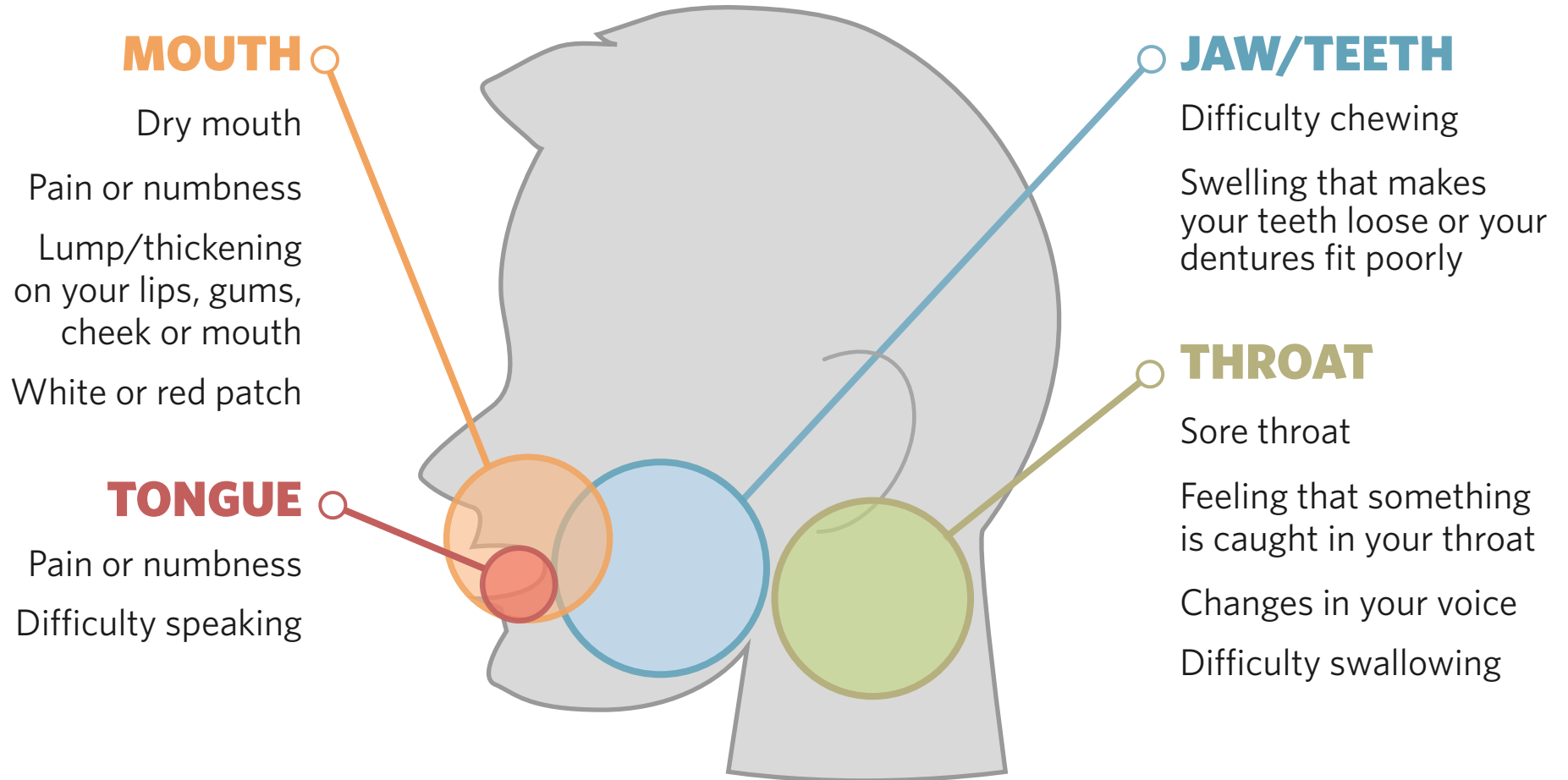


What is Oral Cancer?

Signs and Symptoms

Oral cancer is any growth of abnormal cells in the mouth or lips.

Talk with your doctor if you experience:



Risk Factors



Tobacco use
(smoking or smokeless tobacco)
50x more likely to be found in those who use tobacco



Heavy alcohol use
6x more common in drinkers than in nondrinkers



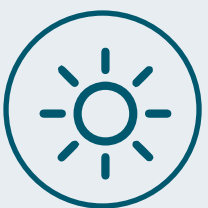
Gender
Twice as common in men



Age
Risk increases for those over **40**



Human papilloma virus (HPV)
Viruses alter your body's ability to defend against cancer

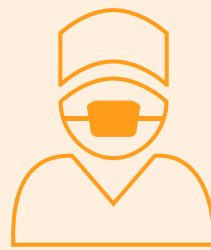


UV Exposure
Fair-skinned people are at greater risk

Treatment

Your dentist or doctor may look closely at your lips, mouth or throat to check for signs of oral cancer. He or she may decide to do further testing, such as a **biopsy** or **CT scan**.

Oral cancer is usually treated with the following:



SURGERY



RADIATION THERAPY

Treatment depends on the stage of cancer and other health factors. If the cancer is advanced, other treatments may be used, including **chemotherapy** or chemotherapy and **targeted therapy** used together.