

**Simulation 1. Oral Exam and Dental Referral**  
**Case Scenario 2**  
**Student Copy**

You are a physical therapist. A patient comes to you complaining of headaches and jaw pain.

**Patient information.**

Name: Alex

Age: 21

Occupation: Student

Reason for visit: Headaches and jaw pain due to previously diagnosed temporomandibular joint (TMJ) dysfunction.

As her physical therapist, you decide to perform an oral examination and make several observations.

Alex is unable to open her mouth completely and has a large red bump on her gums, right under one of her back teeth. The tooth looks like there is a cavity present. Alex reports the area is very painful and won't stop throbbing.

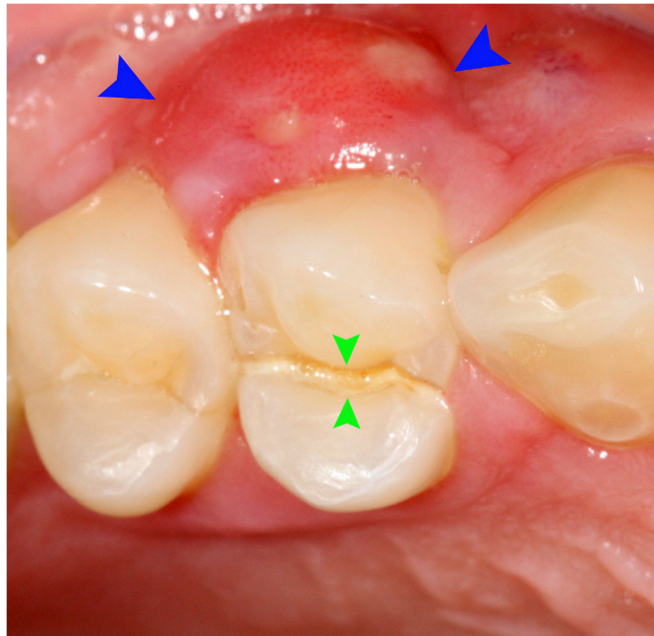


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