

## GENERAL OBSERVATIONAL TERMINOLOGY FOR THE EXTRA- AND INTRA-ORAL EXAMINATION EIOE

### Observation of total patient behavior and appearance

1. Observe the following characteristics:
  - a. gait
  - b. general appearance
  - c. body build
  - d. speech
  - e. obvious physical limitations
  - f. eyes
  - g. skin
  - h. facial symmetry
2. The generalized signs to note in the total oral examination (both extra- and intra- are the following:
  - a. changes in color, size, consistency or texture of anatomical structures.
  - b. presence of ulcers, growths, swellings, abrasions, scars.
3. In addition, observe and note the following in these designated areas.  
TMJ Crepitus - clicks  
Subluxation - ease or difficulty of opening the mouth

#### LIPS (vermillion border):

##### Normal:

color:	pink to red or brown
texture:	smooth, with shallow fissures, moist
consistency:	spongy, palpable nodules
size or contour:	convex, rounded, full, thin

Non-normal: dry, cracked, cleft lip, herpes labialis; dramatic changes in color, texture, form (e.g. hemangioma) blisters, lesions from biting, pigmentation, cracks at corners of mouth (angular cheilosis)

#### INNER LIP AND ANTERIOR VESTIBULE

##### Normal:

color:	pink with apparent blood vessels; pigmentation
texture:	smooth, moist
consistency:	palpable nodules. Note: small elevations on inner corners of lips
contour:	enlarged
lesions:	note location, size, non-normal appearance

#### HALITOSIS

Disagreeable odors  
Fruity odor (acetone breath)  
Alcohol

#### BUCCAL MUCOSA

##### Normal:

color:	pink to red with apparent blood vessels; pigmentation
texture:	smooth, moist, stippled
consistency:	firm
contour:	Note mucobuccal folds (vestibular fornix); parotid papilla (flap over Stenson's duct); scalloped line opposite occlusal plane