

FROM THE TEACHING CLINICS AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK AND MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY



### MALIGNANT MELANOMA

- 68 year old female consults her GDP for a new upper partial prostheses
  - GDP diagnoses pigmented lesion for investigation
  - No significant prior medical history
  - Patient believes lesion present for 6-9 months
  - Biopsy undertaken by Olympus Maxillofacial and confirms malignant melanoma
  - Patient sent for CT PET scan and clinical work up prior to definitive treatment including total maxillectomy and radiotherapy.
- Differential diagnosis includes racial pigmentation, benign lentigo, tattooing from denture or amalgam, vascular anomalies such as haemangioma.
  - Malignant Melanoma of the oral cavity has a poor prognosis and early diagnosis and treatment recommended

The MFU and Olympus MaxilloFacial specialise in investigation and management of pigmented lesions of the oral cavity.