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During a routine school oral health check, this mass was noted intra-orally in the left cheek of a 12-year old Filipino boy, distal to the first permanent molar tooth. It is well circumscribed, non-pulsatile, dome shaped, blue/black in colour and measured approximately 10-12 mm in diameter, 4-5mm at its highest area. The mass is softly firm with a rubbery texture, partially mobile and seems to be attached to deeper tissues. There does not appear to be any other lesions in the mouth or extra-orally, apart from the decayed lower left first permanent molar. The lesion has been present for as long as the boy can remember, has not changed in size, is asymptomatic, has never caused any pain or discomfort, and has never bled or ulcerated. There is no obvious blanching of the mass when pressure is applied.

What is the diagnosis?

Answer: refer to page 324

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