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| **Pathology Question:** |
| What is excessive gingival display? |
| **Report:** |
| Excessive exposure of the maxillary gingiva while smiling is referred to as excessive gingival display commonly known as a “gummy smile”. This condition could be present due to various factors such as; skeletal deformity with vertical excess of maxillary tissue, soft tissue deformity  causing a short upper lip, or insufficient clinical crown length due to local factors i.e trauma or cornally shifted gingiva due to hypertrophy. Based on the bone and soft tissue level appropriate  periodontal surgery such as gingivectomy in combination with ostectomy can be performed to  correct the excessive gingival display. |
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