

Juilana Obyaa
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Juliana Obyaa walked into the clinic early Saturday morning and joined the line of hopeful moms and babies. She didn't have a cleft lip, nor a palate, but she did have a large tumor protruding from her upper gum just above her front teeth. It was ruining her life.

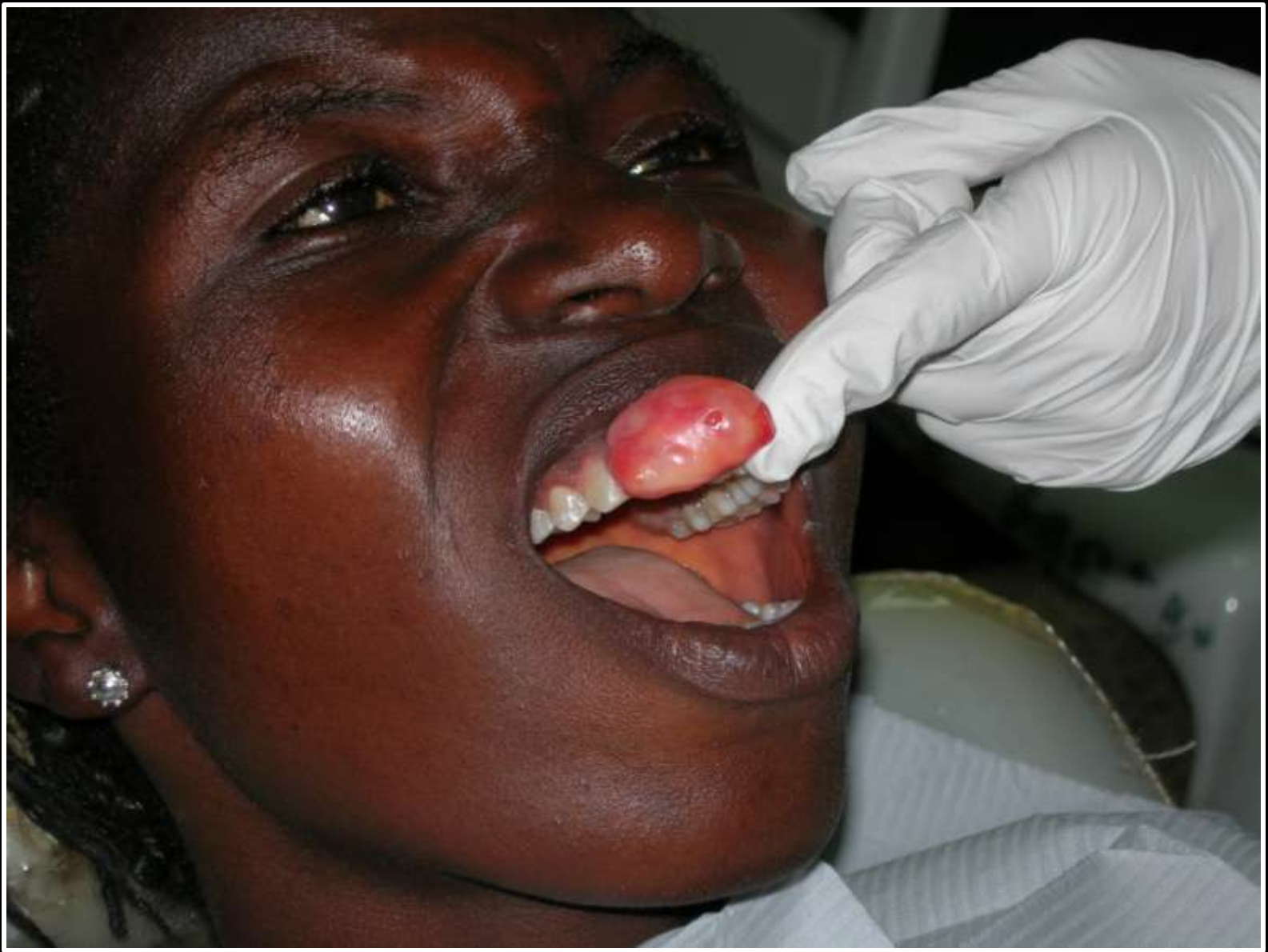


This 35-year-old mother of two couldn't get a job and her husband left her long ago. Juliana had lived with this red, raw growth for the last 14 years, unable to even close her mouth around it.





It was going to be difficult to fit her into the surgical schedule, but team members were hoping she could squeeze onto the schedule. This type of growth is not often seen in the states.



Juliana headed to the dental office to get her teeth cleaned, with the dental team now on its third day without power. They were going to do what they could.

Just as the dental exam and cleaning were complete, Dr. Maxwell, an oral surgeon and head of dentistry for Ridge Hospital walked in the door on his day off. He examined the growth, said he could remove the growth “No problem.” He had seen this type of growth many times.



Almost, as if on cue, the full electrical power returned to the dental clinic. The lights came on, and they opted for now rather than later.



Juliana was prepped and the procedure completed. The AFS dental team is still in awe as to how the day proceeded, claiming it took divine intervention for it to even take place.



Juliana is thrilled with her new smile, and the entire AFS team shares in her happiness.

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