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## Introduction

A significant issue among oral and maxillofacial surgeons is the treatment of cysts within the jaw. Cysts develop at random and in most cases asymptomatically. Therefore, they may reach large sizes before being diagnosed. Large cysts can cause severe damage to teeth and deterioration or fracturing of bone. Currently, there is device produced specifically to treat oral cysts. Instead, doctors must cut pieces of breathing tubes to size for each patient and suture those in. However this method means the tube can pop out of place, the doctor need to do multiple procedures as the cyst heals, and it is uncomfortable for the patient.



Figure 1. Dental x-ray of a large maxillofacial cyst from "Treatment of Large Cysts of the Mandible with Autografts of Cancellous Bone from the Tibia", Malara.

**Project Objective** 

The objective of this project is the treatment of cysts that form in human jaw bones through creation of a tubelike structure that will serve as a conduit between the cyst and the inside of the mouth in order to equalize pressure between the two spaces and allow healing to occur.



 High retention • Biodegradable • Easy to maintain • Easy to insert



# Marsupialization Catheter





Figure 2. Preliminary catheter designs



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### Final Figure 5. design of prototype





Figure 3. Mechanical testing



Figure 6. Mechanical test data for final design



### Methods



Figure 4. Degradation testing