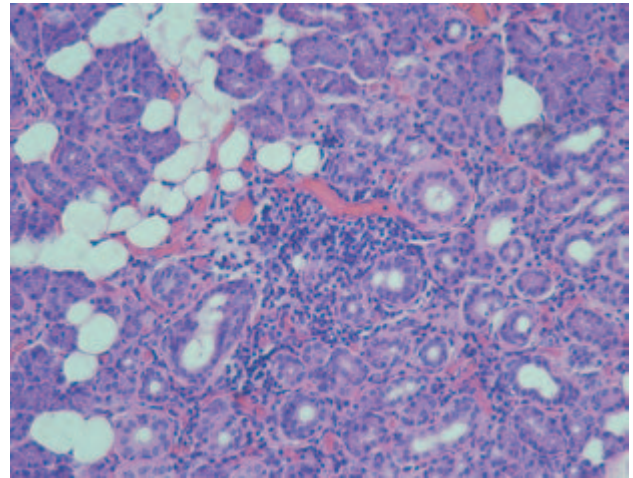


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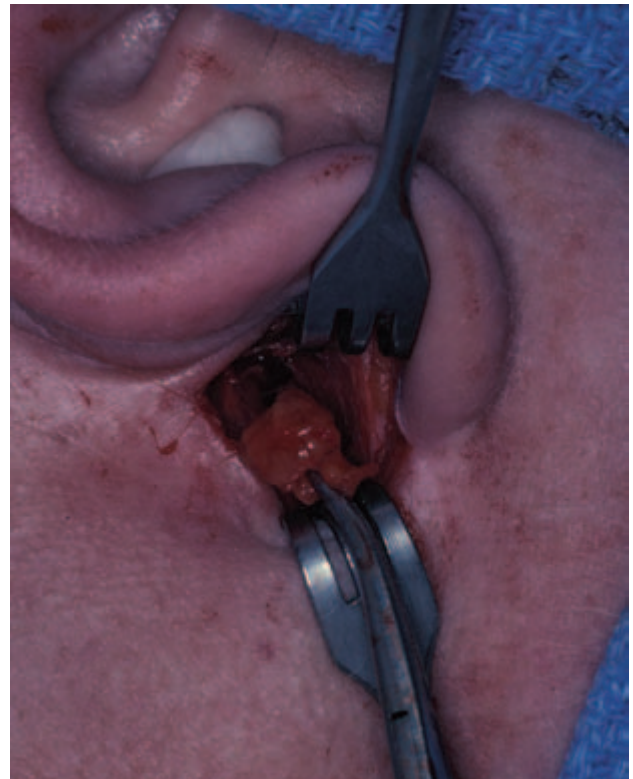


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**Figures 6.6b and 6.6c.** No swelling of the parotid glands was appreciated on physical examination. An incisional biopsy of the lower lip and right parotid gland were performed. The histopathology showed a normal lower lip biopsy (b) and signs consistent with Sjogren's syndrome on parotid biopsy (c).



**Figure 6.7a.** An incisional parotid biopsy was performed on the patient seen in Figure 6.1. The incision is placed behind the right ear, which enables the surgeon to procure sufficient parotid tissue to establish a diagnosis, while also providing a cosmetic scar.



**Figure 6.7b.** The dissection proceeds through skin and subcutaneous tissue, after which time the parotid capsule is noted. This is incised and a 1 cm<sup>2</sup> specimen of parotid gland is removed. The closure requires a reapproximation of the parotid capsule so as to avoid a salivary fistula postoperatively.