

and nodal disease (Bhattacharyya and Fried 2005), histologic grade, T stage, N stage, and facial nerve dysfunction (Lima et al. 2005), and N stage and perineural involvement (Hocwald, Korkmaz, and Yoo et al. 2001).

The only other predictor of adverse prognosis reported in several series was advancing age (Bhattacharyya and Fried 2005; Lima et al. 2005; Kirkbridge, Liu, and O'Sullivan et al. 2001).

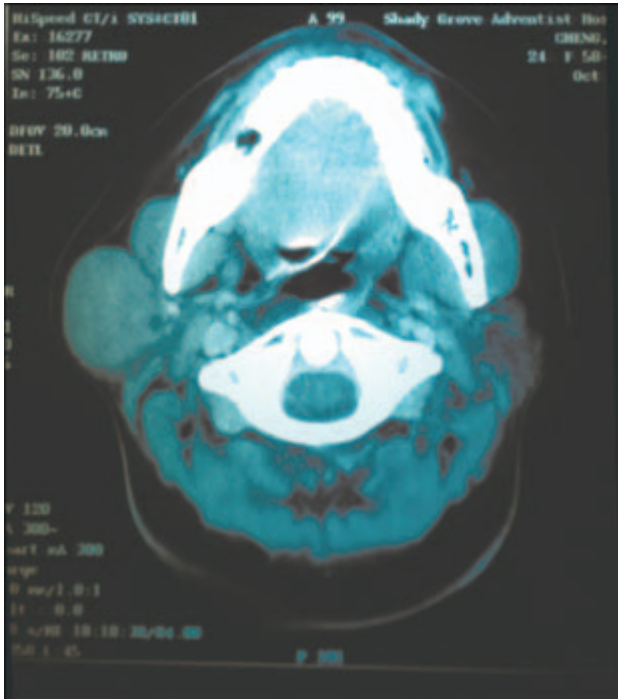


Figure 8.11a. CT scan of large superficial lobe tumor in 22-year-old woman.

The reported survival related to stage varies between authors, which may reflect differences in therapy as well as different patterns of histopathology. Luukkaa, Klemi, and Leivo et al. (2005) found

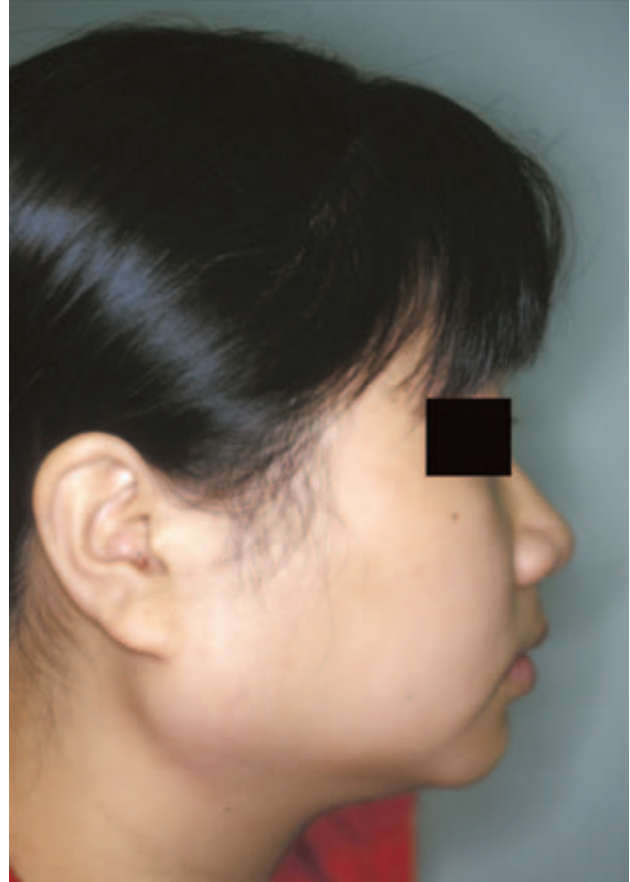


Figure 8.11b. Clinical appearance; the tumor has no signs of malignancy.



Figure 8.11c. Complete parotidectomy. The facial nerve was not involved.

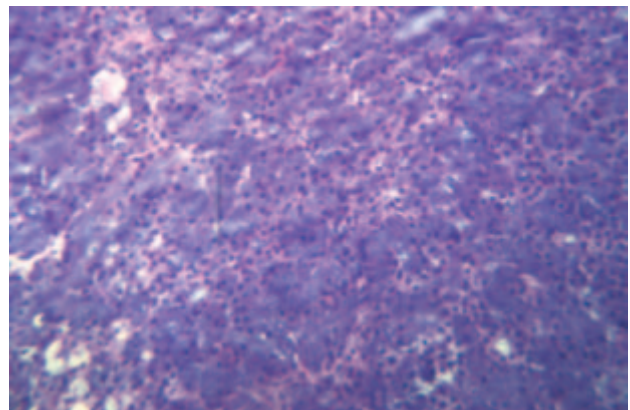


Figure 8.11d. Histopathology of acinic cell carcinoma. The patient is alive and well 8+ years postoperatively.