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**STORY OF A DISPLACED TOOTH – A CASE REPORT**

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**ABSTRACT**

Aim and background:

Various iatrogenic complication may be seen during extraction of mandibular 3rd molar. Displacement of mandibular 3rd molar into pterygomandibular space is usual but displacement into an unusual space like submandibular space or sublingual space is very rare. This can cause significant physical and psychological problems for the patient. The treatment for this kind of complications may vary from a conservative treatment to surgical procedure, what will depend on clinical features, symptoms, the location of the tooth, and its relation to adjacent structures.

Case Description:

The present case report illustrate a rare complication of extraction of impacted mandibular third molar that was displaced into the sublingual region with reduced mouth opening and difficulty in swallowing and swelling in the floor of the mouth. Upon locating the tooth, successful removal of tooth was performed by using Risdon's incision. Healing was uneventful after a 3 month of follow up.

Conclusion: This report demonstrated the extraoral surgical removal of displaced tooth in the sublingual space in a 27 year old male patient.

**Clinical Significance:** Submandibular/ Risdon approach allows better exposure, good control of the lingual cortex in surgical removal of displaced tooth extraorally.

**Keywords:** Displaced tooth, Sublingual Space, surgical removal

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