

**Table 3**

<b>Red Flags - Orofacial Pain Symptoms that may indicate serious or malignant disease<sup>52</sup></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spontaneously occurring focal neuropathy with pain and or altered sensation confirmed by physical examination may indicate tumor invasion of nerve</li><li>• Pain at the angle of the mandible, brought on by exertion, relieved by rest may indicate cardiac ischemia</li><li>• patient over 50 years with known history of carcinoma localized progressive headache; superficial temporal artery swelling, tenderness, and lack of pulse</li><li>• Jaw claudication, visual symptoms, palpably tender superficial temporal arteries – Temporal arteries</li><li>• Systemic symptoms of fever, weight loss, anorexia, malaise, myalgia, chills, sweating - unlikely to be associated with OFP</li><li>• New onset headache in adult life of increasing severity with: nausea, and vomiting without evidence of migraine or systemic illness; nocturnal occurrence; precipitation or exacerbation through changes in posture; confusion, seizures, or weakness; any abnormal neurologic sign – suggests a mass effect in cranial cavity (through intracranial tumour).</li><li>• Earache, trismus, altered sensation in the mandibular branch distribution – suggests infratemporal fossa or acoustic nerve impingement eg by tumour.</li><li>• Trigeminal neuralgia in a person less than 50 years of age may be suggestive of multiple sclerosis</li></ul>