

Salivary Glands

1. Salivary Glands • Produce and secrete saliva that: – Cleanses the mouth – Moistens and dissolves food chemicals – Assist in bolus formation – Contains enzymes that break down starch • Three pairs of extrinsic glands – parotid, submandibular, and sublingual • Intrinsic salivary glands (buccal glands) – scattered throughout the oral mucosa

12. • Parotid – lies anterior to the ear between the masseter muscle and skin – Parotid duct – opens into the vestibule next to the second upper molar • Submandibular – lies along the medial aspect of the mandibular body Its ducts open at the base of the lingual frenulum. • Sublingual – lies anterior to the submandibular gland under the tongue It opens via 10-12 ducts into the floor of the mouth.

