

Buccinator muscle

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1 OIAN

Muscle	Origin	Insertion	Nerve	Action
Buccinator	Mandible, Alveolar process of maxilla and mandible, Pterygomandibular raphe	Angle of mouth, Orbicularis Oris	Facial Nerve CN VII	BIL: Presses cheek against molar teeth, working with tongue to keep food between occlusal surfaces and out of oral vestibule; expels air from oral cavity/resists distension when blowing; UNIL: Draws mouth to one side

2 Origin

Mandible, Alveolar process of maxilla and mandible, Pterygomandibular raphe¹

3 Insertion

Angle of mouth, Orbicularis Oris¹

4 Innervation

[Facial Nerve CN VII](#)¹

5 Action

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Clinical Significance

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