

FACIAL EXPRESSIONS

/1/ General term:

- **facies, faciei, f.** face; expression, countenance (typical of a certain disease or state)

/2/ Terms referring to healthy or pathological state:

- **f. composita** “normal, natural face”, i.e. composed, regular face of a healthy person
- **f. dolorosa** facial expression of a person suffering from pain
- **f. febrilis** feverous face expression, i.e. restless, discomposed characterized by shiny eyes and redness in face
- **f. plethorica** hyperemic face with florid, red complexion due to excessive circulation of blood

/3/ Terms referring to a certain disease/dysfunction of a certain organ:

- **f. alcoholica / aethylica** bloated, persistently red face as a consequence of excessive drinking
- **f. pneumonica** one-sided blush on the same cheek as the lung affected by pneumonia
- **f. nephritica** oedematous, pale face due to the inflammation of kidneys with swelling appearing most around eyes
- **f. cardiaca** oedematous, pale, and yellowish face with cyanotic hue; half open mouth, cyanotic lips; typically accompanies heart failure
- **f. anaemica** very pale face with greenish tint in patients with iron deficiency
- **f. mitralis** blush on cheeks, cyanotic tip of the nose and ears; the patient looks younger his/her age; typical of patients with mitral stenosis
- **f. gastrica** facial expression typical of acute stomach problems; deep nasolabial fold
- **f. tuberculosa / hectic** exhausted, pale face with blush on cheeks, “burning” eyes, dry lips, excited countenance, half open mouth
- **f. morbillosa** “unhappy” facial expression with rash and reddened eyes sensitive to light; typical of children suffering from measles
- **f. syphilitica** melancholic facial expression with saddle nose deformation; typical of the patients having the late congenital syphilis (*syphilis congenital tarda*)

- **f. tetanica / risus sardonicus**

facial expression typical of tetanus patients; mouth widened as in laughter, but the skin on forehead as if expressing grief; tonic spasm of mimic and chewing muscles

- **f. leontina** the lion-like facial appearance occurring in patients with certain forms of leprosy

/4/ *Eponyms:*

- **facies Hippocratica** → *facies abdominalis*

sunken eyes, pinched nose, deadly livid and cyanotic skin sometimes covered with large drops of cold sweat, specific for the collapse due to severe disease of abdominal organs accompanied by *peritonitis* (rupture of gall bladder, perforated ulcer in stomach or duodenum)

- **facies Parkinsonica / oleosa**

amimic face with characteristic stare; the patient seems to lean forward to the observer; oily skin of face, sometimes drooling occurs; typical of patients with advanced Parkinson's disease (*morbus Parkinson*)