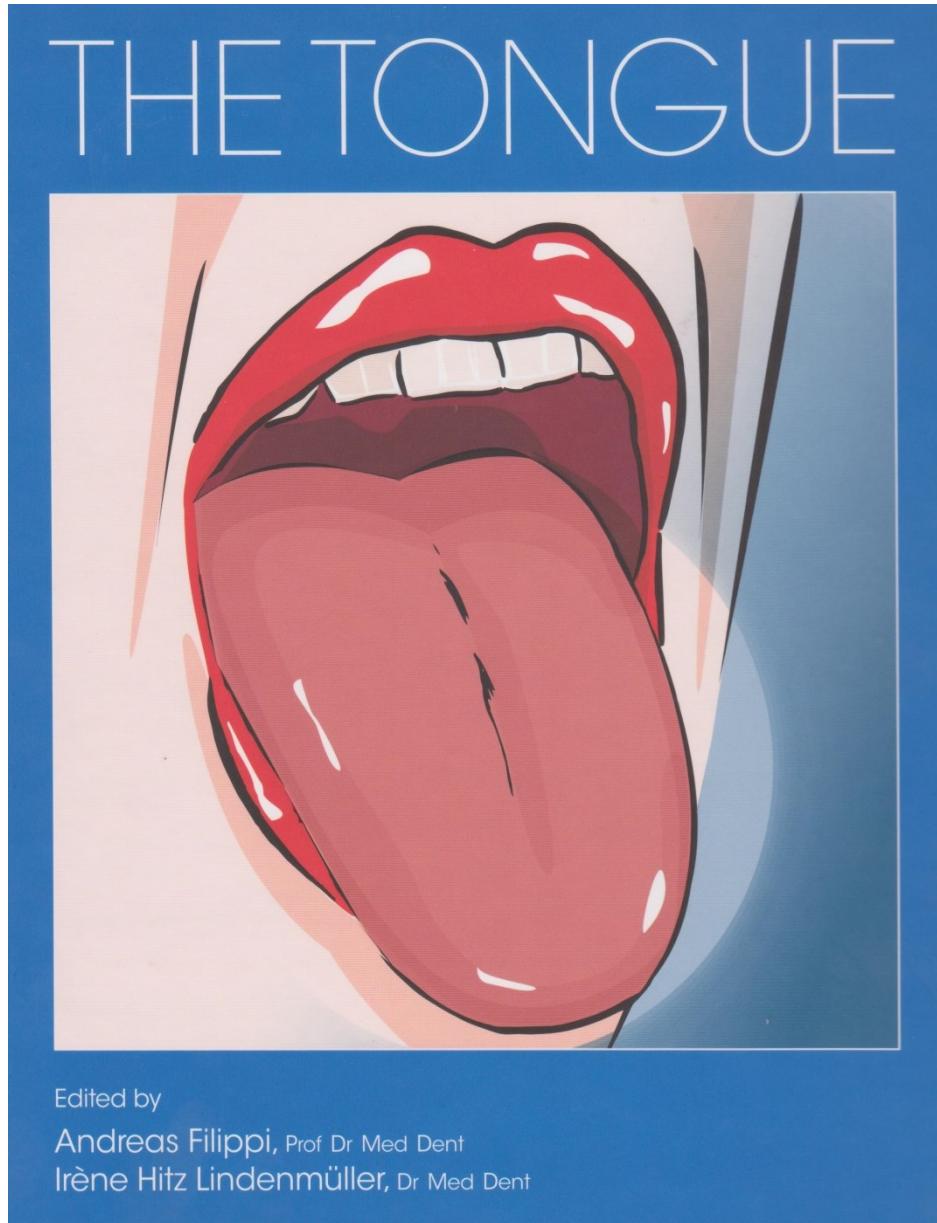


# Disaeses of the tongue

## Manifestation of systemic diseases on the surface of the tongue

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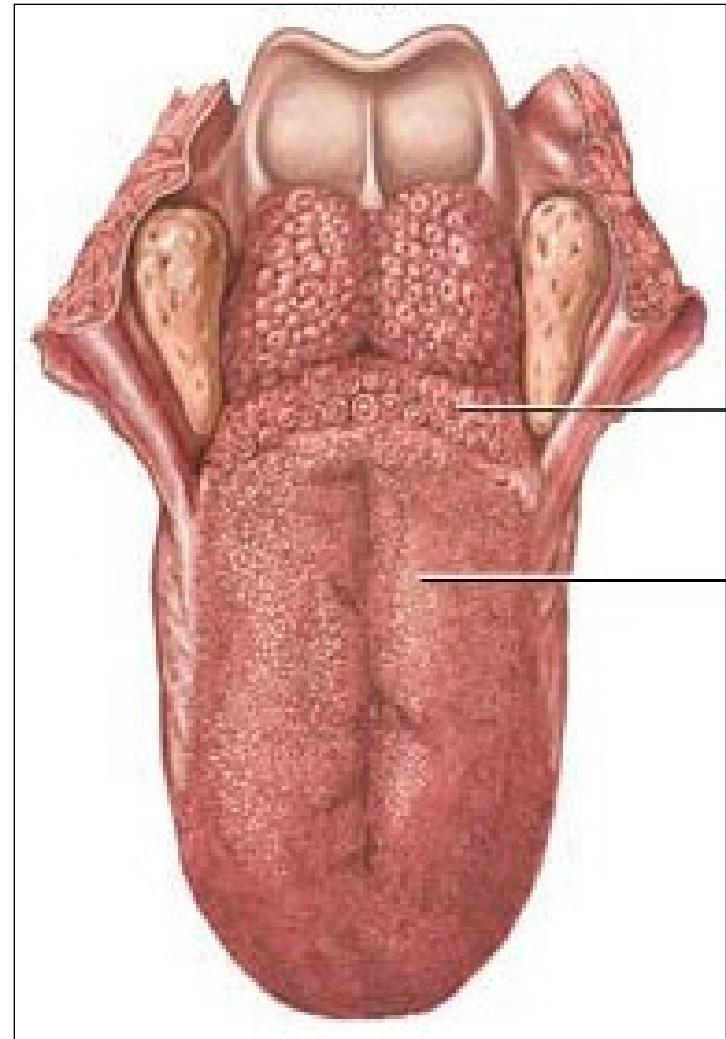


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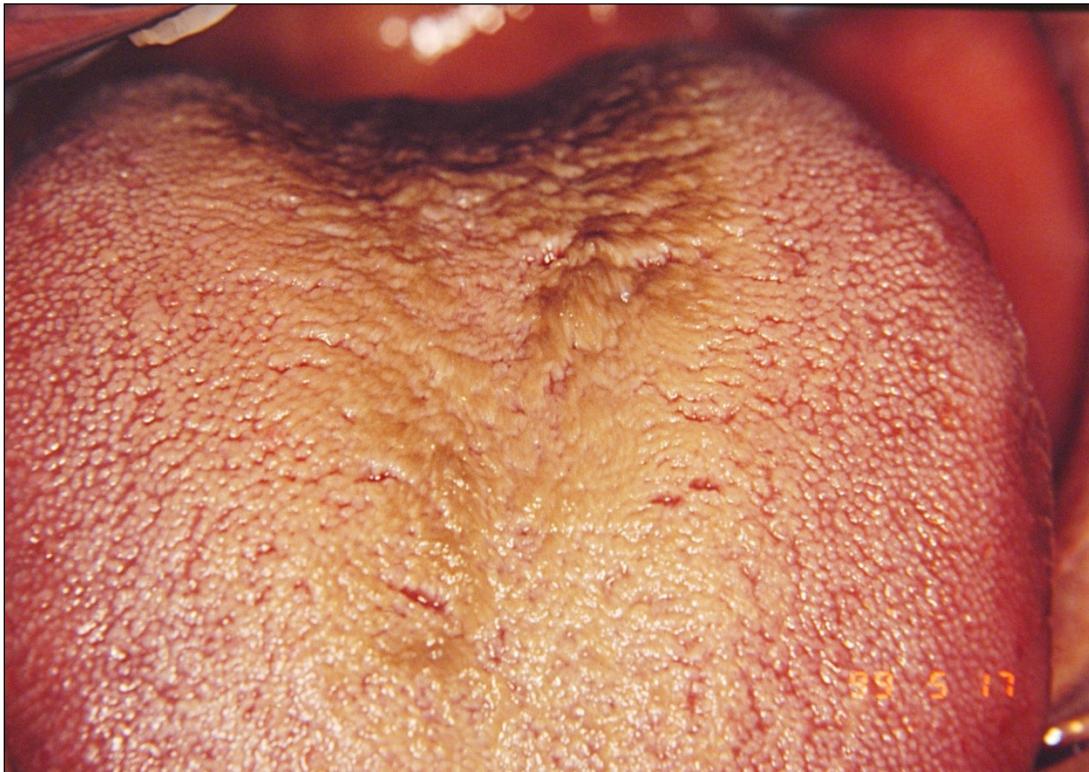
# Tongue examination

- Inspection, palpation
- Radix (root), body, tip
- Dorsal surface
- Lateral sides
- Inferior (ventral) surface



# Papillae of the surface of the tongue

- Papillae filiformes



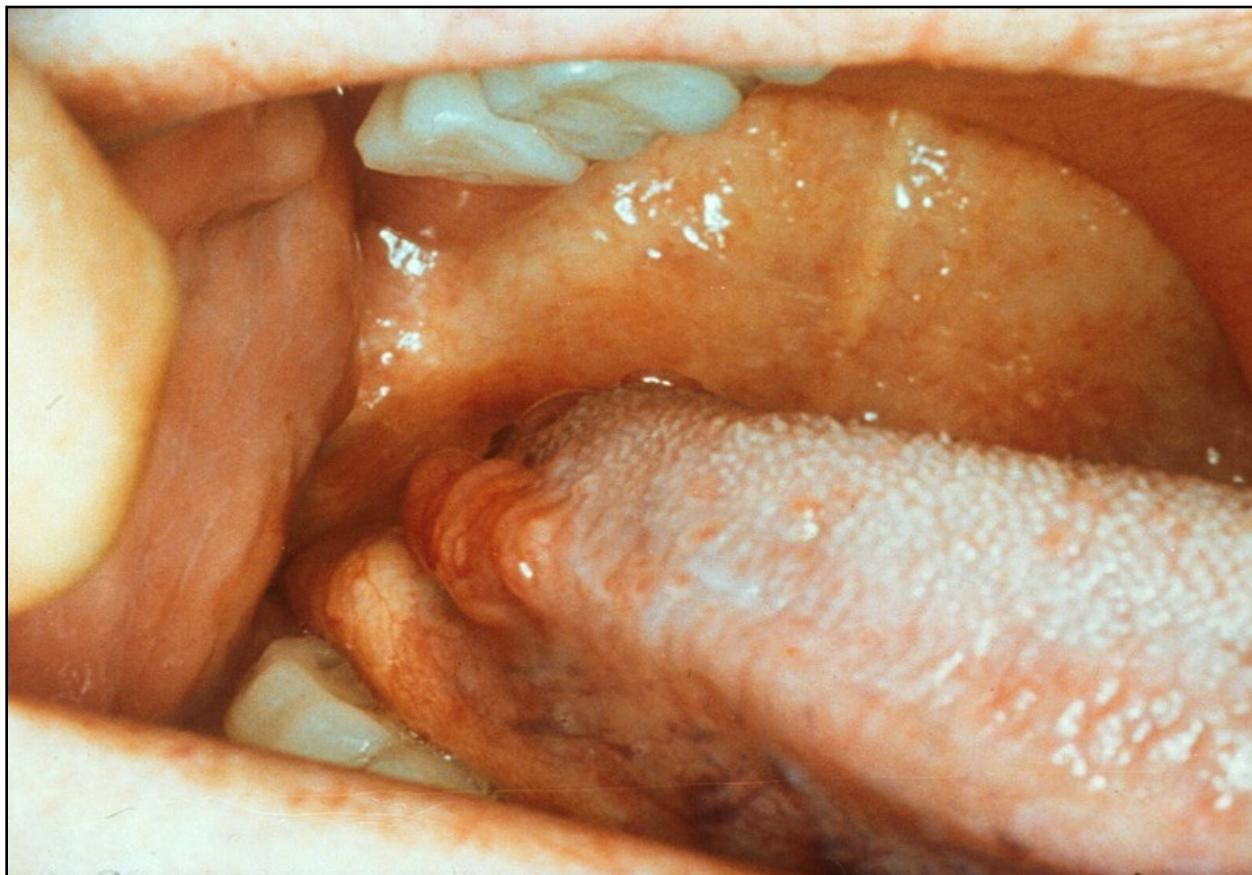
# Papillae of the surface of the tongue

- Papillae fungiformes



# Papillae of the surface of the tongue

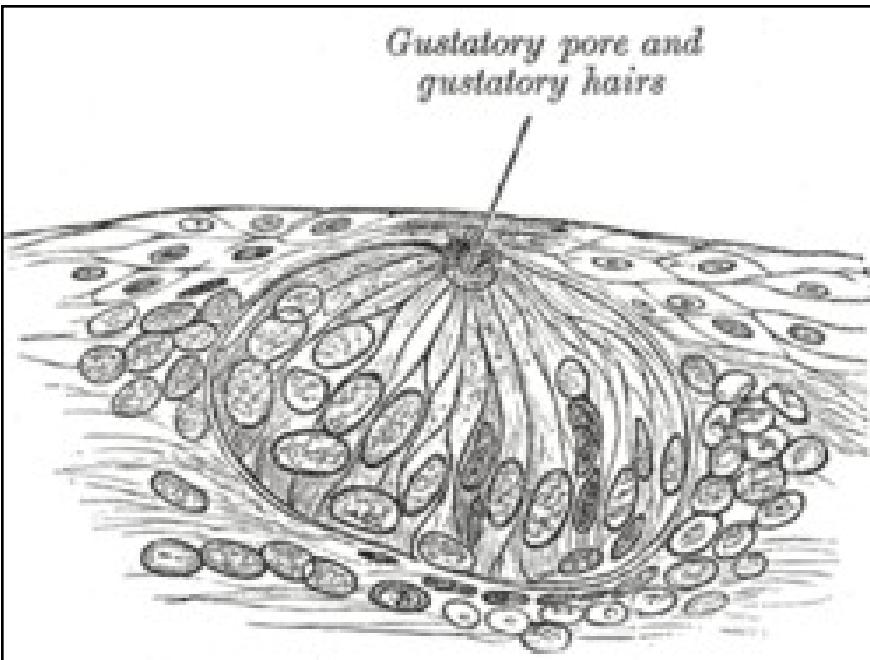
- Papillae foliatae



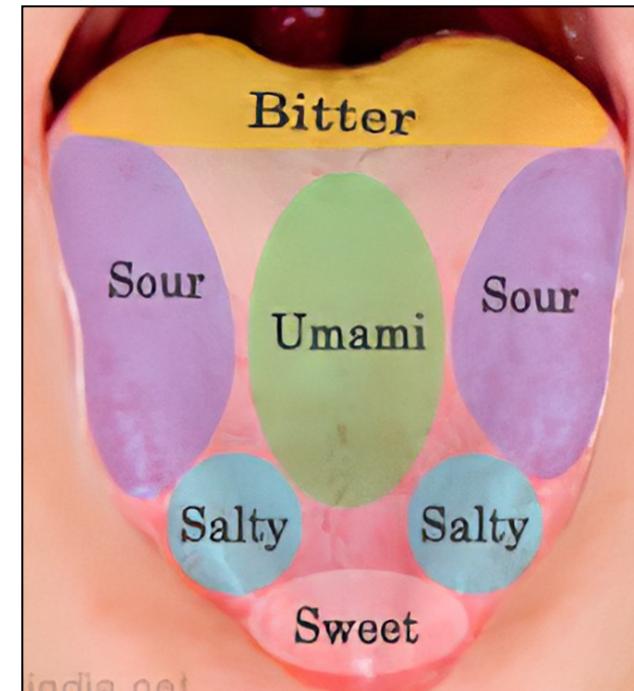
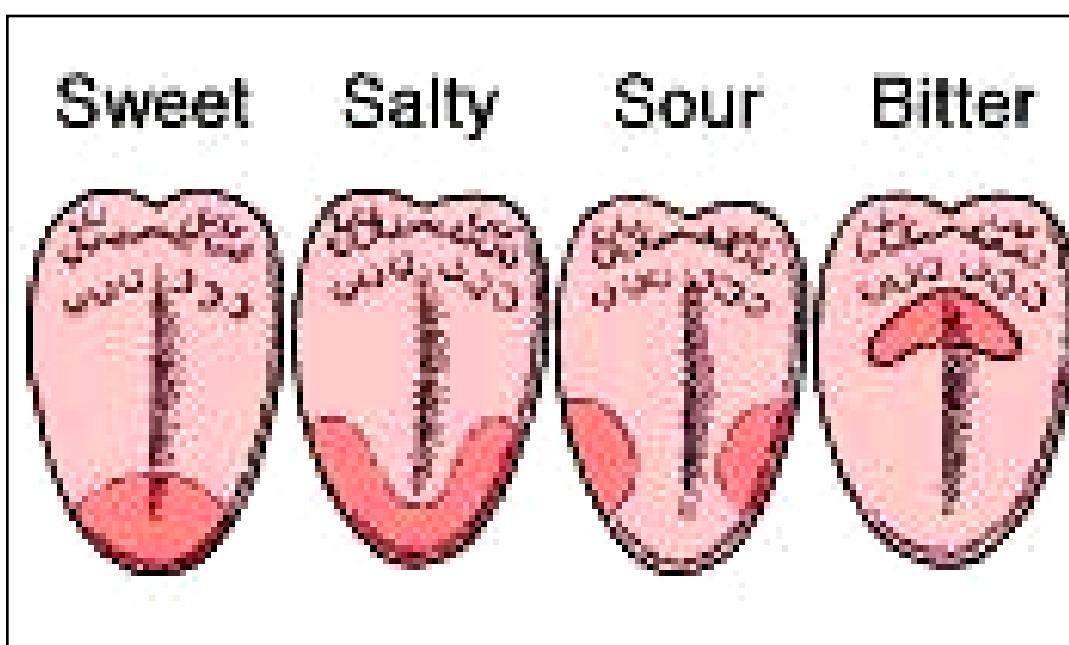
# Papillae of the surface of the tongue

- Papillae circumvalatae



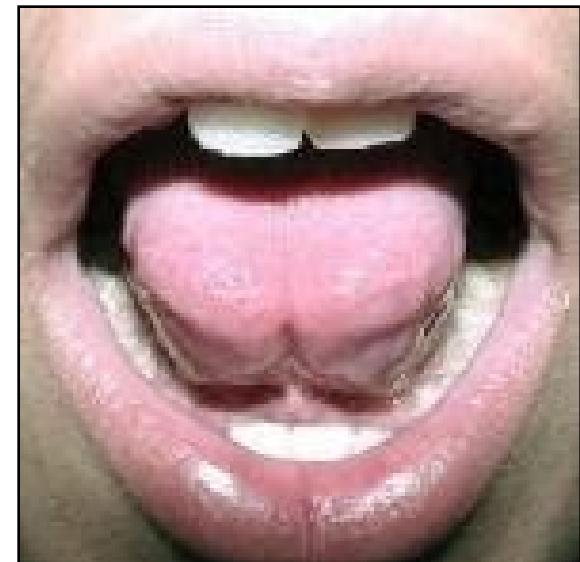
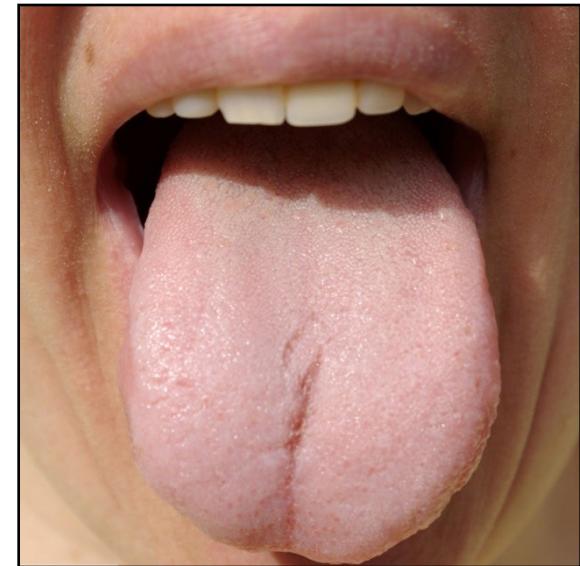


**Taste buds** - specialised receptors, are found over the entire dorsum of the tongue, along the sides of the tongue, the epiglottis, soft palate



# Tongue examination

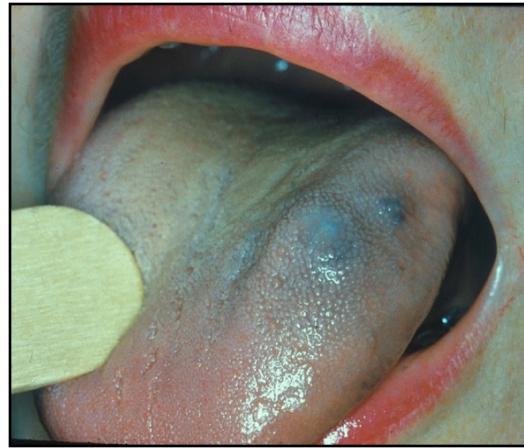
- **Size**, asymmetry
- **Coating** - color, amount
- **Humidity**
- Perfusion of blood
- **Surface** - grooves, furrows, impressions, lesions
  - solitary, multiple
- Sensitivity
- Localization and extent of changes
- Relationships to surrounding tissues
- Frenum of the tongue - ankyloglossia



# Tongue examination

- Large tongues

- acromegaly
- hypothyroidism
- Down s syndrome
- hemangioma
- muscular hypertrophy
- amyloidosis
- tumors
- angio-neurotic oedema
- Crohn's disease

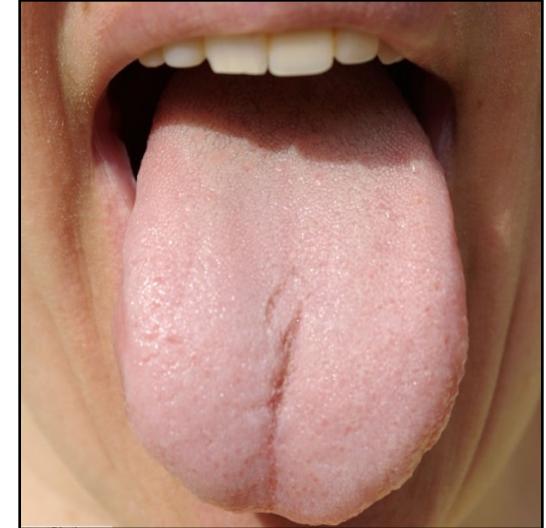
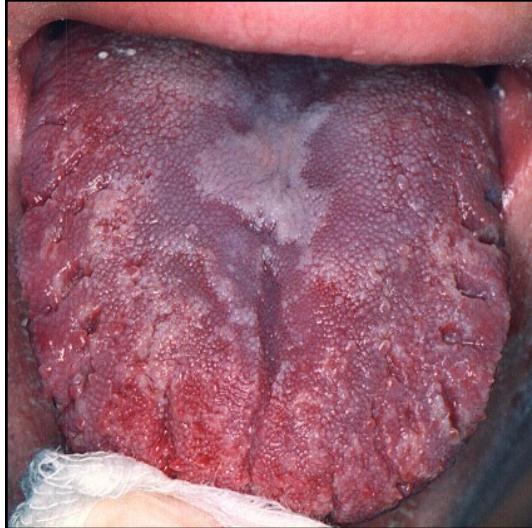


# Tongue examination

- Small tongues
  - congenital small mandible syndromes
  - lingual hypoplasia
  - other developmental disorders
  - pseudo-bulbar palsy (spastic tongue)

# Colour changes

- Pale - anaemia
- Yellow, orange - jaundice
- Strawberry red - scarlat fever, ATB, diarrhoea, pernicious anemia (beefy red)
- Blue - cyanosis, polycythemia
- Pigmented - racial, Addison's disease
- Black (hairy) - smoking, mouth rinses







# Examination of tongue coating

- Fyziological



# Examination of tongue coating

daytime

- Fysiologische
- Pathologische akute Multiplikation
  - akute oberer respiratorischer Traktinfektion (frischer Coating)
  - schweres Kranksein mit Dehydratation und Schock (fuligo)
- Pathologische chronische Multiplikation
  - chronische Gastrointestinalerkrankung (dyspeptisch)
- Pathologische Atrophie
  - Anämie, Hypovitaminosen, Sjögren'sche Erkrankung, Mitralsklerose, Leberzirrhose, Intoxikation

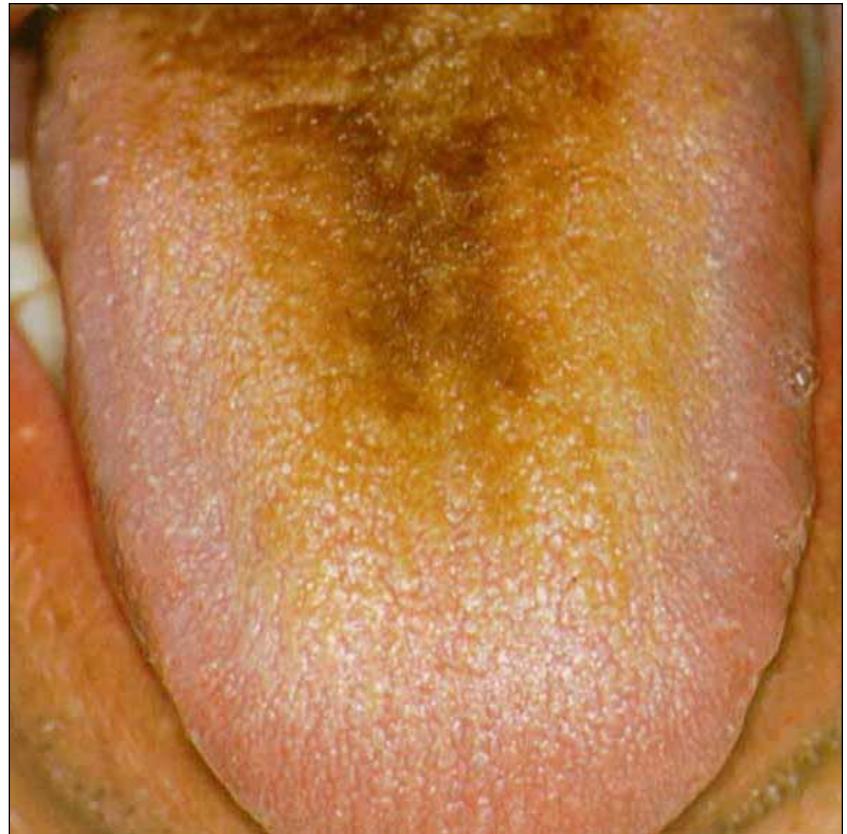
# Coatings of the Tongue

- elongated filiform papillae
- dead epithelial cells
- food residues, debris
- microorganisms



# Coatings of the Tongue

- heavy smokers
- mouth rinses
- mouth breathers
- only soft foods,
- due to fasting
- ill fitting dentures

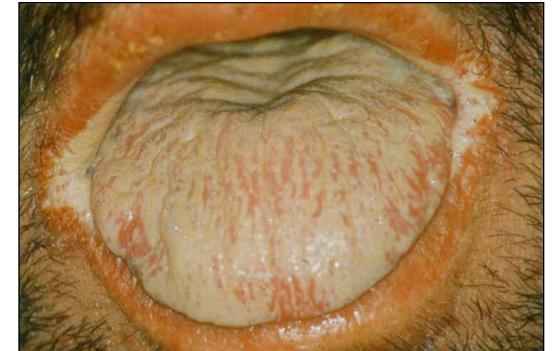


# Coatings of the Tongue

- **White** (yeast, acute viral inf, milk)



- **Gray** (renal failure, TBC)



- **Brown** (smoking, antibiotics and antiseptics, chromogenic bacteria)

- **Black** (smoking)

# Differential Diagnosis - questions

- Acute - Chronic?
- Localization?
- Coating? Color?
- Size of language?
  - Solitary lesion? Extensive diffuse lesions?
  - Painful - not painful?
  - Consistency?
  - Overall symptoms
  - Time data?

# Erosions/ulcers of the tongue

- trauma      - aphthous ulcers      - drugs
- nutritional disorders
- AI diseases (P-P) OLP, EEM
- specific gut diseases
- leukemia, agranulocytosis, neutropenia
- mucositis after oncology treatment
- malignant ulcers
- syphilis, TBC



# Vesiculo - bullous diseases of the tongue

- acute viral infections (HSV, VZV, Coxackie)
- EEM, P-P



# White lesions

- frictional keratoses
- tobacco keratoses
- leukoplakia
- OLP
- candida infection
- psoriasis

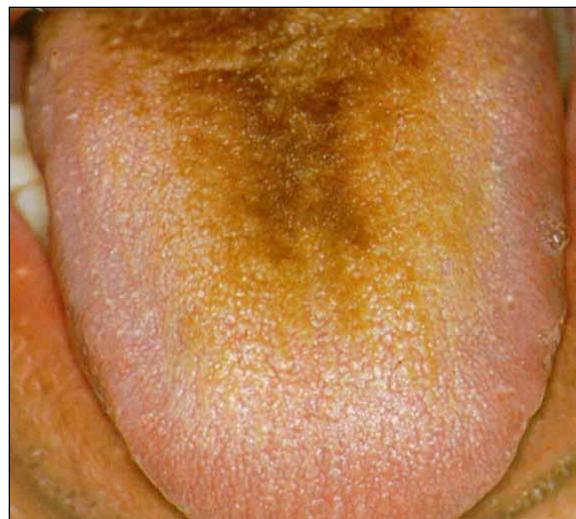


# Acute (chronic) glossitis

- drug induced glossitis
- infections (bacterial, fungal, viral)
- allergic and toxic reactions
- nutritional (Fe, B12, folic acid, other B vit)



# Examination of tongue coating



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1/ Local changes of the tongue

2/ Manifestation of generalized  
disease

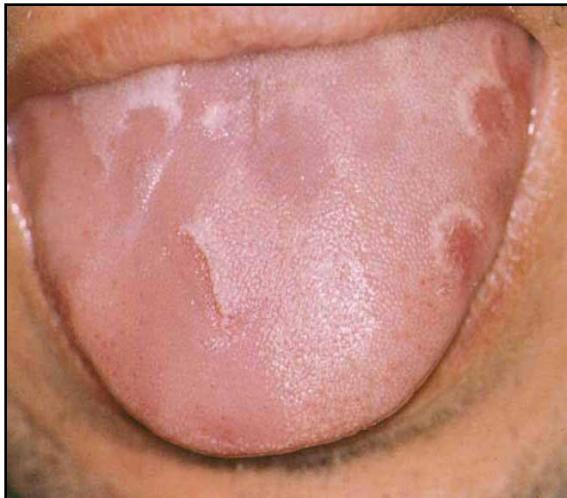
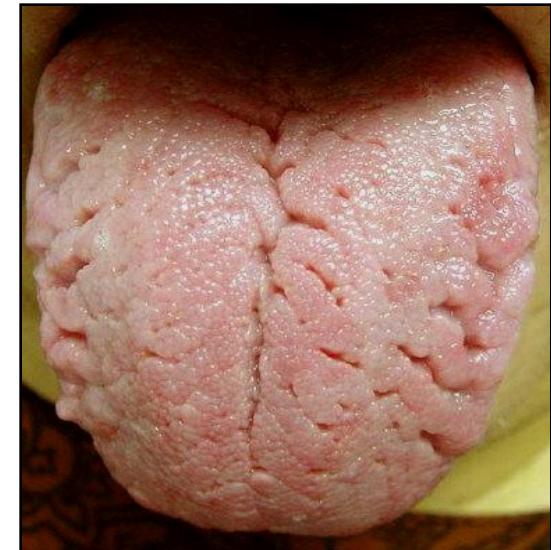
# 1/ Local changes of the tongue

- Congenital or developmental disorders
- Environmental factors (trauma, bites into the tongue, foreign bodies, burns)
- Local infection
- RAS
- Tumor

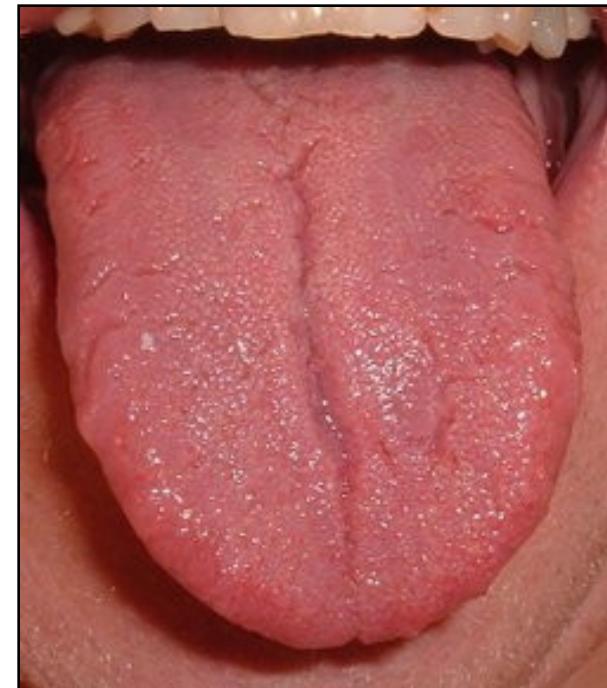


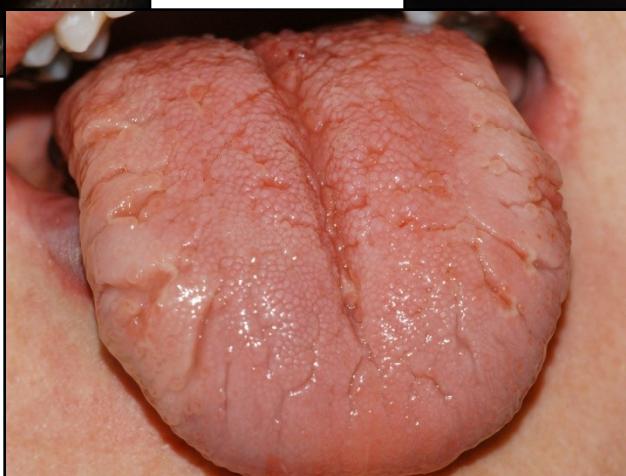
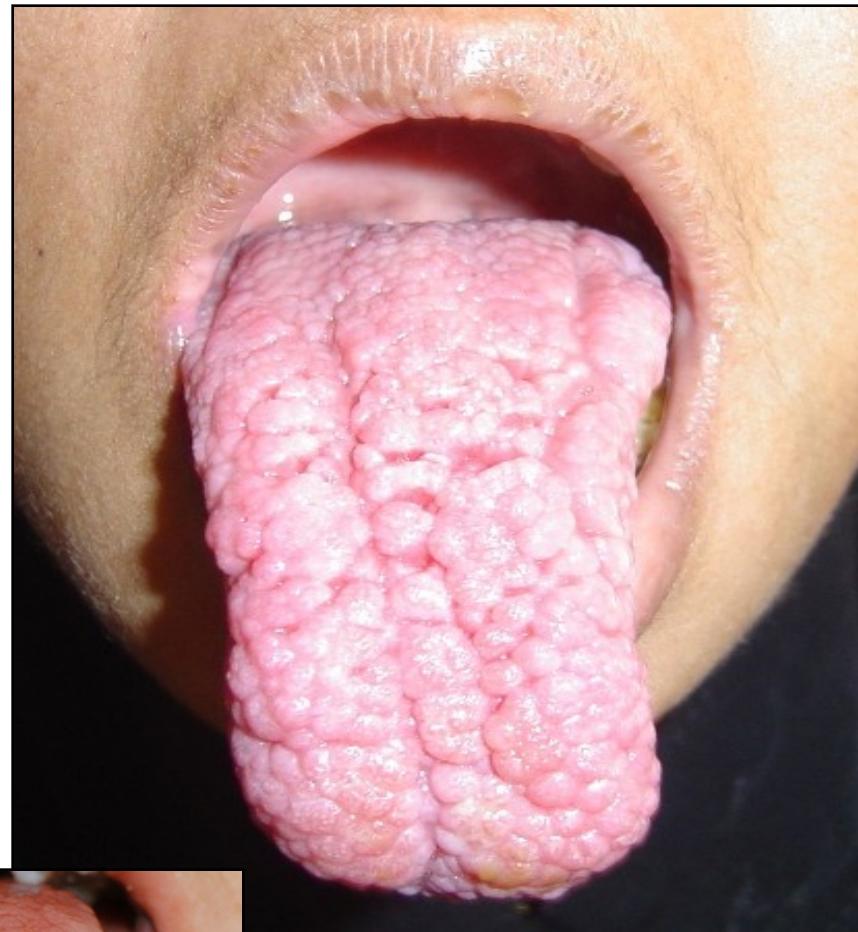
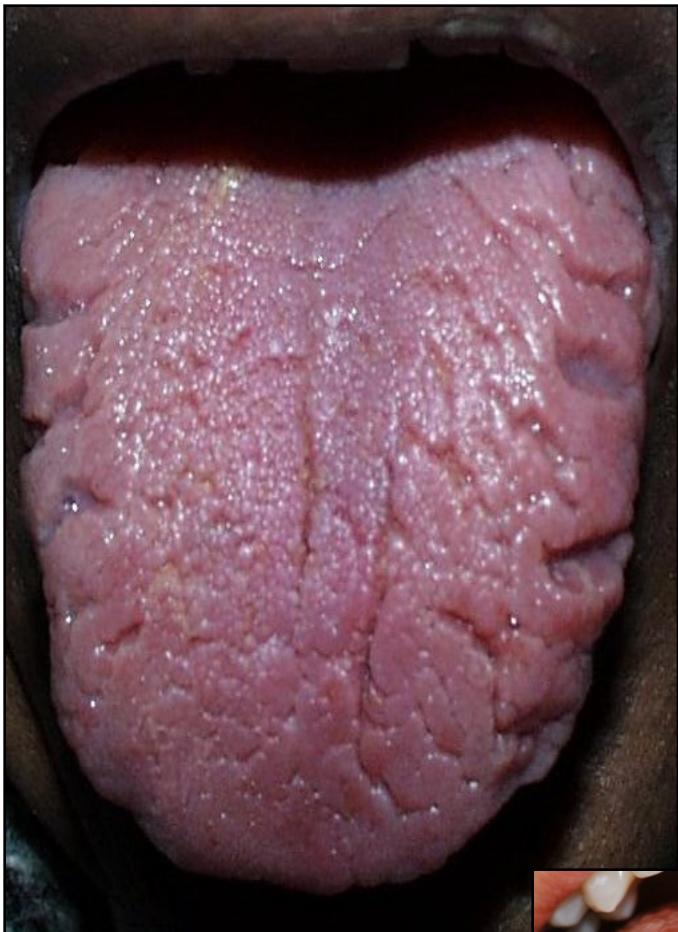
# 1/ Local changes of the tongue

- Lingua plicata
- Lingua geografica
- Glossitis rhombica mediana
- Lingua villosa nigra

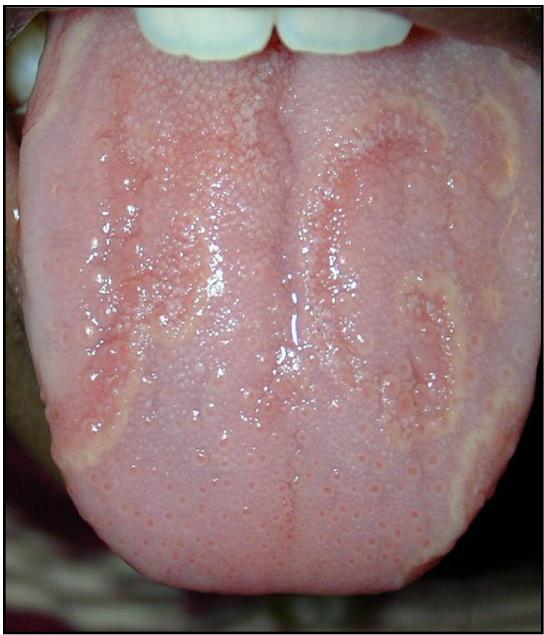


# Lingua plicata (Down sy, Melkersson's syndrome)





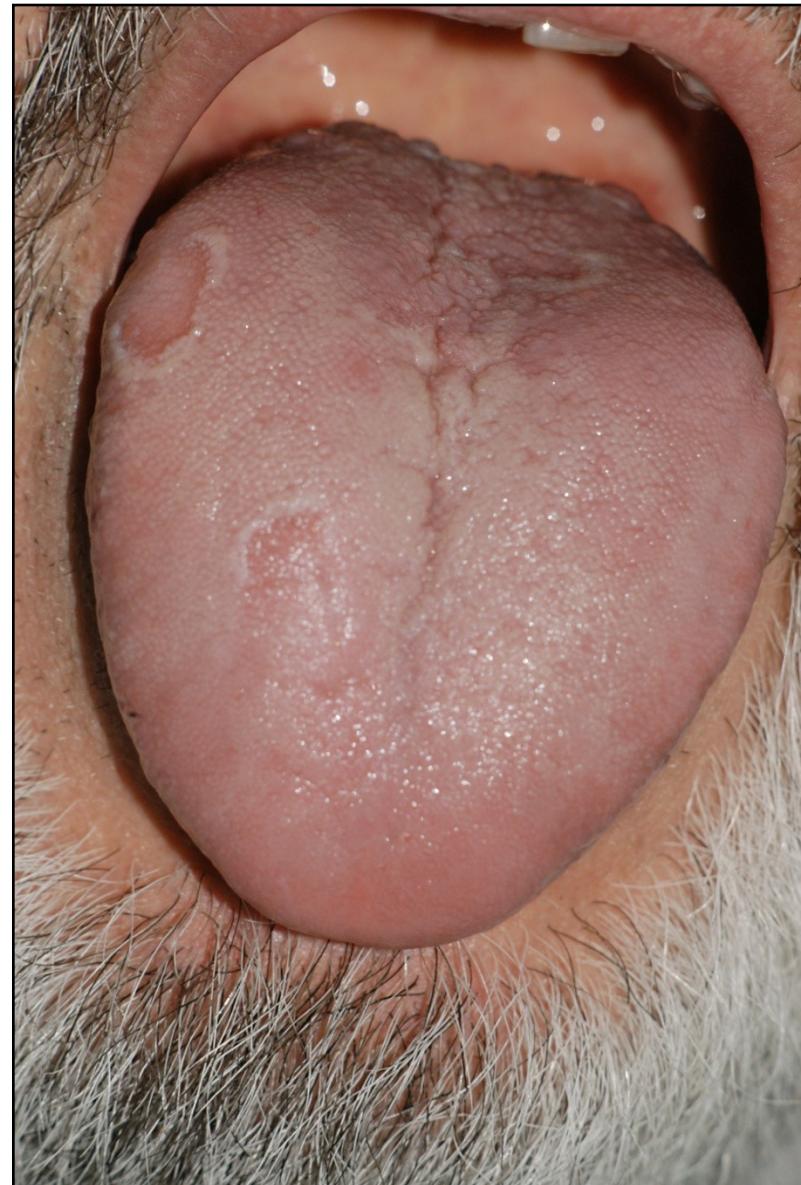




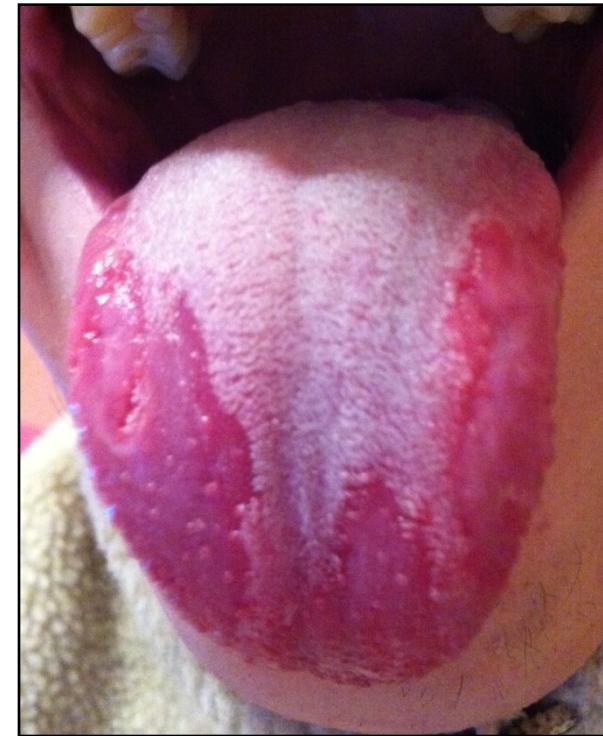
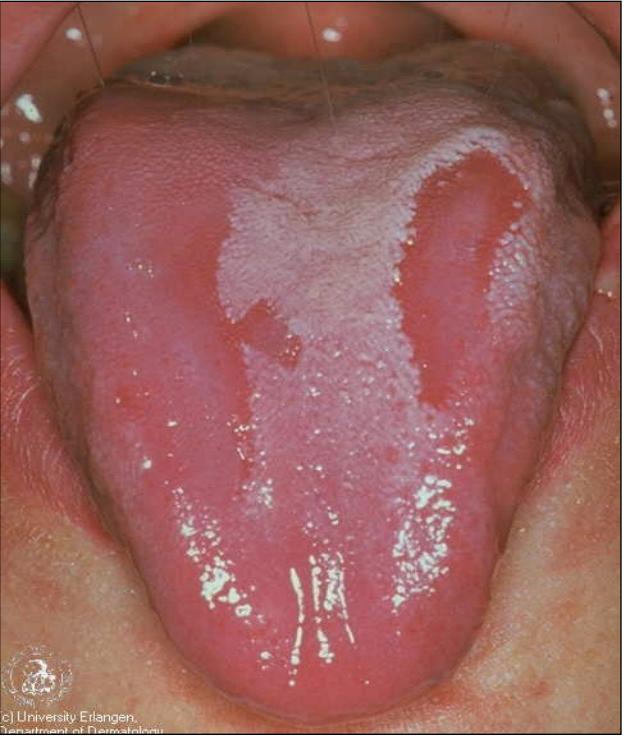
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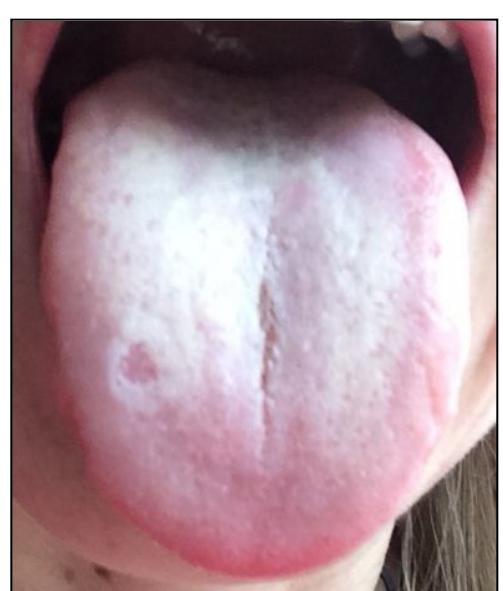






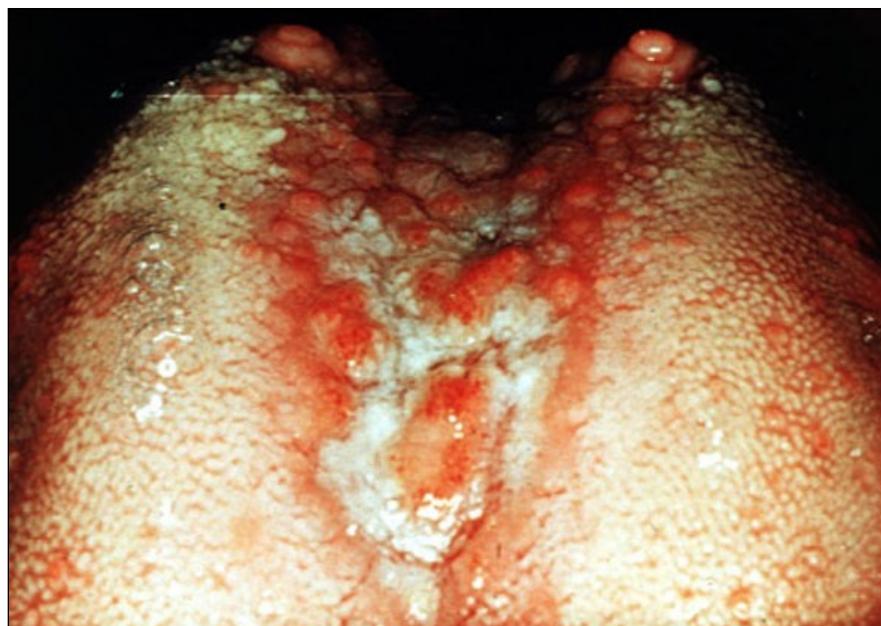








Glossitis rhombica mediana – Rhomboid glossitis





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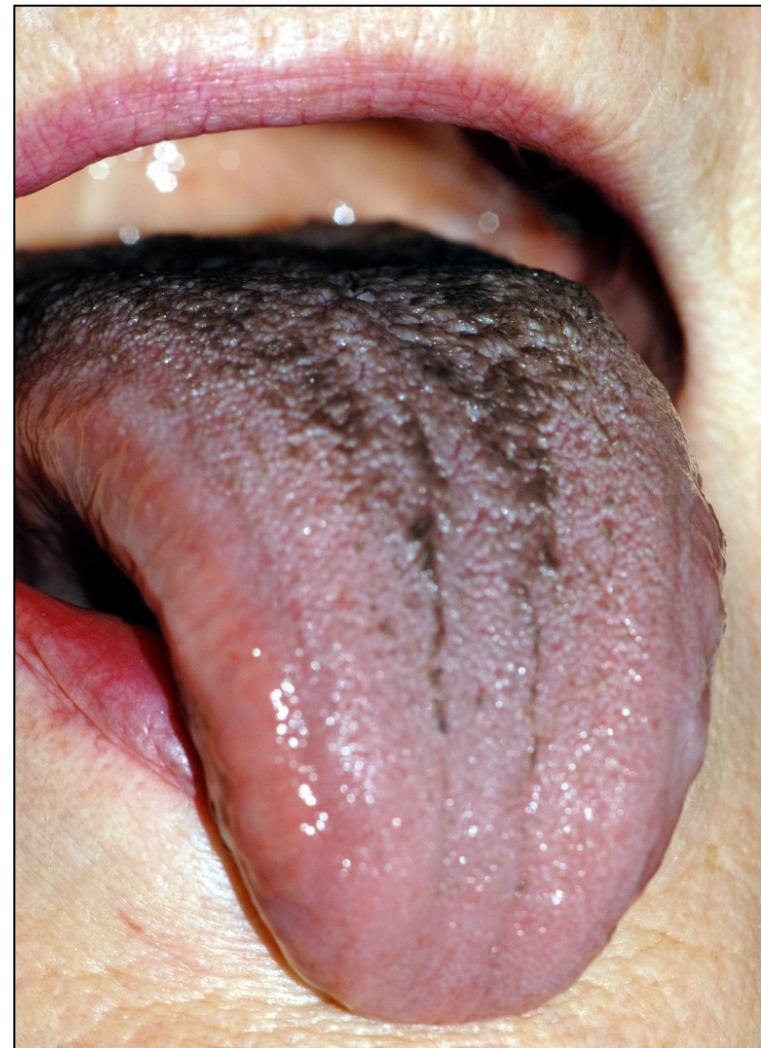


Lingua  
villosa  
nigra



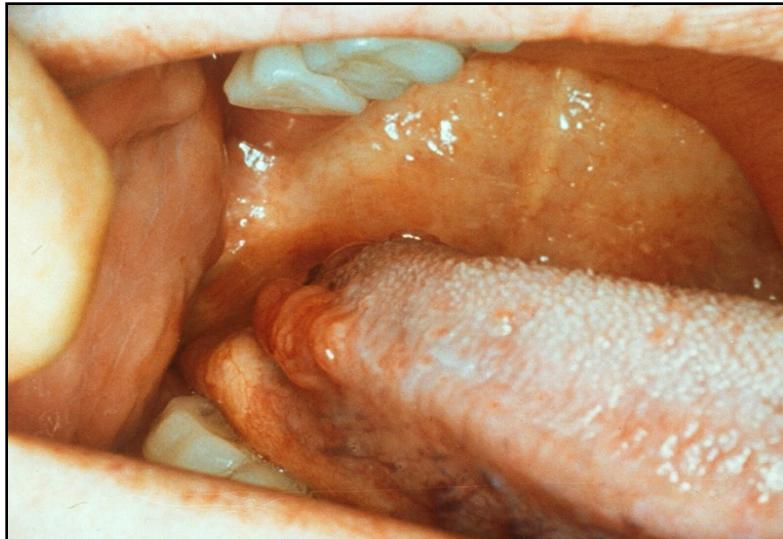






# Local changes of the tongue

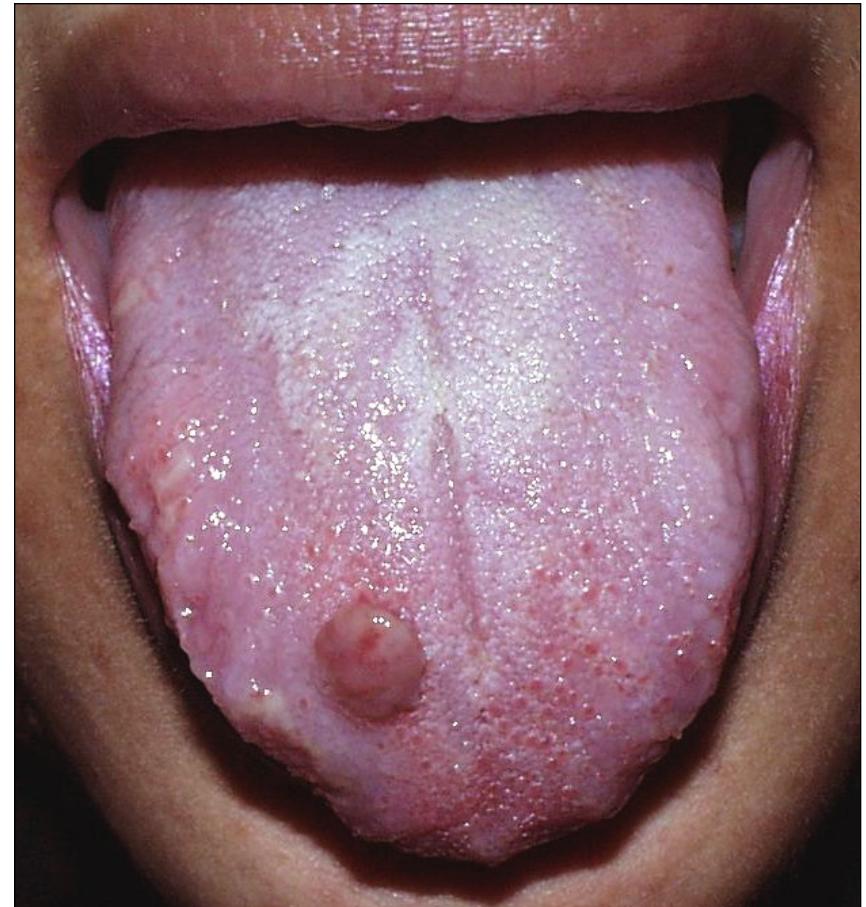
- **Tonsila lingualis**
- Lingual thyroid gland
- Cyst ductus thyreoglossus
- Dermoid and epidermoid cyst (floor of mouth and body of the tongue, macroglossy)



# Local changes of the tongue

## Mechanical factors

- Traumatic ulcer
- Impressions
- Granuloma pyogenicum



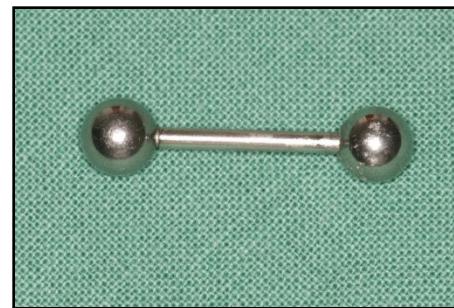




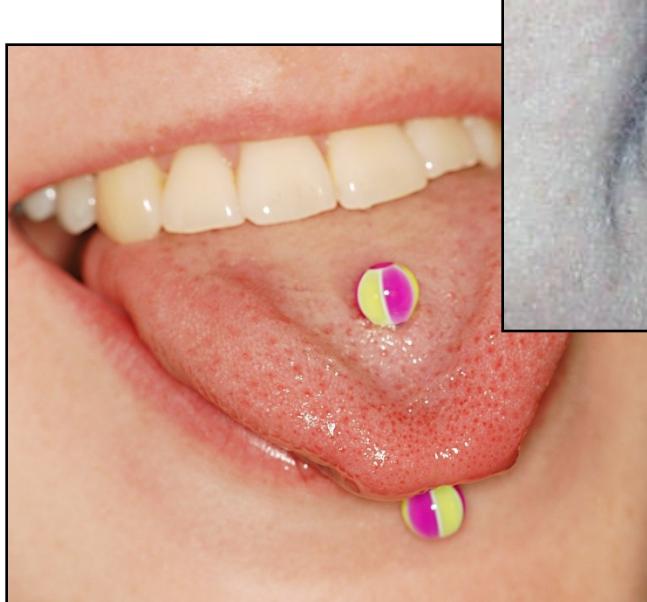
# Burn of the tongue with hot food



# Oral piercing



# Oral piercing



# Local changes of the tongue



Retention cyst (mucocele) of minor salivary gland

# Local changes of the tongue

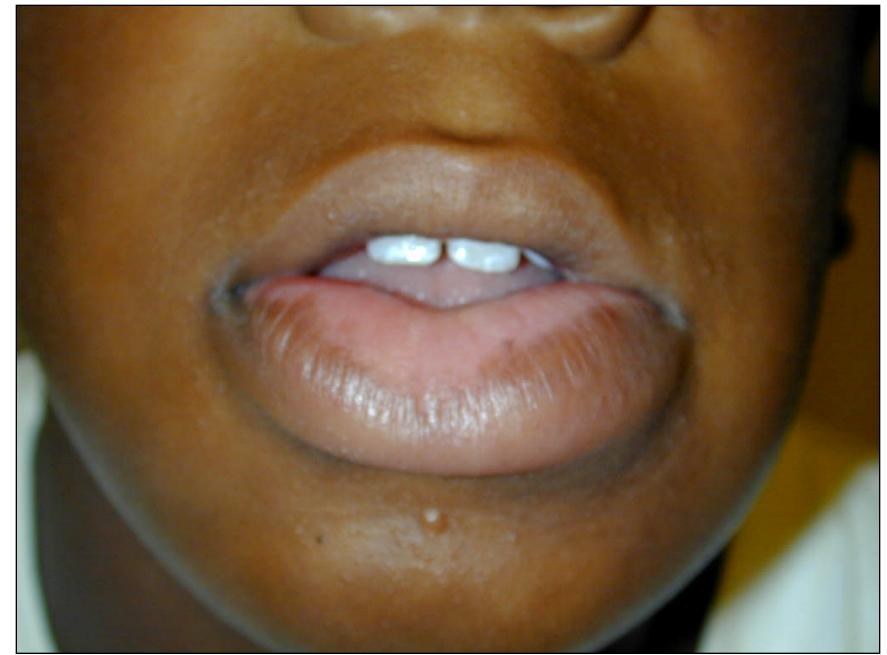


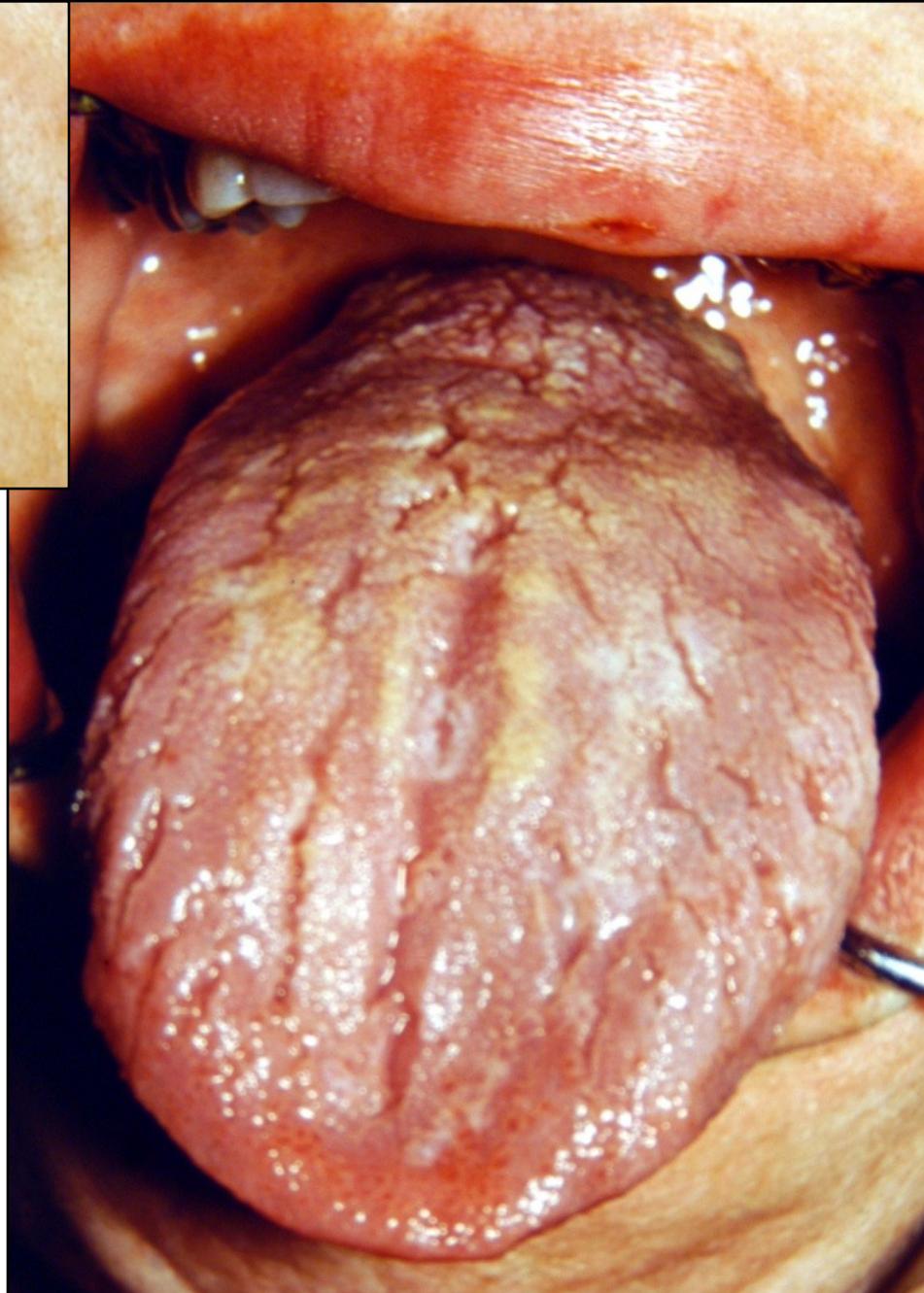
## Aphtous ulcers

- lateral, ventral side
- dorsum (major form)

## Melkersson -Rosenthal syndrome

- recurrent lip (facial) edema
- fissured tongue
- facial paralysis





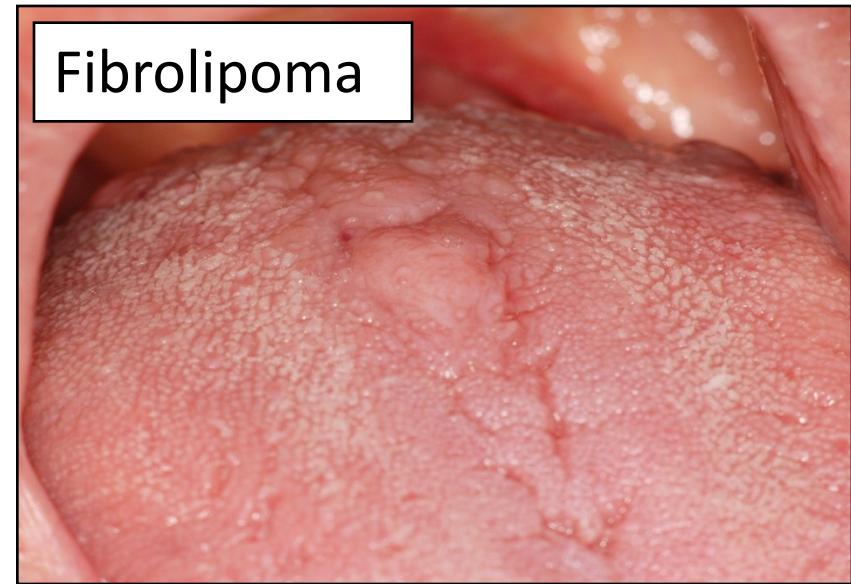
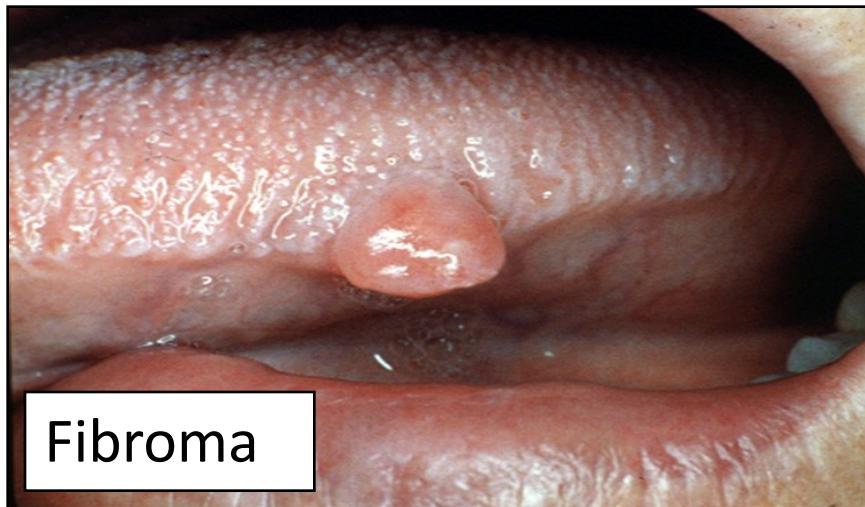
## Melkersson's syndrome

- recurrent lip (facial) edema
- fissured tongue
- facial paralysis

# Local changes of the tongue

## Benign tumors

- fibroma (lateral side)
- papiloma
- myoma (dorsum)
- lipoma (yellowish)
- neurofibroma



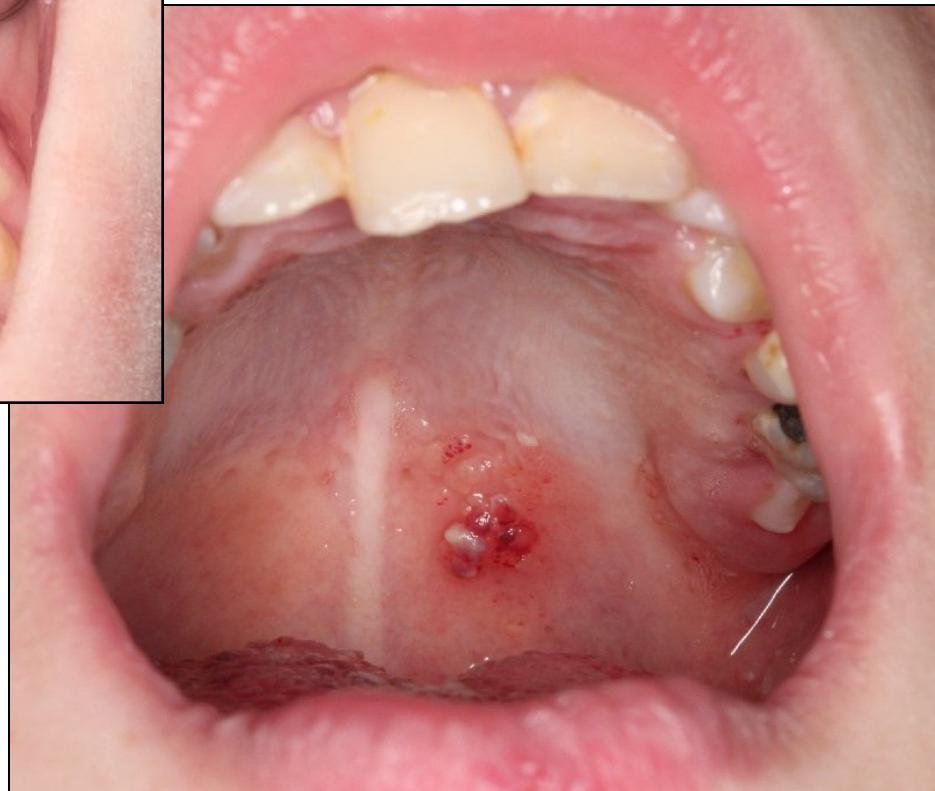
# Local changes of the tongue

- Hemangioma
- Lymfangioma



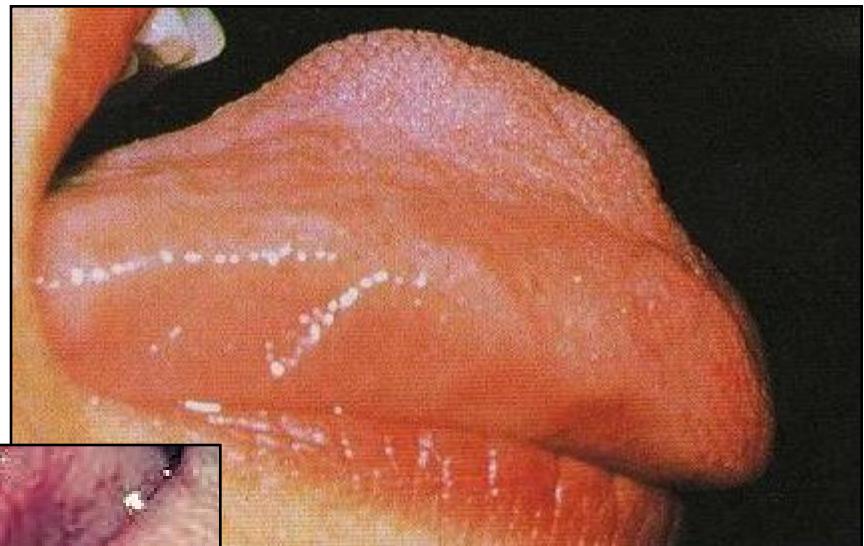


Congenital  
lymangioma



# Hemangioma

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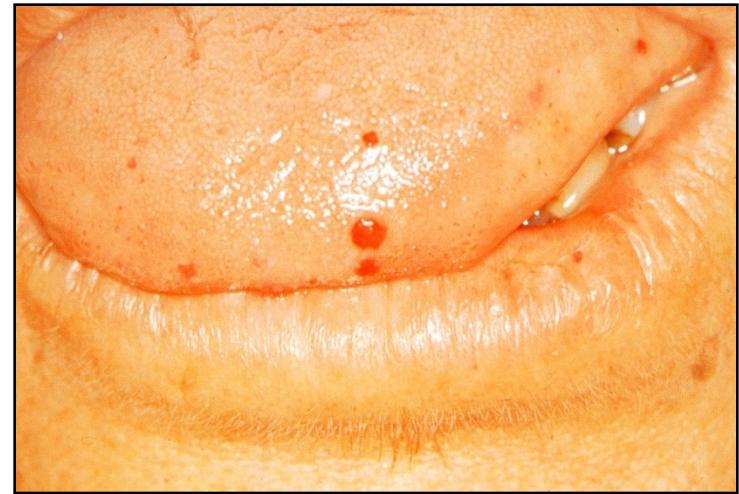


# Local changes of the tongue

- Vascular changes

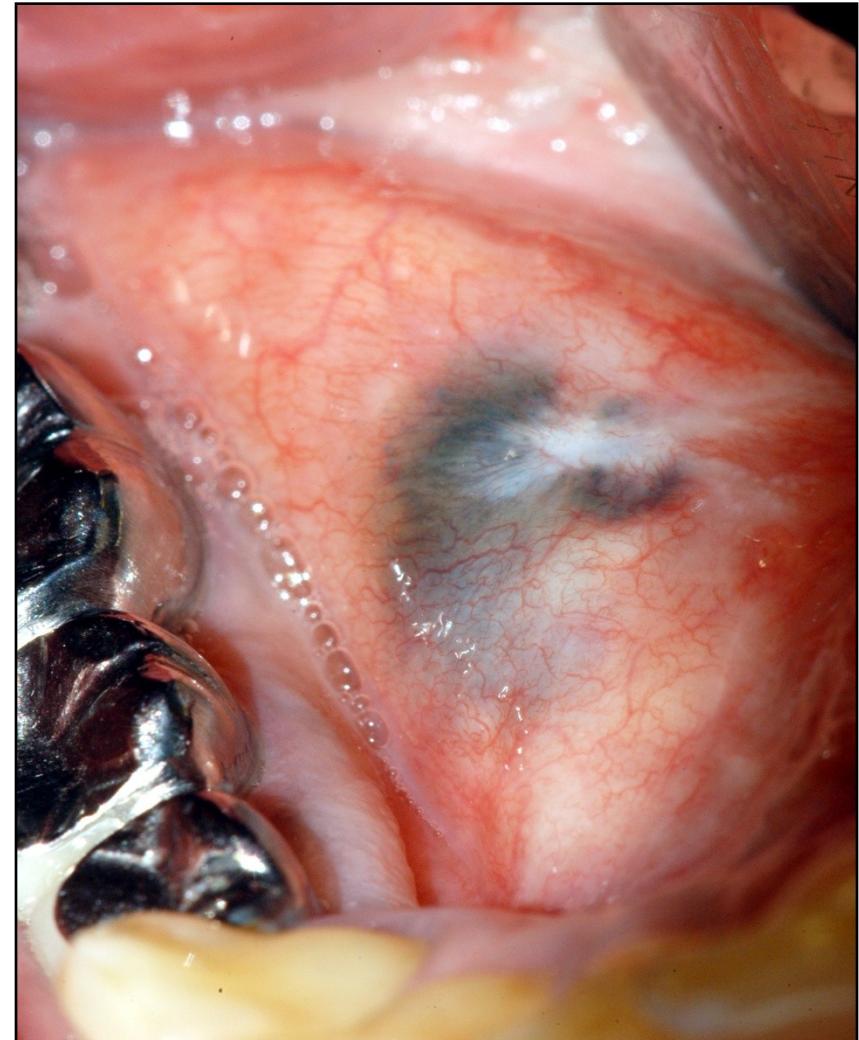
Teleangiectasias

Sublingual venectasias  
(varices linguae)



# Local changes of the tongue

- Metalic pigmentations
- Melanin pigmentations



artistic tattoo

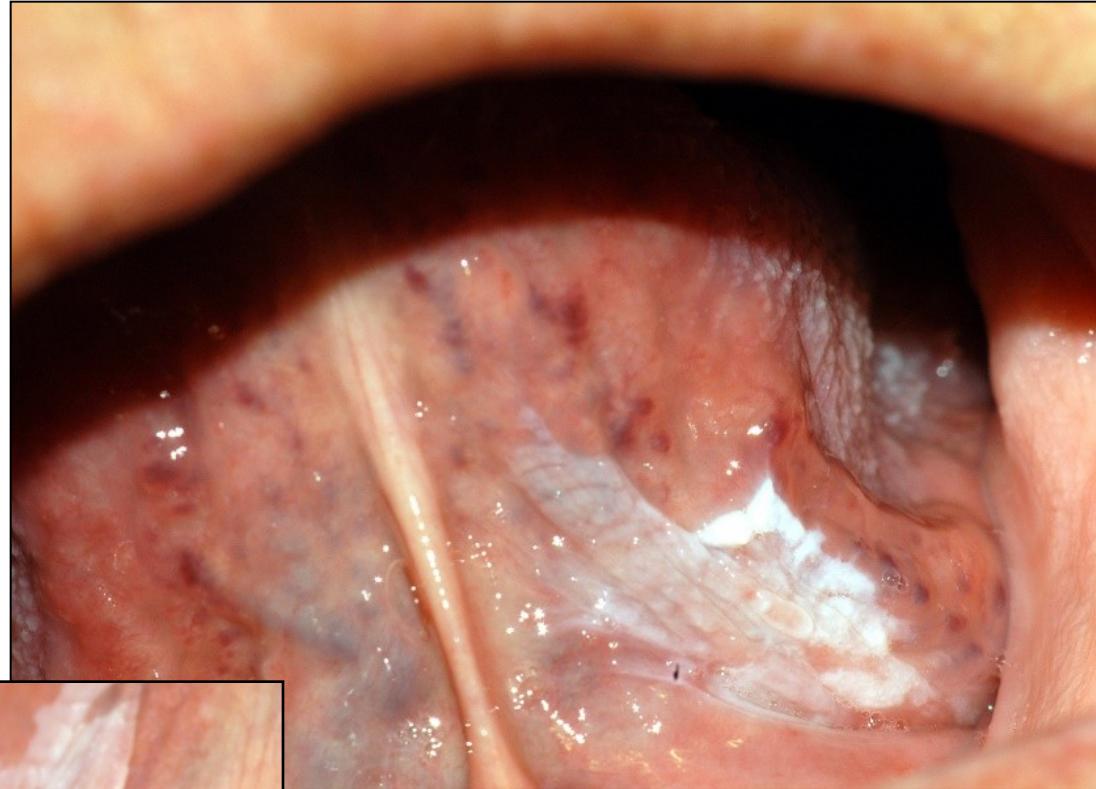


# Local changes of the tongue

- Precancerous lesions, **leukoplakias** and **erythroplakias**

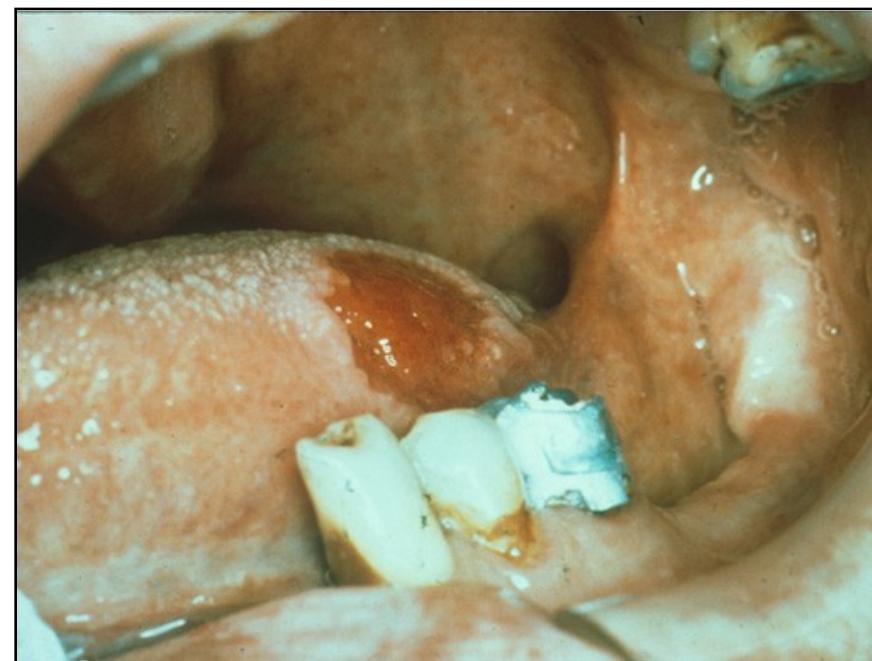
10% -15% of leukoplakias occurs on the tongue

- Leukoplakias on the tongue - malignant transformation at 24 – 38 %
- Erythroplakie on the tongue - malignant transformation at 96 %









# Malignant tumors

30 % of oral malignant lesions are located at the radix of the tongue

- spinocellular Ca (lateral side)
- malignant lymphomas (NHL)
- tumors of the salivary glands (ventral)
- sarkoma (rare, Kaposi sarkoma)
- metastatic tumors (radix)



Man, 1960, felt defect under tongue (about a month),  
15 cig / day, increased submandibular lymph nodes



## 2/ Manifestation of generalized diseases

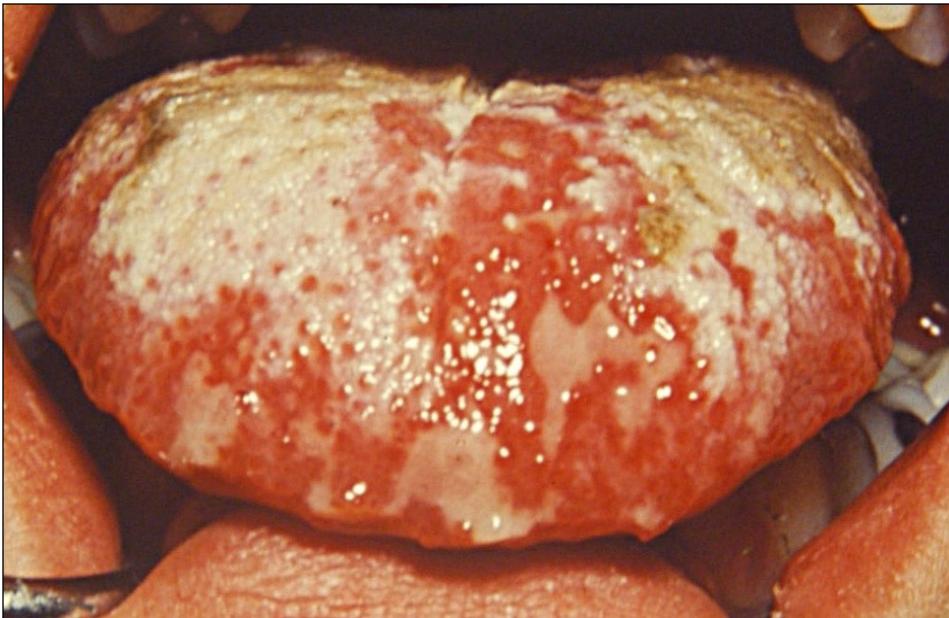
- Systemic infection
- Blood diseases
- Immunity disorders  
(autoimmune,  
allergic reaction)
- Metabolic disorders



## 2/ Manifestation of generalized disease

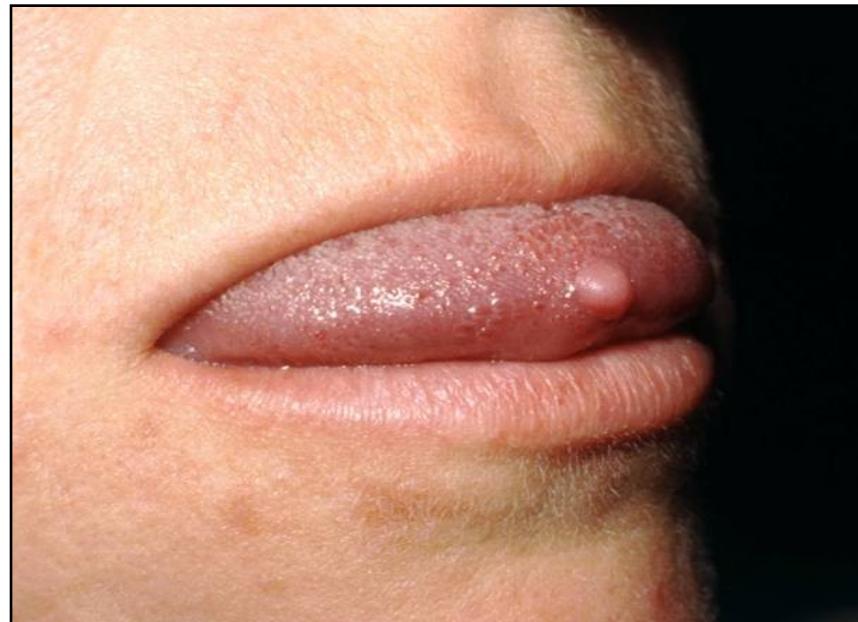
- **Infection** (local or systemic problem)
  - Viral infection HSV (GSH, HS), VZV, Coxsackie, HPV
  - Oral candidiasis
  - Scarlet fever
- syphilis - TBC
- HIV





Viral infection HSV

HPV infection

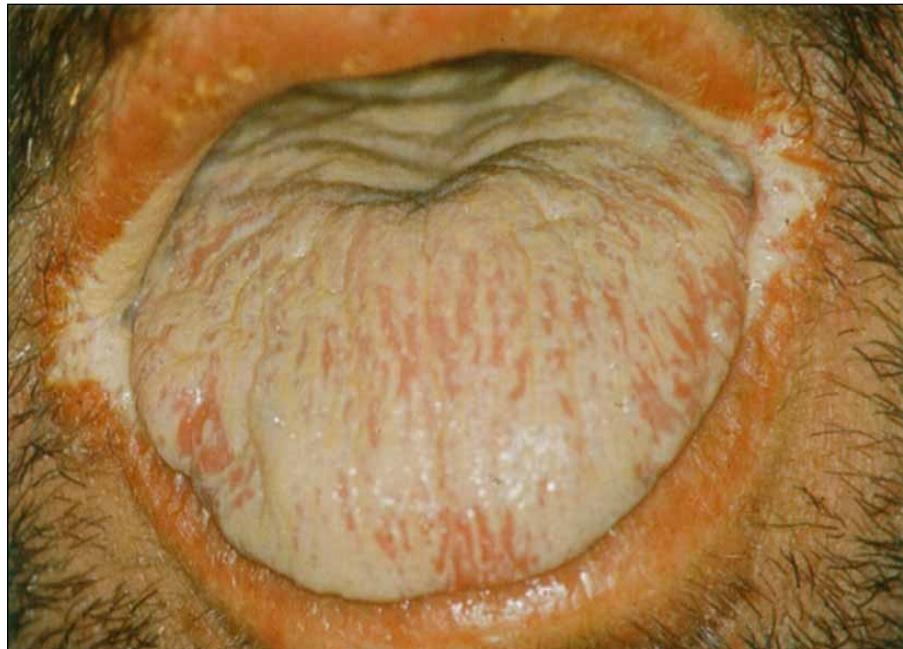




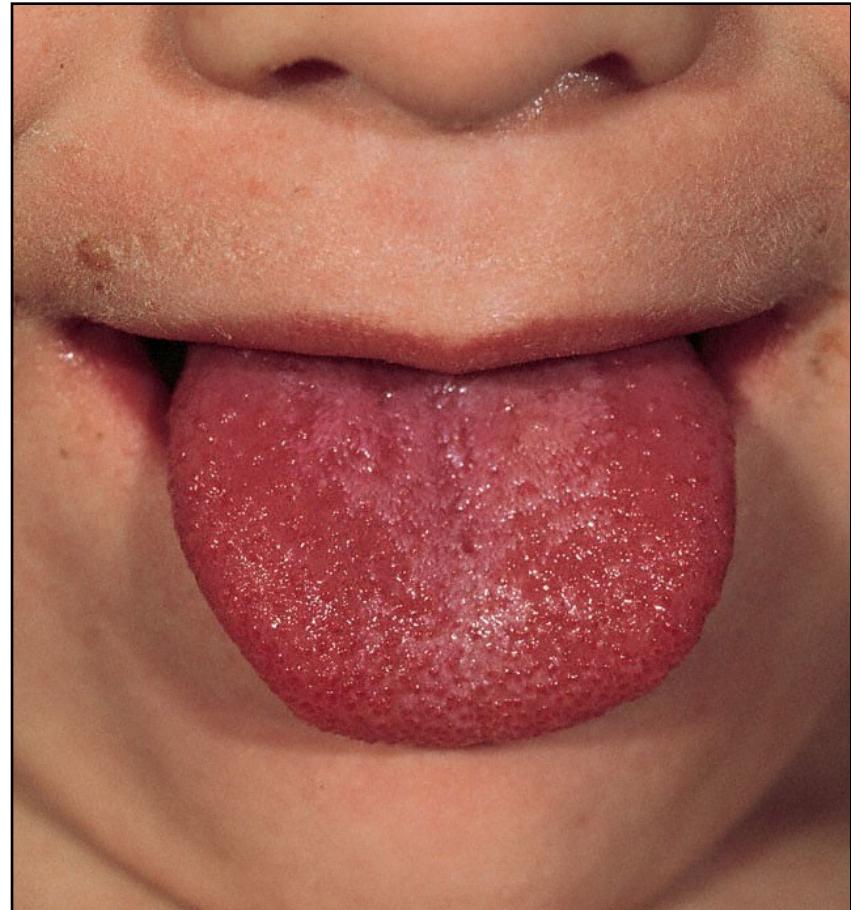
Oral candidiasis



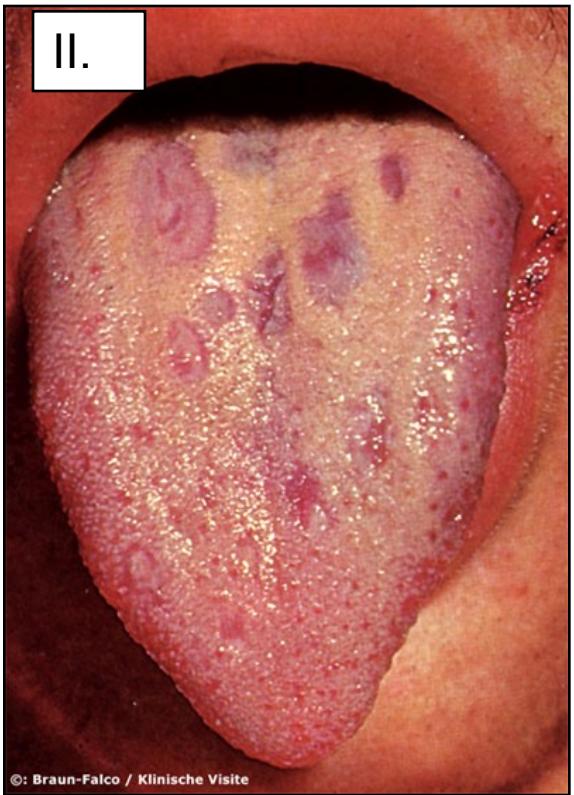
## Oral candidiasis



# Scarlet fever



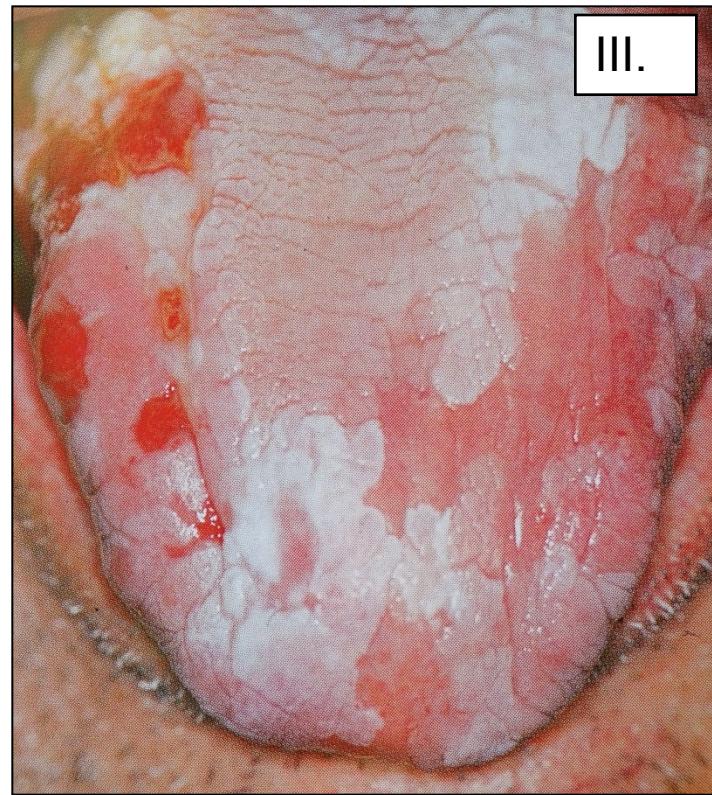
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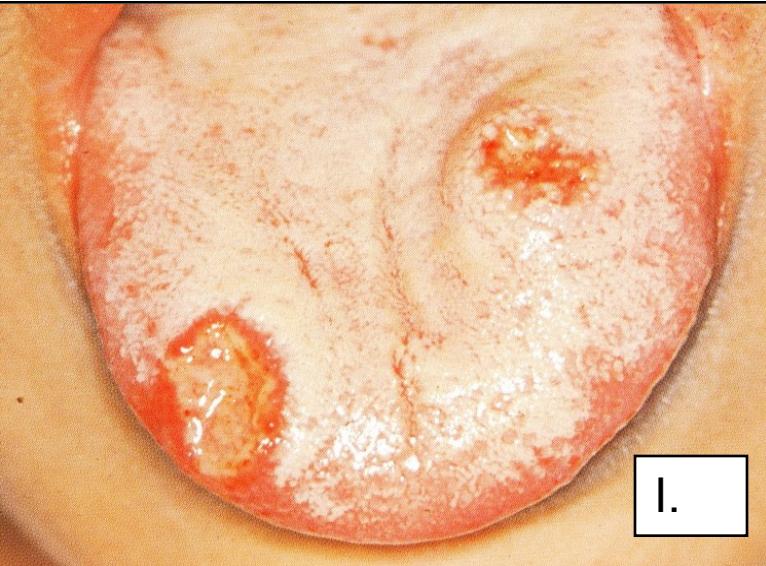
III.



III.



Syphilis  
- all 3 stages



- gumma
  - glossitis luética
  - interstitialis
  - superficialis
  - et profunda
  - lingua lobata
- III.

**TBC** Tuberculous ulcer with bulging edges



- HIV
- HSV, VZV
- **hairy leukoplakia (HSV8)**
- oral candidiasis
- aphtoid lesions
- Kaposi sarkoma



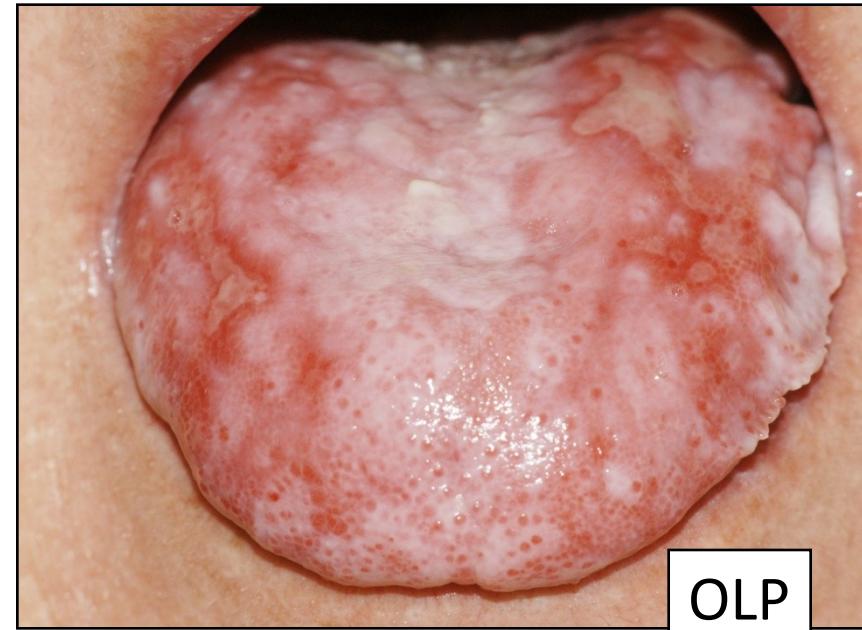
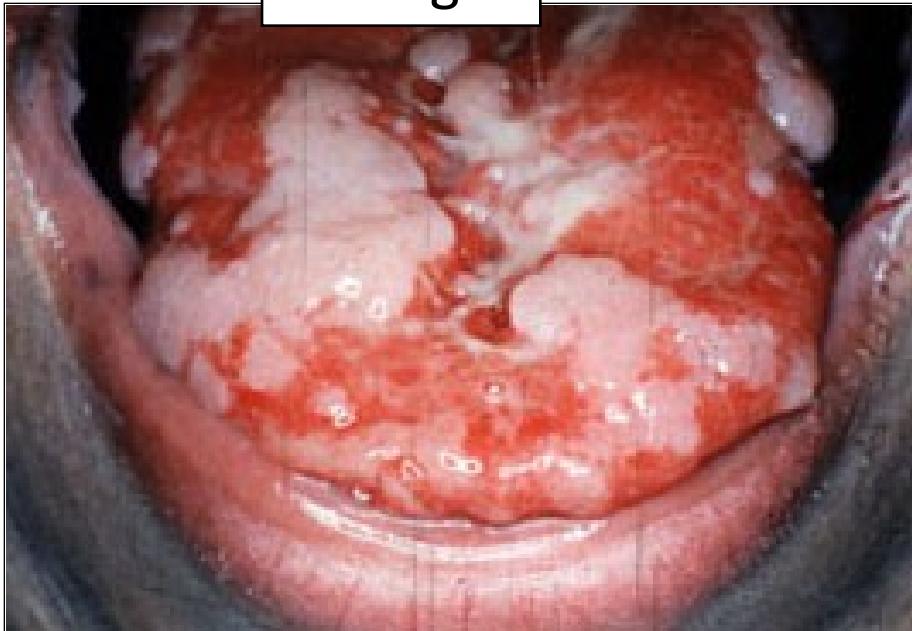
# Manifestation of generalized disease

- Pemfigus
- Pemfigoid DLE
- Sclerodermia
- Sjőgren's syndrome
- EEM
- OLP
- Psoriasis





Pemfigus

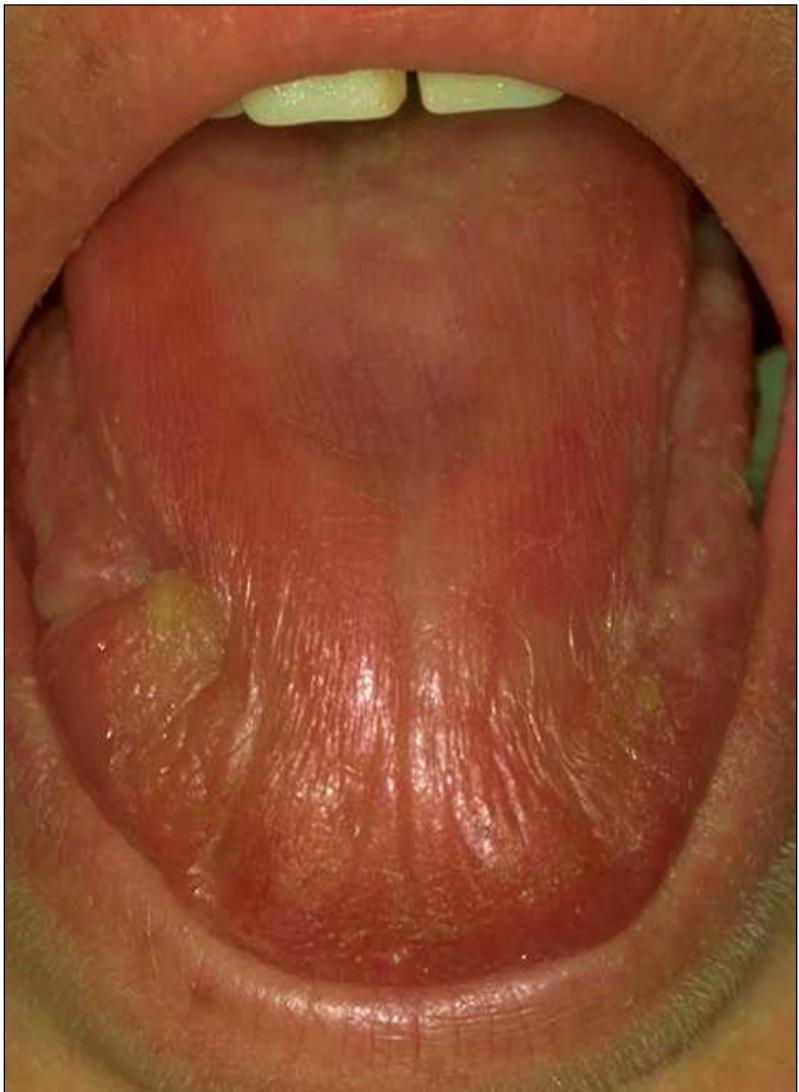


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OLP





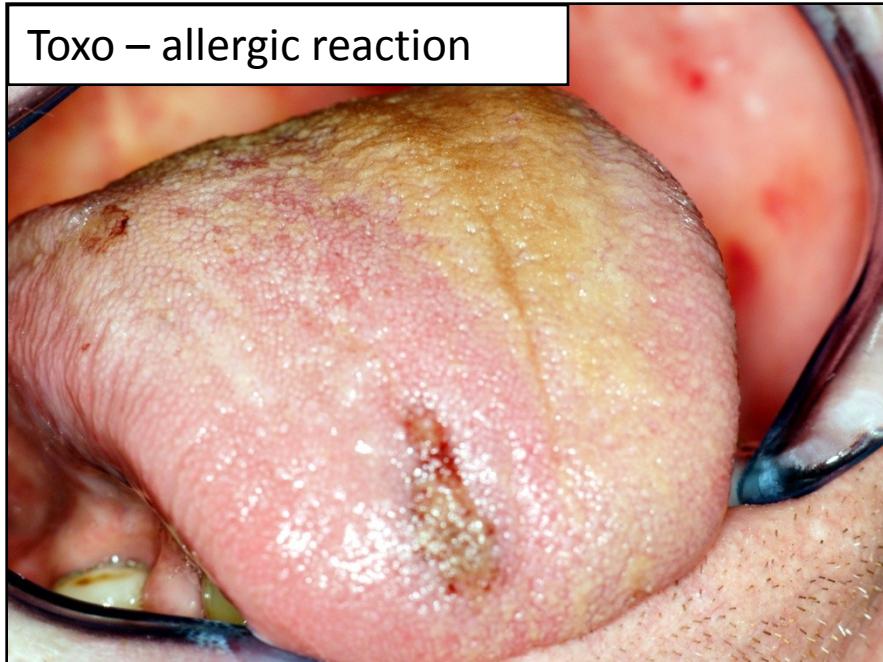
Sjögren's syndrome

# Manifestation of generalized disease

- Allergic a toxo – allergic reactions
- Angioedema



Toxo – allergic reaction



Amoxicillin



Amoxicillin

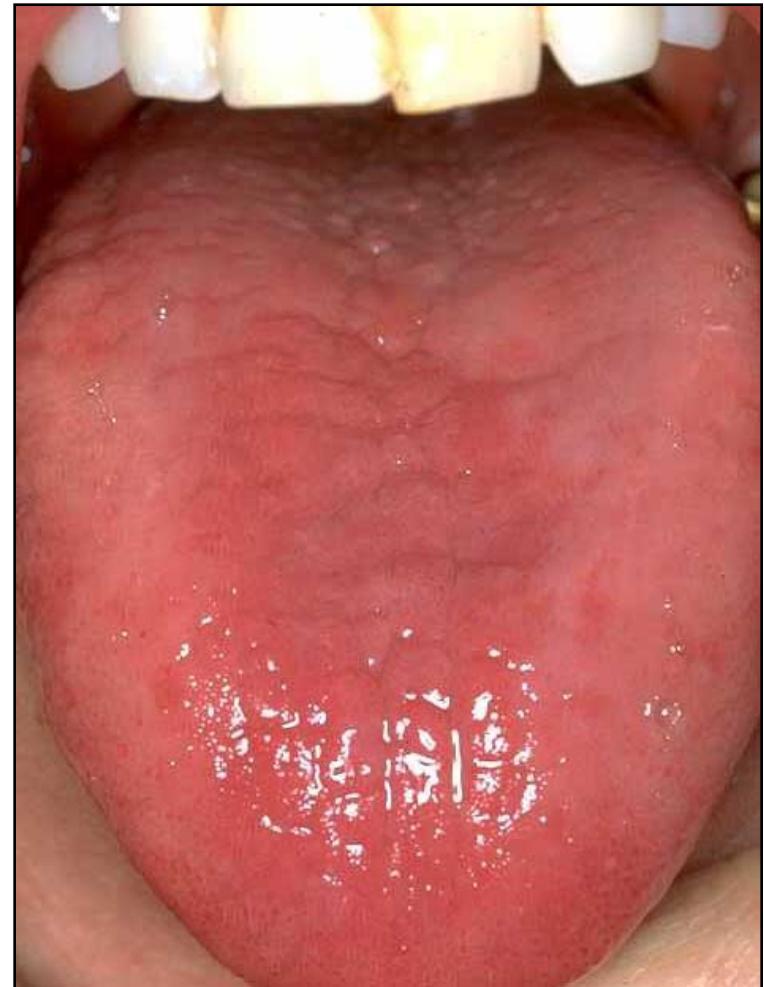


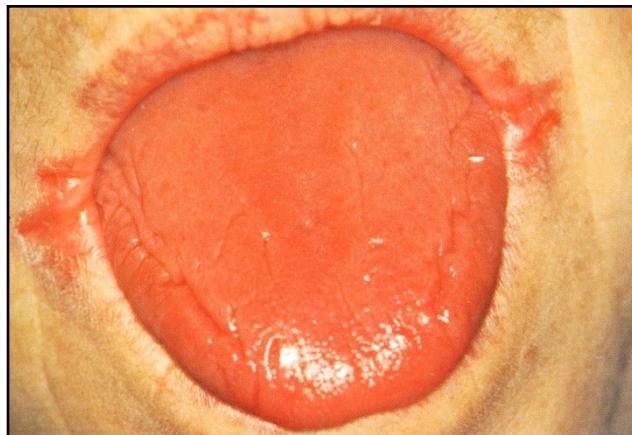
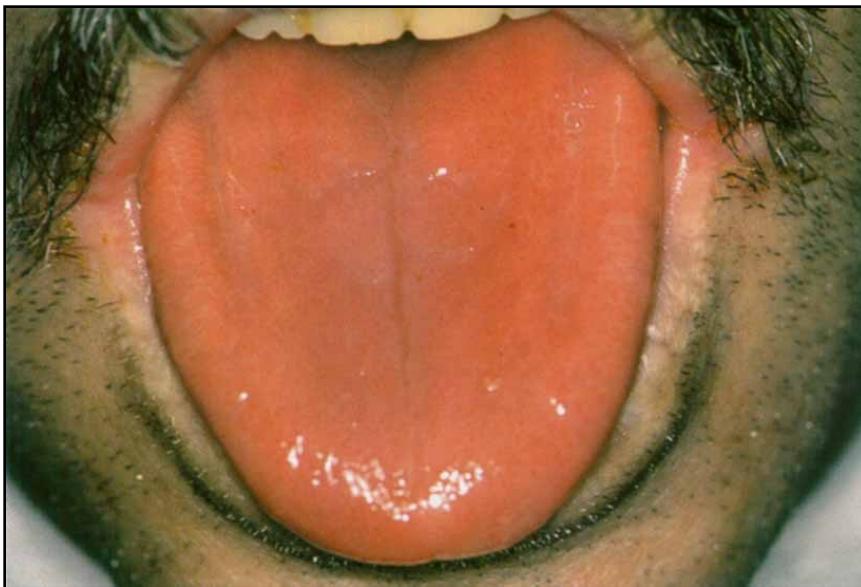
Eugenol



# Manifestation of generalized disease

- Blood disorders
  - Hemoragic diateses
  - Anemias
  - Leukemias



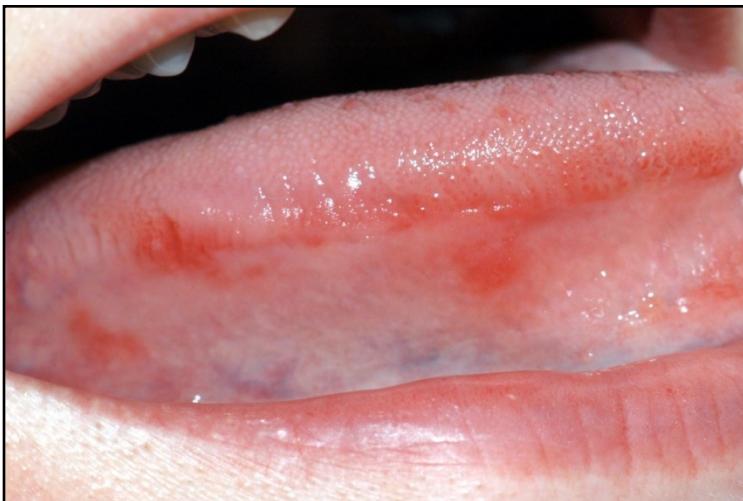




B12  
deficiency



Folic acid  
deficiency



# Plummer - Vinson syndrome

- iron deficiency anemia
  - atrophic glossitis
  - dysphagia
  - koilonychia
- precancerous



# Manifestation of generalized disease endocrinopathy

- Hypothyreosis

myxoedema → macroglossy;

xerostomia



# Manifestation of generalized disease

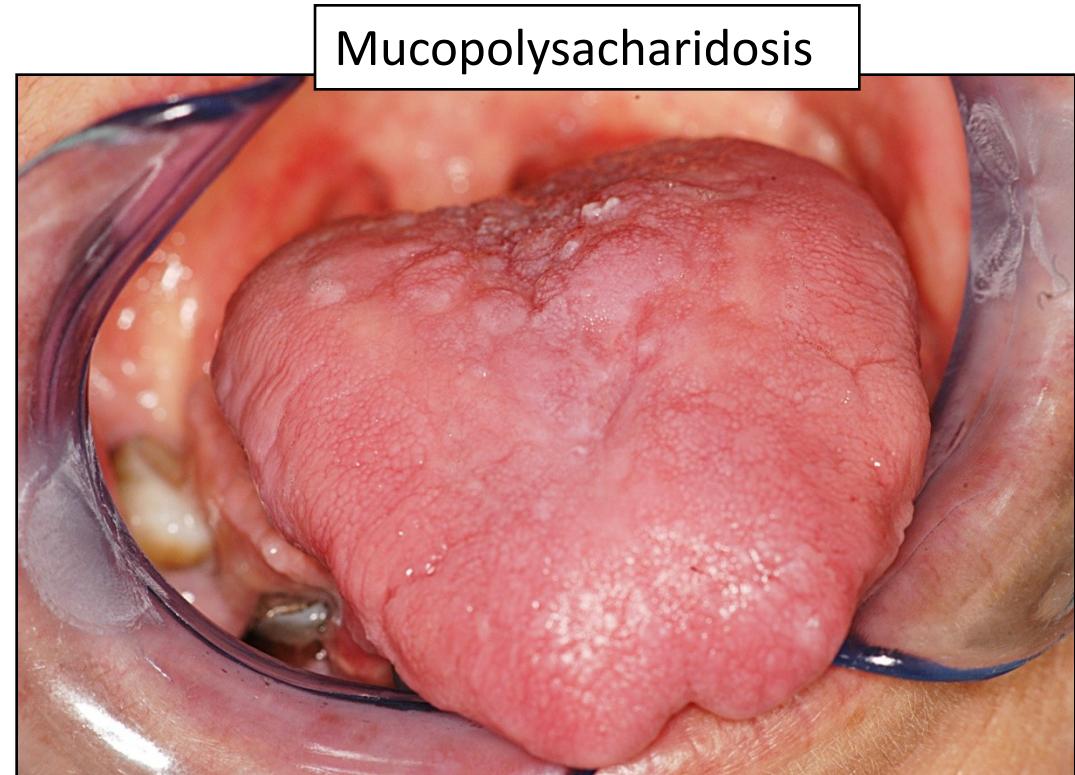
- Diabetes mellitus
  - GRM, candidasis, glossodynbia
- Acromegaly (overproduction of STH)
  - at 50 % macroglossy

- M. Addison
  - (adrenal cortex insufficiency, MSH - failure of the feedback)



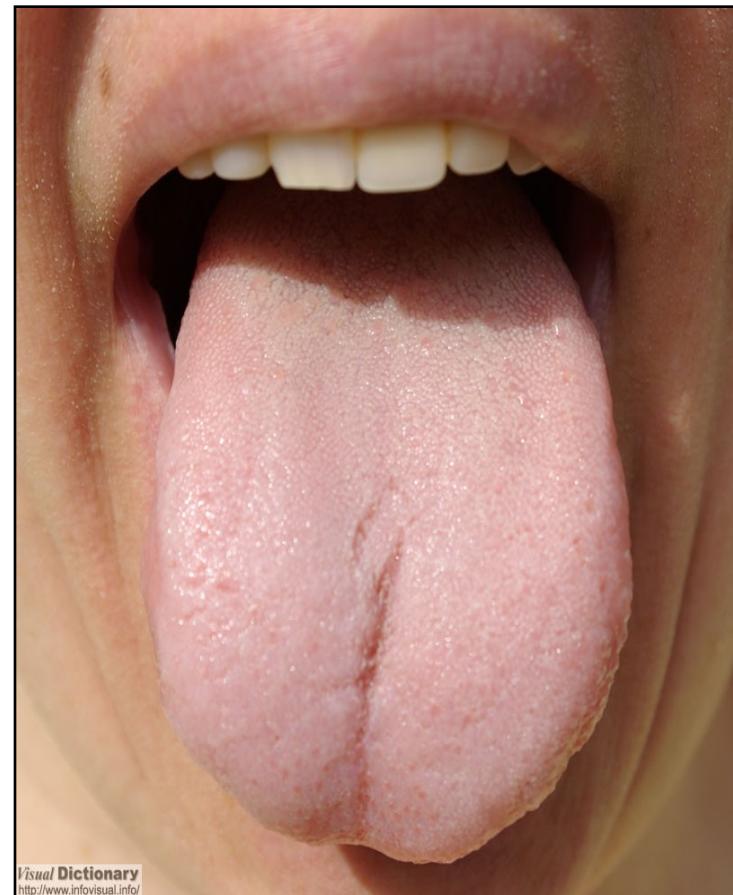
# Manifestation of generalized disease

- Metabolic disorders of proteins, fat, carbohydrates
- Amyloidosis
- Mucopoly - saccharidosis



# Manifestation of generalized disease

- Neurologic diseases
- Neuralgia - III. branch n. V,  
n. IX
- Palsies, paralysis
- Glossodynia



# Pigmentations

- Manifestation of generalized disease
  - Addison's disease
  - Peutz - Jeghers sy



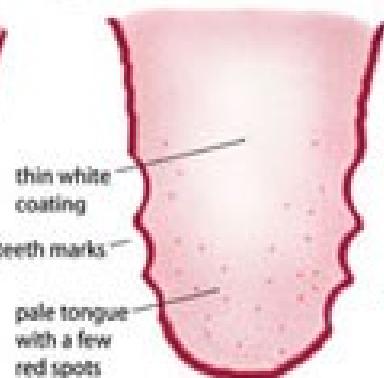


# Which Tongue Are You?

Nine Common Syndromes & Possible Symptoms.  
find out more at [www.chinalifeweb.com](http://www.chinalifeweb.com)

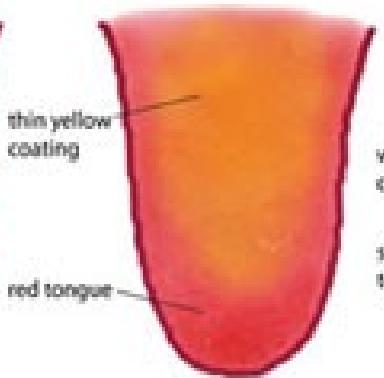


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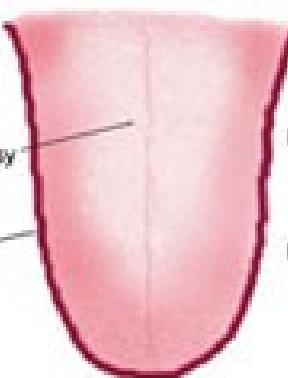
**QI DEFICIENCY**

Fatigue, Poor appetite,  
Spontaneous sweating,  
Shortness of breath,  
Over-thinking and  
worrying...



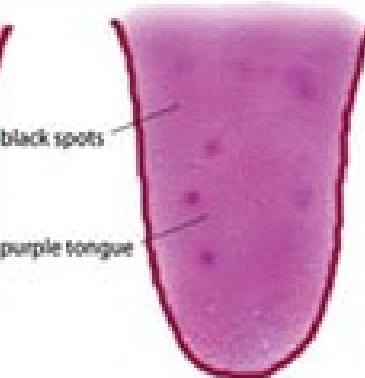
**HEAT**

Feel hot, Sweat easily,  
Thirsty, Constipated,  
Irritable and bad  
tempered, Skin  
problems...



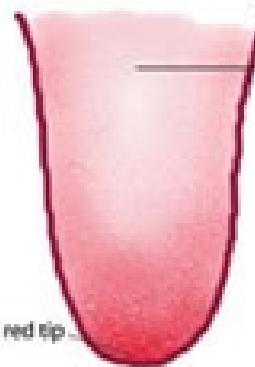
**DAMP RETENTION**

Bloated, Fullness in  
chest and abdomen,  
Feel heavy and  
lethargic...

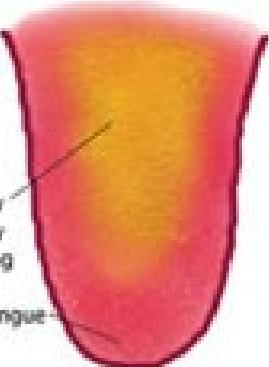


**BLOOD STASIS**

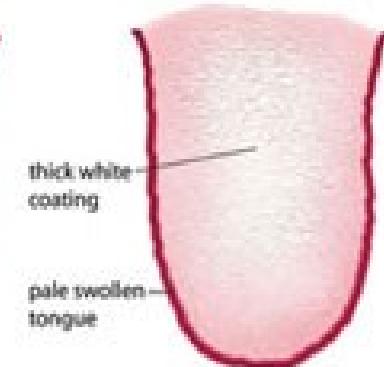
Cold limbs, Varicose  
veins, Painful legs,  
Headaches, Chest  
pain, Liver spots,  
Lack of skin lustre...



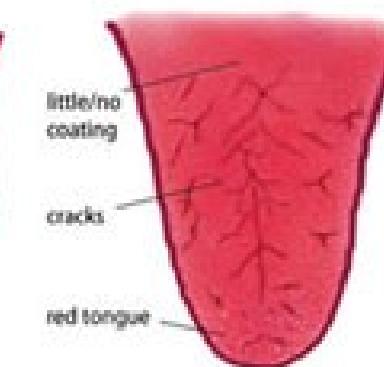
**QI STAGNATION**  
Stressed, Tendency  
to be depressed and  
upset, Unstable  
emotional state,  
PMT....



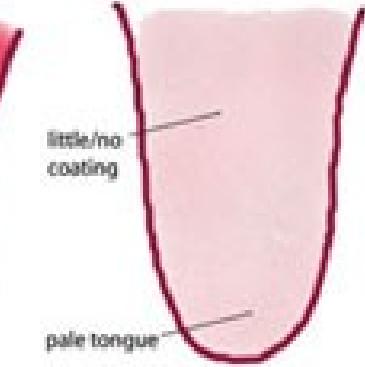
**DAMP HEAT**  
Skin problems,  
Urinary infections,  
Clammy skin, Angry  
and uncomfortable...



**YANG DEFICIENCY**  
Feel cold easily, Pale  
complexion, Back pain,  
Tendency to panic,  
Emotionally low,  
Impotence, Infertility...



**YIN DEFICIENCY**  
Hot Flushes, Sweat at  
night, Insomnia, Irritable,  
Ringing in the ears,  
Menopause...



**BLOOD DEFICIENCY**  
Dizziness, Fatigue,  
Palpitations, Poor  
concentration and memory,  
Insomnia, Women's  
problems...