

DISEASES OF THE TONGUE

- A Review

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INTRODUCTION

The tongue makes up a large part of the oral cavity and can be affected by numerous lesions either limited to the tongue itself, or as part of oral disease or oral manifestation of systemic disorders.

Any disease involving an organ or an organ system must in the final analysis produce some effect however small in the body as a whole, consequently every disturbance of the tongue has effect on the patient health, this effect may be only psychological or physiological or both. Therefore the tongue is subjected to many changes as result of embryonic origin, localized factors or as an expression of a superimposed dermatosis or a manifestation of a systemic disease. Hence : careful examination of the tongue is essential for any clinical examination, either for dentist or general physician or in other words careful examination of the tongue and its clinical appearance can act as a mirror of the health status of the body to visualized more or less manifestation of systemic as well as localized diseases.

It has been tried to bring together maximum number of lesions; those having some clinical manifestation of generalized and systemic disease has been mainly considered and brought in to focus.