

Tongularum conelli



The tongue – that fleshy, muscular organ lodged in the bottom of most people’s mouths – is subject to some pretty strange diseases, says the National Tongue Ailment Coalition. Since its inception in 1999, NTAC has kept tabs on oral ailments such as hypoglossia, geographic tongue, Flexner’s spittle, glossitis, tongue depressor phobia, and a new and potentially disfiguring disorder called *tongularum conelli*, or “cone tongue.” Cone tongue turns the tiny, pinkish-white papillae on its surface brown and waffly. More troubling to sufferers concerned about their appearance is that the tongue is often so enlarged that it won’t fit inside their mouths, an adjunctive condition called *tongularum conelli stickoutitis*.