

# Trumpetitis



Aspiring musicians who take up brass instruments in their formative years often fall victim to chronic ailments. The euphonium, the sudrophone, the flugelhorn, the sackbut – each will compromise the well-being of the player who approaches the instrument with anything less than due diligence. Even the common cornet when played recklessly can cause trumpetitis, a debilitating disorder whose pathology includes an annoying ringing in the ears, a compulsion to slaver, and grossly extruded lips. “They never warned us about this in band camp!” grouched the now permanently pouting Doris Dinklaker.