

## Clinical Image

### *Fissured tongue: hints*

Running title: scrotal tongue

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**Image. 1** Fissured tongue. Fissured tongue also known as ‘scrotal tongue’ or ‘lingua plicata’ is a benign condition characterised by one or more shallow or deep grooves or furrows (fissures) on the top surface of the tongue. It is usually painless unless debris such as food gets trapped within the grooves or when it occurs in association with geographic tongue. Causes of fissured tongue are not clear but it may occur with certain underlying syndromes or may be an inherited condition. It is rarely seen in orofacial granulomatosis, Melkersson-Rosenthal syndrome and Down syndrome. It can be also associated with geographic tongue and pustular psoriasis. The main complication of a fissured tongue is the development of orofacial granulomatosis (facial swelling) or Melkersson-Rosenthal syndrome (a triad of a fissured tongue, orofacial swelling and facial palsy). A fissured tongue can be the first sign. Fissured tongue is a benign condition that does not require any specific treatment. Patients should brush the top surface of their tongue to remove any debris that may cause irritation or infection.

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