FACIAL EXPRESSIONS

*/1/ General term:*

• **facies, faciei, f.** face; expression, countenance (typical of a certain disease or state)

*/2/ Terms referring to healthy or pathological state:*

• **f. composita** “normal, natural face”, i.e. composed, regular face of a healthy person

• **f. dolorosa** facial expression of a person suffering from pain

• **f. febrilis** feverous face expression, i.e. restless, discomposed characterized by shiny eyes and redness in face

• **f. plethorica** hyperemicface with florid, red complexion due to excessive circulation of blood

*/3/ Terms referring to a certain disease/dysfunction of a certain organ:*

• **f. alcoholica / aethylica** bloated, persistently red face as a consequence of excessive drinking

• **f. pneumonica** one-sided blush on the same cheek as the lung affected by pneumonia

• **f. nephritica** oedematous, pale face due to the inflammation of kidneys with swelling appearing most around eyes

• **f. cardiaca** oedematous, pale, and yellowish face with cyanotic hue; half open mouth, cyanotic lips; typically accompanies heart failure

• **f. anaemica** very pale face with greenish tint in patients with iron deficiency

• **f. mitralis** blush on cheeks, cyanotic tip of the nose and ears; the patient looks younger his/her age; typical of patients with mitral stenosis

• **f. gastrica** facial expression typical of acute stomach problems; deep nasolabial fold

• **f. tuberculosa** **/ hectica** exhausted, pale face with blush on cheeks, “burning” eyes, dry lips, excited countenance, half open mouth

**• f. morbillosa** “unhappy” facial expression with rash and reddened eyes sensitive to light; typical of children suffering from measles

• **f. syphilitica** melancholic facial expression with saddle nose deformation; typical of the patients having the late congenital syphilis (*syphilis congenital tarda*)

• **f. tetanica / risus sardonicus**

facial expression typical of tetanus patients; mouth widened as in laughter, but the skin on forehead as if expressing grief; tonic spasm of mimic and chewing muscles

• **f. leontina** the lion-like facial appearance occurring in patients with certain forms of leprosy

*/4/ Eponyms:*

• **facies Hippocratica** → *facies abdominalis*

sunken eyes, pinched nose, deadly livid and cyanotic skin sometimes covered with large drops of cold sweat, specific for the collapse due to severe disease of abdominal organs accompanied by *peritonitis* (rupture of gall bladder, perforated ulcer in stomach or duodenum)

• **facies Parkinsonica** **/ oleosa**

amimic face with characteristic stare; the patient seems to lean forward to the observer; oily skin of face, sometimes drooling occurs; typical of patients with advanced Parkinson's disease (*morbus Parkinson*)