

## **GEOGRAPHIC TONGUE**

*Please read this information sheet. If you have any questions, particularly about the treatment or potential side-effects, please ask Professor.*

- This is a common condition
- The cause is unknown
- It may be inherited from parents
- There may be an allergic component
- It is not thought to be infectious
- It is associated rarely, with psoriasis
- It has no long-term consequences
- There is no cure
- Useful websites

<http://www.usc.edu/hsc/dental/opath/Cards/GeographicTongue.html>

[http://www.worlddent.com/2001/05/series/ncuttic1\\_2.xml](http://www.worlddent.com/2001/05/series/ncuttic1_2.xml)

*A patient has the right under common law to give or withhold consent to medical examination of treatment. This is one of the basic principles of health care. Patients are entitled to receive sufficient information in a way they can understand about the proposed treatments, the possible alternatives and any substantial risk or risks which may be special in kind or magnitude or special to the patient, so that they can make a balanced judgement. (UK Health Dept. 19.2.99. HSC 1999/031)*

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