

## POSTERIOR WALL OF OROPHARYNX

### Normal:

color: pink-red, blood vessels apparent; glands may be orange  
texture: smooth, moist  
contour: concave; may have small glandular bumps

### Non-normal:

color: red, yellowish, white  
texture: denuded, dry  
contour: enlargements

## TONGUE

### Normal:

color: pink  
texture: velvety, moist, slightly fissured  
consistency: spongy, muscular  
contour: rounded tip; lateral borders; scalloped next to occlusal plane

### Non-normal:

color: white-yellow (coated)  
white-brown (coated)  
white, strawberry red, raw, purple, white lateral borders  
texture: smooth, fissured, furry, hairy, pebbly, geographic  
consistency: palpable nodules  
contour: enlarged, note location, size  
lesions: note size, location, non-normal appearance  
other: macroglossia, microglossia, ankyloglossia, median rhomboid, glossitis, bifid/cleft tongue, crenated (scalloped) tongue, geographic tongue, fissures

## FLOOR OF MOUTH

### Normal:

color: red, pink  
texture: smooth, moist  
consistency: spongy  
contour: Note: ventral surface of tongue; identify lingual frenum, sublingual fold, sublingual caruncle, lingual surface of mandible

### Non-normal:

color: white, bluish  
texture: rough, dry, abraded or denuded  
consistency: palpable nodules  
contour: mandibular tori, aphthous ulcers, herpes simplex; note lesions-- size, location, clinical appearance  
frenula: note attachment height

## RETROMOLAR AREA AND TUBEROSITY

### Normal:

Retromolar papillae firm; normal appearance resembles rest of mucosa  
Retromolar pad (mandible) soft, dark red; prominence due to retromolar glands.  
Protuberance (maxilla) due to alveolar tubercle.

Non-normal: Retromolar pad firm, pale; granulation tissue present if last molar lost, possible scarring. Note any deviation from rest of mucosa