

## **TASTE DISTURBANCE**

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

- This is not uncommon
- It is common on awakening
- It is usually caused by diet, habits, dental plaque or oral disease
- It often significantly improves with oral hygiene
- It can sometimes be caused by sinus, nose or throat conditions
- It is *rarely* caused by more serious disease
- Useful websites <http://www.tau.ac.il/~melros/>  
<http://webmd.lycos.com/content/article/3172.12017>

*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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