SNIFFING – A PARAFUNCTION OF THE NOSE HISTORY-FUTURE-MEDICAL ASPECTS

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PARAFUNCTIONS OF THE NOSE ????

- Mimic function as part of the face
- The nasal kiss
- Sneezing
- Sniffing





I LEARNED.....

- 1. Sneezing is not only a sign of acute rhinitis or nasal allergy!
- 2. The nose shows detections of small particels in the air: protective sneeze, olfactory stimulation
- 3. A lot of animals sneeze including birds and elephants (last detected: PANDA imitates sopranos!)
- 4. The pheromone story and "erotic sneezing" as its corollary
- 5. Photic sneezing as a response to sexual ideation
- 6. Drug-induced sneeze: capsaicin, propofol
- 7. Postprandial sneeze
- 8. Psychopathologic sneezing

Conclusion: SNEEZING CAN BE FUN!

SNIFFING AND THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF SNEEZING

The history of tobacco in Europe begins with the exploration of the Americas. Introduction in southern Germany 1618-1648 (30 years of war): smoking, chewing and sniffing starts.

Shortly later tobacco gets a very good money source, but also restrictions and privileges are coming up. The High Society meets in ceremonies. A refinement for tobacco storage starts with the art of vessels.

THE COLLECTION OF TABATIERES OF FRIEDRICH II, KING OF BORUSSIA













SNIFFING AS SOCIAL MEDIUM

Miners in coal mines use snuff for cleaning the nose when back from work: still today!

In Bavaria and Switzerland snuff championships!

Snuff meetings in Bavaria on country side quite popular!





MECHANICAL SNIFFING: THE BAVARIAN SNUFF GUN





FOLLOW UPS OF SNIFFING

- In 50 years of practice no morbidities by sniffing
- But: many cases of cancer by smoking
- 2 septal perforations by cocain sniffing !!!!!

CONCLUSION: Let's have fun and sniff!

Follow the International Snuff Gun Club of Rhinologists (founded 1978 in Budapest)!

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