

Patient Information Olfactory dysfunction: What's that smell?

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What can cause smell disorders?

Having a smell disorder means you have an inability to perceive odors. This disorder can be temporary, caused by a head cold, swelling or blocking of the nasal passage.

Are there different types of smell disorders?

Yes. You can lose your sense of smell completely (anosmia); you can experience a general decreased sense of smell (hyposmia); or you can become incapable of distinguishing between certain odors (specific anosmia). If you are concerned about any alteration in your sense of smell, consult your physician who will advise you on the best treatment option.

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