

## Beltenfarch Syndrome

So this old chap returns from his visit to the doctor and says to his wife, when she asks how it went,

“Well, OK, I guess, although, with my hearing being what it is, I think I may have missed a thing or two, --- but, generally speaking, things are fine and I should still buy a large tube of toothpaste. Although, he did say something about a ‘Beltenfarch’ syndrome’ --- but he reassured me that it was really nothing to worry about.”

As it happens, his wife --- who sees the same doctor --- has an appointment with him later in the day, and takes the opportunity to get more information on her husband’s condition. The doctor goes on to explain that what her husband was experiencing was not so much a syndrome as it was a condition symptomatic of his propensity to burp and pass gas frequently, and that while he was able to control his burping to a socially acceptable level, the flatulence was getting right out of hand. It was then that the doctor and the wife realized that what the husband had heard and reported --- the Beltenfarch Syndrome --- was actually a spoonerism of sorts of what the doctor had actually said.