

Complications of tonsillitis

Complications of tonsillitis occur due to:

- local, lymphogenic or hematogenous spread of infection;
- release of bacterial **toxins**;
- immunopathological reaction of the organism.

Complications of tonsillitis can be divided into 2 groups:

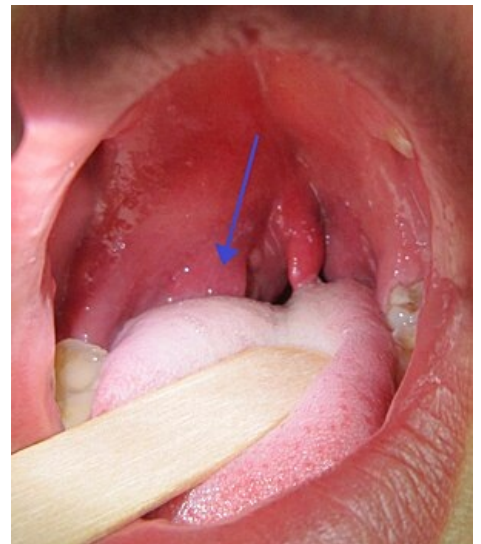
1. **local complications,**
2. **general complications**

Local complications

- intratonsillar abscess,
- peritonsillar abscess or phlegmon (the most common complication of tonsillitis),
- parapharyngeal abscess or phlegmon,
- retropharyngeal abscess,
- abscess or phlegmon of the hypopharynx,
- oral phlegmon,
- lymphadenitis with an abscess of the neck.

General complications

- tonsillogenic sepsis,
- thrombosis of cavernous sinus,
- Streptococcal toxic shock syndrome (STSS)
- rheumatic fever.



Peritonsillar abscess

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