

Glossary of Medicinal Terms

Abortifacient	An agent that induces abortion
Abscess	A localised collection of pus caused by suppuration in a tissue
Absorbent	Any agent which attracts and sucks up gases or secretions from a wound.
Acne	An inflammatory disease occurring in or around the sebaceous glands
Acrid	Biting, pungent
Agalactia	Absence or failure of secretion of milk
Ague	Malaria
Albuminuria	The presence of serum albumin and serum globulin in the urine
Alexipharmic	Antidote to poison
Alexiteric	Protective to infectious diseases
Alopecia	Loss of hair-a malady in which the hair falls from one or more circumscribed round or oval areas, leaving the skin smooth and white.
Alterative	Causing a favorable change in the disordered functions of the body or metabolism
Amenorrhoea	Failure of menstruation
Amentia	An arrest of the development of the mind from birth to early age.
Anaemia	Lack of enough blood in the body causing paleness
Analeptic	Having a restorative or stimulating effect, as on the central nervous system
Analgesic	Relieving pain
Anaphrodisiac	Having the power to lessen or inhibit sexual feeling
Anasarca	Diffused dropsy in the skin and subcutaneous tissue
Anaesthetic	Inducing loss of feeling or consciousness
Anodyne	A medicine that allays pain
Anorectic	Lacking appetite
Anorexia	A condition of having lost the appetite for food
Anthelmintic	Destroying or expelling worms
Antiasthmatic	Relieving asthma
Antibiotic	Killing disease causing microorganisms
Anticoagulant	Inhibiting the clotting of blood
Antidiarrheal	Preventing or controlling diarrhea
Antidote	An agent which neutralizes or opposes the action of a poison
Antidote	Substance that counteracts the effects of a poison
Antidyspeptic	Relieving dyspepsia or indigestion
Antiemetic	Stopping emesis or vomiting
Antihemorrhagic	Controlling bleeding
Antihypertensive	Reducing high blood pressure
Antiinflammatory	Controlling inflammation
Antilithic	An agent which prevents the formation of calculi or promotes their dilution
Antiperiodic	Preventing the regular recurrence of a disease
Antiphlogistic	Acting against heat or inflammation

Antipruritic	Preventing or relieving itching
Antipyretic	Counteracting fever
Antirachitic	Preventing or curing rickets
Antirheumatic	A condition that causes inflammation and pain in the joints and muscles
Antiscorbutic	Acting against scurvy
antiscrofulous	Treating scrofula or tubercular swellings of the lymph glands
Antiseptic	A chemical sterilising substance to kill or control pathogenic microbes
Antispasmodic	Opposing spasms or convulsions
Antitussive	Controlling or preventing cough
Antiuric	Counteracting excessive acidity in the urine
Anuria	Complete cessation of the secretion and excretion of urine
Aperient	A laxative or mild cathartic
Aphrodisiac	A drug which stimulates sexual desire
Aphthae	Ulcer on the surface of a mucous membrane
Apoplexy	A sudden loss of consciousness
Arthralgia	Pain in joint
Arthritis	Inflammation of a joint
Ascites	Abnormal accumulation of fluid in the peritoneal cavity
Asphyxia	Inability to breath
Astringent	Causing soft tissues or drawing together
Atrophy	Wasting of a tissue or organ
Balanitis	A condition of inflammation of the penis or of the clitoris
Bechic	Anything which relieves or cures cough
Beriberi	A deficiency disease caused by imbalance of carbohydrate and vitamin B
Blennorrhagia	Free discharge of mucus
Brachycardiac	Making the heart beat slower
Bronchopathy	Any disease of the bronchi
Bubo	An inflammatory swelling of a lymph gland
Cachexia	Depressed habit of mind
Calculus	A concretion formed in any part of the body usually compounds of salts of organic or inorganic acids
Calefacient	A remedy which gives rise to a sensation of warmth
Calibration	Demonstrating that a measuring device produces results within the specified limits of those produce by a reference standard device over an appropriate rang of measurements
Calmative	Sedative
Carbuncle	An infection of the skin and subcutaneous tissue by <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
Carcinogenic	Causing cancer
Carcinoma	A malignant epithelial tumour eventually becoming fatal
Cardiac	Relating to the heart
Cardiac depressant	Slowing the action of the heart
Cardiodynia	Pain in the region of the heart
Cardiokinetic	Regulating or strengthening the heartbeat

Cardiopalmus	Palpitation of the heart
Cardiopathy	A morbid condition of the heart
Cardiotonic	Keeping the heart functioning normally
Carminative	Drug causing the release of stomach or intestinal gas
Cataplexy	A condition marked by abrupt attacks of muscular weakness
Cataract	Opacity in the crystalline lens of the eye which may be partial or complete
Catarrh	A condition in which the mucous membranes of the nose and breathing passages are inflamed, often chronically
Cathartic	Having the power of cleaning the bowels-purgative
Cephalalgia	Headache
Cephalic	A remedy for disorders of the head
Cephalopathy	Any disease of the head
Cerebroopathy	Any disorder of the brain
Cholagogue	A drug which causes increased flow of bile into the intestine
Cholera	A severe infectious epidemic disease due to <i>Vibrio cholerae</i>
Cicatrizing	Promoting the growth
Cirrhosis	Progressive fibrous tissue overgrowth in an organ
Colic	A severe spasmodic griping pain
Colitis	Inflammation of the colon
Collyrium	An eye-salve or eye-wash
Colonalgia	Pain in the colon
Colonitis	Inflammation of the colon
Colonorrhagia	Hemorrhage from the colon
Colonorrhea	A mucous discharge from the colon
Colpitis	Inflammation of the vagina
Colpoptosis	Prolapse of the vagina
Colporrhagia	Hemorrhage from the vagina
Coma	The state of complete loss of consciousness
Conjunctivitis	Inflammation of the conjunctiva
Consumption	Pulmonary tuberculosis
Contraceptive	Any agent or device used to prevent conception
Contusion	An injury to tissue that does not break the skin
Convulsion	A violent involuntary contraction of the skeletal musculature
Corn	A small circumscribed painful horny growth
Counterirritant	An agent that causes local inflammation of an area
Coxalgia	Pain in the hip
Coxitis	Inflammation of the hip joint
Croup	Any condition caused by respiratory obstruction
Cystalgia	Pain in the urinary bladder
Cystitis	Inflammation of a bladder, especially the urinary bladder
Cystodynia	Pain in the urinary bladder
Cystorrhea	Mucous discharge from the bladder
Dandruff	Dead scarf-skin separating in small flakes
Decongestant	Relieving congestion, as of the mucous membrane
Demulcent	Soothing
Dental caries	Decay of teeth

Dentalgia	Toothache
Dentifrice	Any liquid, paste or powder used for cleansing the teeth.
Deobstruent	Relieving or removing obstruction
Deodorant	Removing the odour
Depurative	An agent that purifies blood
Dermatitis	Irritation or inflammation of the skin
Dermatopathy	Any skin disorder
Dermatophytosis	A superficial infection of the skin caused by a fungus
Desiccating	Depriving of moisture
Diaphoresis	Sweating
Diaphoretic	A drug which induces perspiration
Digestive	Improving digestion
Diphtheria	A specific infectious disease caused by virulent strains of a <i>Bacillus</i>
Discutient	Removing tumours
Disinfectant	Having a lethal effect upon germs
Diuretic	Promoting the flow of urine
Dizziness	Sensation of imbalance of a stable relationship with the immediate environment
Dropsy	An excessive accumulation of clear or watery fluid in any of the tissues or cavities of the body
Drug	An agent that is used therapeutically to treat diseases. It may also be defined as any chemical agent and/or biological product or natural product that affects living processes
Drug product	A finished dosage form, for eg., a tablet, capsule or solution that contains a drug substance
Drug substance	An active ingredient that is intended to furnish pharmacological activity or other direct effect in diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of diseases or to effect the structure or any function of the human body
Dysmenorrhoea	Difficult or painful menstruation
Dysopia	Defective vision
Dyspnoea	Difficulty in breathing
Dyspepsia	Indigestion
Dysphonia	Difficulty or pain in speaking
Dyspnoea	Difficulty in breathing
Dystocia	Difficult parturition
Dysuria	Difficulty or pain while passing urine
Ecbolic	Tending to increase contractions of the uterus and thus facilitate childbirth
Eclampsia	An attack of convulsion associated with hypertension in pregnancy
Eczema	A noncontagious inflammatory disease of the skin with much itching and burning
Edema	Fluid retention by the body causing swelling and discomfort
Elephantiasis	Gross lymphatic edema of the limbs leading to hypertrophy
Elixir	A drug capable of prolonging life indefinitely

Embrocate	To moisten and rub
Emetic	Causing vomiting
Emmenagogue	Medicine intended to restore the menses
Emollient	Softening
Emphysema	A pathologic accumulation of air in tissues or organs
Empyema	Accumulation of pus in a body cavity
Encephalitis	Inflammation of the brain and spinal cord due to infection
Encephalopathy	Any degenerative brain disease
Enuresis	Involuntary voiding of urine
Epilepsy	An affection of the nervous system resulting from excessive or disordered discharge of cerebral neurons
Epistaxis	Bleeding from the nose
Errhine	An agent causing increased nasal discharge
Erysipelas	An inflammatory disease generally affecting the face marked by a bright redness of the skin
Escharotic	A caustic substance that creates a mass of dead cells or scab
Euphoriant	Producing a sense of bodily comfort and well-being and the absence of pain or distress
Expectorant	Aiding the secretion of the mucous membrane of the air passages and the removal of fluid by spitting
Extract	A concentrate of dried, less volatile aromatic plant part obtained by solvent extraction with a polar solvent
Febrifuge	Anything which reduces fever
Felon	A deep infection around the nails of toes or fingers
Filariasis	Infection with filarial nematode worms
Fistula in ano	An open channel from the anus or rectum to the skin near the anus
Flatulence	Presence of excessive gas in the stomach or intestine
Frenzy	Violent temporary mental derangement
Galactogenic	Promoting the flow of milk
Galactagogue	Medicine that promotes secretion of milk
Galactorrhea	Excessive or spontaneous flow of milk
Gangrene	Necrosis and putrefaction of tissue due to lack of blood supply
Gastralgia	Pain in the stomach
Gastrodynia	Pain in the stomach
Gastroenteritis	Inflammation of the mucous coat of the stomach and intestine due to bacterial infection
Gastrohelcosis	Ulceration of the stomach
Gastromegaly	Enlargement of the stomach
Gastropathy	Any disease of the stomach
Germicidal	Causing destruction of micro-organisms
Gingivitis	Inflammation of the gingival margins around the teeth accompanied by swelling and bleeding
Glaucoma	Increased intraocular pressure and its consequences
Gleet	Chronic discharge of thin mucous from the vagina
Glycosuria	Excretion of sugar in the urine
Goitre	Enlargement of the thyroid gland

Gonorrhoea	An inflammatory disease of the genitourinary passages characterized by pain and discharge
Gout	A disease of purine metabolism characterized by attacks of arthritis with an associated raised level of serum uric acid
Gripe	A sharp pain in the stomach
Haematemesis	Vomiting of blood
Haematuria	The presence of blood in the urine
Haemoptysis	Spitting of blood
Haemorrhoid	A bleeding pile
Haemostatic	Having the power to arrest bleeding
Halitosis	Offensive odour of the breath
Hallucinogenic	Producing hallucinations
Heart palpitations	Abnormally rapid and irregular beating of the heart
Helminthiasis	Morbid state due to infestation with worms
Hemagogue	An agent that promotes the flow of blood
Hematinic	Stimulating the formation of blood cells and hemoglobin
Hematorrhea	Copious hemorrhage
Hemicrania	Headache confined to one side
Hemiplegia	Paralysis of one side of the body
Hemolytic	Destructive to red blood cells
Hepatalgia	Pain in the liver
Hepatic	Having to do with the liver
Hepatitis	Inflammation of the liver; jaundice
Hepatodynia	Pain in the liver
Hepatomegaly	Enlargement of the liver
Hepatopathy	Any disease of the liver
Hepatosi	Downward displacement of the liver
Hernia	The protrusion of an internal organ through a defect in the wall of the anatomical cavity in which it lies.
Herpes	Inflammation of the skin or mucous membrane with clusters of deep seated vesicles
Herpetic	Treating skin eruptions
Hydragogue	Promoting expulsion of water or serum
Hydrocele	A circumscribed collection of fluid in the tunica vaginalis testis
Hydrophobia	Exaggerated fear of water as in rabies
Hyperdenosis	Proliferation of glandular tissue
Hyperdipsia	Intense thirst of relatively brief duration
Hyperdiuresis	Excessive secretion of urine
Hyperemesis	Excessive vomiting
Hyperhydrosis	Excessive perspiration
Hyperorexia	Excessive appetite
Hyperpraxia	Abnormal activity; restlessness
Hypertension	High arterial blood pressure
Hypertensive	Tending to rise the blood pressure
Hyperthermia	A very high body temperature
Hypnotic	Inducing sleep or a state resembling sleep
Hypochondriasis	A state of mind in which the sufferer is much preoccupied with

	his health
Hypoglycemia	Lowering the level of blood sugar in the body
Hypotension	A fall in blood pressure below the normal level
Hypotensive	Tending to lower blood pressure
Hypothermia	Greatly decreased temperature
Hysteria	A neurotic disorder with varying symptoms
Impetigo	An inflammation of the skin associated with discrete vesicles due to streptococcal infection
Impotence	Inability to perform the sexual act due to failure of the reflex mechanism
Infusion	A hot extract of either a plant part or its exudate with either water or an organic solvent.
Insanity	Mental disease of a grave kind
Insecticide	Any agent which kills or destroys insects
Insomnia	The condition of being unable to sleep
Installation-qualification	Documented verification that all key aspects of the installation adhere to the appropriate codes and approved design intentions and that manufacturers recommendations are duly considered
Intermittent fever	A regularly recurring fever
Intoxication	General condition which results following the absorption and diffusion in the body of a soluble poison
Irritant	An agent that causes inflammation
Jaundice	Yellowing of the skin and other tissues caused by the presence of bile pigments
Kidney stone	Small, hard stone that may form in the kidneys and cause intense pain
Lactation	The secretion of milk by mammals
Lactifuge	Retarding or causing cessation of the secretion of milk
Laryngitis	Inflammation of the larynx
Laxative	Having the action of loosening the bowel
Lentigo	A brownish or yellowish spot found on the skin, generally on the hands, arms or face often caused by exposure to sunlight
Lesion	A wound
Leucoderma	Any white area on the skin
Leucorrhoea	An abnormal mucous discharge from the vagina
Leukaemia	Blood cancer
Liniment	A liquid or thin paste applied to the skin to work as a pain reliever
Linthontriptic	An agent that effects the dissolution of a calculus
Lithiasis	The formation of calculus of any kind
Lumbago	Pain in mid or lower back
Malignant	Threatening life or tending to cause death
Mammillitis	Inflammation of the nipple
Masticatory	A substance that is chewed to increase the flow of saliva
Melalgia	Pain in the limbs
Melancholia	A mental illness in which the predominant symptom is melancholy, depression of spirits, unhappiness and misery

Menolipsis	Temporary cessation of menstruation
Menorrhagia	Excessive or prolonged menstruation
Menostasis	Failure of menstruation
Metropathy	Any uterine disease
Metroptosis	Prolapse of the uterus
Metrorrhagia	Uterine, bleeding, usually of normal amount occurring at completely irregular intervals, the period of flow sometimes being prolonged
Metrorrhea	Abnormal uterine discharge
Micturition	The act of passing urine
Migraine	A periodic condition with localised headaches, frequently associated with vomiting and sensory disturbances
Morbid	Relating to disease
Mumps	Epidemic parotitis, an acute infectious disease caused by a virus
Myalgia	Muscular pain
Mydriasis	Dilation of the pupil
Mydriatic	A drug that dilates the pupil
Myringitis	Inflation of the tympanic membrane
Narcotic	A drug that induces sleep
Nasitis	Inflation of the nose
Nauseant	An agent that causes nausea
Nephrolithiasis	Presence of renal calculi
Nephralgia	Pain in the kidney
Nephritis	Inflation of the kidneys
Nephropathy	Disease of the kidneys
Neuralgia	A painful affection of the nerves due to functional disturbances or neuritis
Neurasthenia	Nervous debility
Notalgia	Pain in the back
Nyctalopia	Night blindness
Obesity	An excessive accumulation of fat in the body
Odontalgia	Toothache
Odontopathy	Any disease of the teeth
Oleaginous	Oily, greasy
Opacity	An opaque or non-transparent area
Operation-qualification	documented verification that the system or sub system performs as intended throughout all anticipated operating ranges
Ophthalmia	Referring to conjunctivitis
Ophthalmodynia	Pain in the eye
Ophthalmopathy	Any disease of the eye
Ophthalmitis	Inflation of the eye ball
Orchialgia	Pain in the testis
Orchiopathy	Any disorder of the testis
Orchitis	Inflammation of the testis characterised by hypertrophy and pain
Ostalgia	Pain in the bones
Osteomalacia	Softening of the bones, resulting from vitamin D deficiency
Otalgia	Pain in the ear

Otopathy	Any disease of the ear
Otopyorrhea	Purulent discharge from the ear
Pancreatitis	Inflammation of the pancreas
Paraplegia	Stroke affecting one side
Parkinsonism	Parkinson's disease characterised by rigidity of muscles and tremor of the hands
parturiient	Inducing the contractions of labour at childbirth
Pectoral	Effective in diseases of the chest
Pectoralgia	Pain in the chest
Performance-qualification	Documented verification of the appropriateness of critical process parameters, operating ranges and system reproducibility over an appropriate time period
Pertussis	Whooping cough
Pharyngitis	Inflammation of the mucous membrane and underlying part of the pharynx
Pharyngodynia	Pain in the pharynx
Pharyngopathy	Any disease of the pharynx
Phythisis	Any wasting disease in which the whole body or part of the body is involved
Pneumonia	Inflammation of lung tissue
Pneumonopathy	Any disease of the lungs
Pneumonosis	Any lung disorder
Pneumorrhagia	A severe haemoptysis
Poliomyelitis	An acute inflammation of the anterior horn cells of the spinal cord due to an enterovirus infection
Poultice	A soft mush prepared by various substances with oily or watery fluids
Procreant	The drug which begets
Proctalgia	Pain in the rectum
Proctitis	Inflammation of the rectum
Proctoptosis	Prolapse of the rectum
Prophylactic	Pertaining to the prevention of the development of a disease
Prurigo	An eruption of the skin causing severe itching
Pruritus	Itching
Psoriasis	A condition characterised by the eruption of circumscribed discrete and confluent reddish, silvery scaled lesions
Psoriasis plantaris	Psoriasis of the sole
Psychopathy	Any disease of the mind
Ptyalism	Excessive secretion of saliva
Purgative	Strong laxative
Pyorrhoea	A discharge of pus
Pyrexia	A condition characterised by the presence of pus
Rachialgia	Pain in the vertebral column
Radiculalgia	Neuralgia of the nerve roots
Radiculitis	Inflammation of spinal nerve roots
Ramitis	Inflammation of a nerve root
Rectalgia	Pain in the rectum

Rectitis	Inflammation of the rectum
Refrigerant	Cooling
Renal	Relating to the kidneys
Renal calculi	Calculi relating to kidney
Renopathy	Any disease of the kidney
Resolvent	Causing resolution of a tumour or swelling
Resorptive	Aiding reabsorption of blood from bruises
Restorative	Having the power to restore or renew health
Resuscitative	The act of restoring to life
Retinitis	Inflammation of the retina
Reversive	Causing revulsion in drawing away of blood from a pathological area to another area
Rheumatoid arthritis	Rheumatoid arthritis
Rheumatism	Rheumatic pain
Rhinalgia	Pain in the nose
Rhinitis	Inflammation of the nasal mucous membrane
Rhinodynia	Pain in the nose
Rhinopathy	Any disease of the nose
Rhinorrhagia	Copious haemorrhage from the nose
Rickets	A disturbance of the calcium/phosphorus metabolism which occurs in the growing child as a result of vitamin D deficiency
Roborant	A strengthening agent
Rubefacient	Having the action of counter irritant
Sarcocele	Fleshy swelling or tumour of the testis
Scabies	Sarcoptic infestation of the human skin particularly a contagious skin disease caused by invasion of the epidermis
Scald	The lesion caused by contact with a hot liquid or vapour
Scalding of urine	Severe burning sensation during micturition
Scleritis	Inflammation of the sclera
Scrofula	Tuberculous cervical adenitis with or without ulceration
Scurvy	A deficiency disease due to lack of Vitamin C
Sedative	Acting on the central nervous system to produce sleep
Sialogogue	An agent that increases the flow of saliva
Sinovitis	Inflammation of the synovial membrane of a joint
Sinusitis	Inflammation affecting the mucal epithelium of a sinus
Somatalgia	Body pain
Somnifacient	Causing sleep
Somnolence	Sleepiness
Soporific	Inducing sleep
Spanomenorrhoea	Scanty menstruation
Spasmolytic	Helping to relieve cramps and other muscle contractions
Splenalgia	Pain in the spleen
Splenitis	Inflammation of the spleen
Splenohepatomegaly	Enlargement of spleen and liver
Splenomegaly	Enlargement of the spleen
Splenopathy	Any disease of the spleen

Stimulant	Making a body organ active
Stomachalgia	Pain in the stomach
Stomachic	Aiding the stomach and digestion
Stomatalgia	Pain in the mouth
Stomatitis	Generalised inflammation of the oral mucosa
Stomatopathy	Any disorder of the mouth
Stomatorrhagia	Hemorrhage from the mouth
Stupefacient	Inducing stupor
Styptic	Having the power to arrest bleeding
Sudorific	Acting to increase perspiration
Suppurative	Pus forming
Syphilis	A contagious venereal disease
Syrup	A water and sugar solution to which are added flavouring, medicinal, or some other desired ingredients
Taeiniacide	An agent that kills tapeworms
Tetanus	An infective disease due to the toxins of <i>Clostridium tetani</i>
Thermoplegia	Sun stroke
Thrombosis	A blood clot that may partially or wholly block the flow of blood through a blood vessel
Tincture	A medication that has its medicinal agent dissolved in alcohol
Tonic	An agent that is used to give strength to the system
Tonsilitis	Inflammation of the tonsil
Toxaemia	The condition of general poisoning caused by the entrance of soluble bacterial toxins into the blood
Tranquilizer	Drug employed to calm or sedate people or animals
Trauma	A pathological alteration of the supporting tissues of a tooth due to abnormal occlusion
Trichogenous	Stimulating the growth of hair
Ulemorrhagia	Bleeding from the gums
Ulitis	Inflammation of the gums
Ulocace	Ulceration of the gums
Ulorrhagia	Hemorrhage from the gums
Ulorrhea	Bleeding from the gums
Unguent	Ointment
Urelcosis	Ulceration of the urinary tract
Ureteralgia	Pain in the ureter
Ureteritis	Inflammation of the ureter
Urethritis	Inflammation of the urethra
Urethrorrhagia	Flow of blood from the urethra
Urethrorrhea	Abnormal discharge from the urethra
Urocyst	The urinary bladder
Urocystitis	Inflammation of the urinary bladder
Urodynia	Pain on urination
Urolithiasis	Urinary calculi
Uro-edema	Edema due to infiltration of urine
Uropathy	Any disease of the urinary tract
Urorrhagia	Excessive secretion of urine

Urorrhea	Involuntary flow of urine
Uroschesis	Retention of urine
Urticaria	Itching, inflamed skin caused by an allergic reaction to a drug, food, or substance in the environment; also called hives
Uteralgia	Pain in the uterus
Uterine sedative	An agent that relaxes the muscles of the uterus
Uteritis	Inflammation of the uterus
Vaginitis	Inflammation of the vagina
Vaginodynia	Pain in the vagina
Vaginopathy	Any disease of the vagina
Validation	Establishing documented evidence which provides a high degree of assurance that a specific process will consistently produce a product meeting its pre-determinant specifications and quality attributes
Vasoconstrictor	An agent that narrows blood vessel openings, restricting the flow of blood through them
Vasodilator	An agent that expands blood vessels, allowing more blood to flow through them
Vermifuge	A drug that expels worms
Verminosis	Morbid state due to infestation with worms
Vertigo	Dizziness
Vesical	Referring to the urinary bladder
Vesicant	A counter irritant strong enough in some cases to cause blistering
Visceromegaly	Abnormal enlargement of the viscera
Vulnerary	Soothing or healing wounds and sores
Wart	A circumscribed cutaneous excrescence
Wash	Liquid medicinal preparation for external use

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