

Alzheimer disease; also Alzheimer's disease	a disease that may begin in late middle life; characterized by progressive mental deterioration that includes loss of memory and visual and spatial orientation
aphasia	loss of speech
cerebral thrombosis	blood clot in the brain
cerebral stroke	an acute clinical event, related to impairment of cerebral circulation, lasting more than 24 hours
cerebrovascular accident (CVA)	synonym for a cerebral stroke; an acute clinical event, related to impairment of cerebral circulation, lasting more than 24 hours
cerebrovascular disease	brain disorder involving a blood vessel
craniectomy	excision of part of the skull
craniotomy	incision into the skull
delirium	impaired consciousness
dementia	impaired intellectual function
dysphasia	impaired speech
encephalitis	inflammation of the brain
epilepsy	CNS disorder often characterized by seizures
hemiplegia	paralysis of one side of the body
hydrocephalus	excessive cerebrospinal fluid in the brain
meningioma	benign tumor of meninges
meningitis	inflamed meninges
multiple sclerosis	disease of the CNS; characterized by the formation of plaques in the brain and spinal cord
myelitis	inflamed spinal cord
myelography	radiography of the spinal cord and nerve roots
neuralgia	pain in a nerve
neuropathy	any disorder of the nervous system
neuroplasty	surgery to repair a nerve
paralysis	loss of motor control
paraplegia	paralysis of the lower extremities and, often, the lower trunk of the body
Parkinson disease (also Parkinson's disease)	a neurologic condition characterized by difficulty in controlling muscles
plegia	paralysis
poliomyelitis	inflamed gray matter in the spinal cord
psychosis	general term covering severe mental or emotional disorders
quadriplegia	paralysis of all four limbs
sciatica	pain in the sciatic nerve, located in the lower back and extending down the thigh
seizure	sudden disturbance in brain function, sometimes producing a convulsion