

# *COLOURS IN MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY*

# General terms

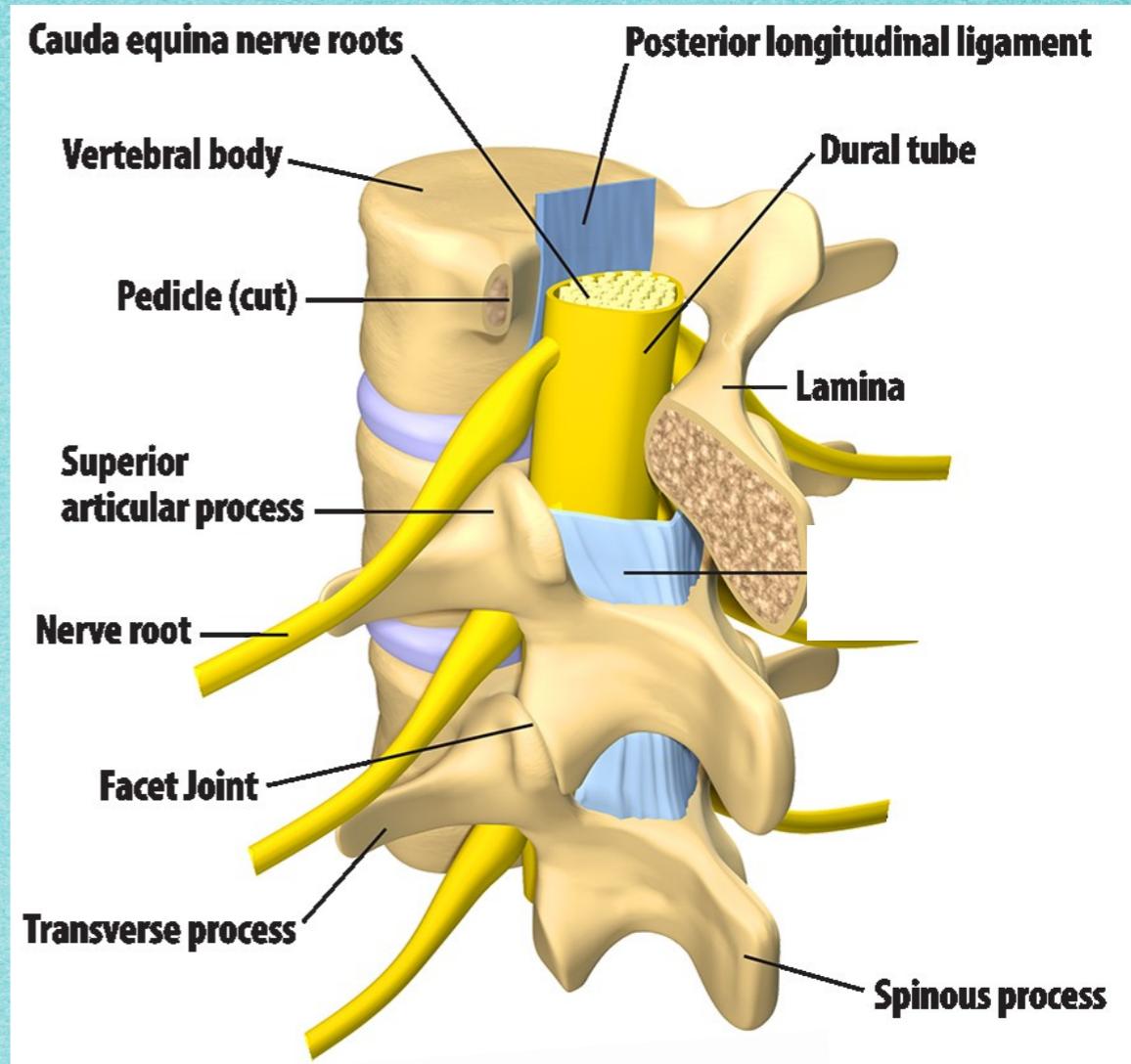
- ▶ color, oris, m. (Lat.)
- ▶ chroma, chromatis, n.  
(Gr.) = colour

# Adjectives denoting colours and demonstration of their medical use

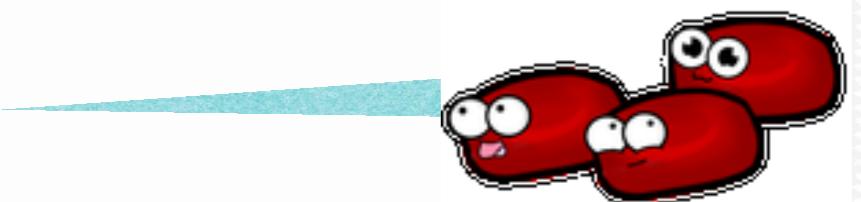
- **albus, a, um (L.)**
- **leuko- (G.) = white**
- e.g. **vaselinum album;**  
**albinismus; leucocytus;**  
**leucorrhoea;**  
**leucoplacia; leucaemia**

- Pallidus, a, um (L.) = pale
- e.g. facies pallida; febris pallida

- Flavus/luteus, a, um (L.)
- Xantho-/cirrho- (G.) = yellow
- e.g. febris flava; corpus luteum; ligamenta flava; xanthoderma; cirrhosis



- ▶ Ruber, a, um (L.)
- ▶ erythro- (G.) = red
- ▶ e.g. medulla ossium rubra; nucleus ruber; rubeola; erythrocytus; erythroderma



- ▶ Roseus, a, um (L.) = pink
- ▶ e.g. pityriasis rosea;  
roseola

- Caeruleus, a, um (L.)

- cyano- (G.) = blue/blue-black

- e.g. naevus caeruleus; cyanosis; cyanopsia; cyanoticus

- Niger, a, um (L.)

- melano-/anthraco-  
(G.) = black

- e.g. lingua villosa  
nigra; substantia nigra;  
melanoma; melanosis;  
anthracosis

- Griseus, a, um (L.)

- polio- (G.) = grey

- e.g. substantia  
grisea;  
poliomyelitis;  
poliovirus

- Lividus, a, um (L.) = livid, discoloured, bluish
- e.g. asphyxia livida

- Glauco- (G. ~ chloro-) = green-blue
- e.g. glaucoma

- **Fuscus**, a, um = dark, brown
- e.g. *lagoena fusca*

- ▶ Versicolor, oris (L.)

- ▶ poikilo- (G.) = vari-coloured

- ▶ e.g. pityriasis versicolor; poikiloderma

*Thank you for your  
attention!*