

## HOW TO DECLINE? – A SUMMARY

### 1) **VENA 1ST DECLENSION** fem.

*Gender exceptions: diabetes, ae, m.*

*ascites, ae, m.*

*Greek: systole, es (Acc. -en, Abl. -e)*

*r(h)aphe, es*

*dyspnoe, es*

*+ feminine adjectives ending in -a  
superlative forms (-issima)*

### 2a) **NERVUS 2ND DECLENSION** masc.

*Gender exceptions: methodus, i, f.,*

*diameter, tri, f.,*

*periodus, i, f.*

*alvus, i, f.*

*virus, i, n.*

*Greek: nephros, i, m.*

*+ masculine adjectives ending in -us/er  
superlative forms (-issimus)*

### 2b) **SEPTUM:2ND DECLENSION** neutr.

*Greek: colon, i, n.*

*+ neutral adjectives ending in -um  
superlative forms (-issimum)*

### 3a) **DOLOR 3RD DECLENSION** masc. + fem.

**\*PELVIS** (i.e. Gen. Pl. -ium) **if:**

*the same number of syllables in Nom. and Gen.*

*two consonants in Gen. stem*

*+ m./f. comparative forms ending in -ior*

*e.g. avis, pubes, cutis, axis, canalis*

*e.g. dens, fons, mons, pons*

*+ m. + f. adjectives of 3rd decl. (typically  
ending in -is + one-form adj. like simplex, teres,  
biceps, perforans, etc.)*

### 3b) **CORPUS 3RD DECLENSION** neutr.

*+ n. comparative forms ending in -ius*

*\*vas, is, n.: Pl. like septum*

**\*RETE** (e.g. Abl.sg.: -i; Nom.= Acc.pl. -ia; Gen. pl. -ium) **if:**

*cochlear, calcar, animal*

*n. 3rd declension adjectives*

### 3c) **DOSIS 3RD DECLENSION** Greek fem.

*ending in -sis, -xis, -osis + febris, sitis, (per)tussis*

*Gen.sg.: -eos/-is; Acc.sg.: -in/-im*

### 4a) **DUCTUS 4TH DECLENSION** masc.

*Gender exception: manus, us, f.*

### 4b) **GENU 4TH DECLENSION** neutr.

*genu, us, n.; cornu, us, n.*

### 5) **FACIES 5TH DECLENSION** fem.

*\*species, erum, f.*