

COLOURS IN MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

1. General terms

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

2. 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*