**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. *pithyriasis 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. *pithyriasis versicolor*; *poikiloderma*