

Satis est, ut tria verba  
Latine vel plane Graece  
dicas coram plebe, et  
eximius es medicus.

# **2nd DECLENSION (O-STEMS)**

# EXAMPLES:

## 1) Nouns of Latin origin:

masculines: *nervus*, i, m.

neuters: *septum*, i, n.

## 2) Nouns of Greek origin:

masculines: *nephros*, i, m.

neuters: *colon*, i, n.

**nervus**, ī, m.  
(**cancer**, ī, m.; **puer**, ī, m.)

sg.

1. nerv-us
2. nerv-ī
4. nerv-um
6. nerv-ō

pl.

1. nerv-ī
2. nerv-ōrum
4. nerv-ōs
6. nerv-īs

EXCEPTIONS: atomus (f.), methodus (f.), periodus (f.),  
diameter (f.), alvus (f.), sambucus (f.), virus (n.)

!!! **musculus** (m.) **longus** X **periodus** (f.) **longa** X **virus** (n.)  
**validum**

# **nephros, i, m.**

sg.

- 1. nephr-**os**
- 2. nephr-ī
- 4. nephr-**on**
- 6. nephr-ō

pl.

- 1. nephr-ī
- 2. nephr-ōrum
- 4. nephr-ōs
- 6. nephr-īs

# septum, ī., n.

sg.

1. sept-**um**
2. sept-ī
4. sept-**um**
6. sept-ō

pl.

1. sept-**a**
2. sept-ōrum
4. sept-**a**
6. sept-īs

# cōlon, ī, n.

sg.

1. cōl-**on**
2. cōl-ī
4. cōl-**on**
6. cōl-ō

pl.

1. cōl-**a**
2. cōl-ōrum
4. cōl-**a**
6. cōl-īs

A basic rule for neuters of all declensions:

Nom. and akuz. of sg. and pl. have the same form!

# How do we decline *vīrus*, *ī*, *n.*?

sg.

1. vīrus
2. vīrī
4. vīrus
6. vīrō

pl.

1. vīra
2. vīrōrum
4. vīra
6. vīrīs

!!! virus validum !!!

**Excercise: What is the declension and example of the following nouns? Decline them in both sg. and pl.:**

neonatus

diastole

ophthalmos

venenum

diameter

ascites

palpebra

olecranon

## Exercise: What is the case and number of the following nouns?

palata

angulis

oculos

ovariorum

nephron

alvo

icterum

olecranon

atomi

signo

# ADJECTIVES OF 1st and 2nd DECLENSION

Feminine form of adjectives: **-a** > **VENA**

Masculine form of adjectives: **-us/-er** > **NERVUS**

Neutral forms of adjectives: **-um** > **SEPTUM**

E.g. **costa vera** X **nervus externus** X **palatum**  
**durum**

**Mind the exceptions:** **dentista, antagonista;**  
**atomus, periodus, diameter, methodus; virus...**

E.g. **dentista (m.) bonus**; **periodus (f.) longa**; **virus (n.) validum**

# Adjectives in **-er**, **-a**, **-um**

1) -E- is kept **only in the masculine form of nom. sg.:**

dexter, dextra, dextrum

sinister, sinistra, sinistrum

ruber, rubra, rubrum

2) -E- is kept **in all cases:**

liber, libera, liberum

## Exercise: Translate the terms and decline in both sg. and pl.:

contagious disease

right eye

new method

left kidney

wide ligament

long period

good dentist

vagus nerve

transversal fissure

# Medical Terms:

## 1) One-word terms:

diphtheria, icterus, arteria, humerus

## 2) Two-word terms:

a) Noun + close attribute:

vesica urinaria, musculus adductor

b) Noun + loose attribute:

fractura ulnae, haemorrhagia post operationem

## 3) Multi-word terms:

haemorrhagia posttraumatica in cerebrum propter  
rupturam venae