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Chapter 2: Building a medical vocabulary

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. The plural for hip bones is

a. ilium
b. ileus
c. ilia
d. ileum

ANS: c

Ilia refers to hip bones and is the plural for ilium.

2. A disease or procedure named after a person is a/an
a. pseudonym
b. synonym
c. eponym
d. antonym

ANS: c

An eponym refers to a medical term named after a person.

3. Calyces is the plural of

a. calynx
b. calyax
c. calyex
d. calyx

ANS: d

Calyces is the plural of calyx, a cup-like division in the pelvis of the kidney.

4. The plural of phalanx is

a. phalanges
b. phalangis
c. phalanxs
d. phalances

ANS: a

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Phalanges is the plural of phalanx. Phalanx refers to one of the long bones in the fingers or toes.

5. Difficulty in swallowing is

a. dysphasia
b. aphagia
c. dysphagia
d. aphasia

ANS: c

Dysphagia is an abnormal state (-ia) of difficulty (dys-) in swallowing (phag/o).

6. A degenerative disease of the central nervous system is

a. Alzheimer's disease
b. Crohn's disease
c. Parkinson's disease
d. Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

ANS: c

Parkinson's disease is a degenerative disease of the central nervous system named after Dr James Parkinson (1755–1824), an English surgeon.

7. Cushing's syndrome is due to

a. high levels of cortisol in the blood
b. chromosomal abnormality
c. high levels of cortisone in the blood
d. spongiform encephalopathy

ANS: a

Cushing's syndrome, named after Harvey Cushing (1869–1896), an American neurosurgeon, is due to high levels of cortisol in the blood.

8. A pair of glands next to the vaginal opening is named after

a. William Cowper
b. Martin Naboth
c. Caspar Bartholin
d. Gabriele Falloppio

ANS: c

Caspar Bartholin (1655–1738), a Danish anatomist, first described these glands.

9. The Australian spelling for the tube between the pharynx and the stomach is

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a. eosophagus
b. oesophagus
c. esophagus
d. eesophagus

ANS: b

Oesophagus is the Australian spelling for the tube between the pharynx and the stomach, commonly called the gullet.

10. A type of forceps used to deliver a baby is named after

a. Thomas Hodgkin
b. Arthur Wrigley
c. Rudolph Nissen
d. Vithalrao Shirodkar

ANS: b

Arthur Wrigley (1904–1984), an English obstetric doctor, invented Wrigley's (short) forceps.

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