

Chapter Sixteen

Answers to Terminology Section

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Terminology

Meaning

Combining Forms

adipose	Pertaining to fat.
albinism	Condition of no pigment in skin, hair, and eyes (white skin).
causalgia	Intense burning sensation in the skin (due to nerve damage).
electrocautery	Wires used during surgery to burn through tissue.
subcutaneous	Pertaining to beneath the skin.
epidermis	Outermost layer of skin.
dermatitis	Inflammation of skin.
dermatoplasty	Surgical repair of the skin.
dermatologist	Specialist in diseases of the skin.
dermabrasion	A surgical procedure to remove acne scars, tattoos, and fine wrinkles. Skin is scraped away; sandpaper or mechanical methods are used on frozen skin.
epidermolysis	Loosening of the skin.
diaphoresis	Condition of profuse sweating.
erythema	Condition of redness of the skin (flushing).
anhidrosis	Condition of lack of sweat.
ichthyosis	Abnormal condition of dry, scaly skin (fish-like skin).
keratosis	Abnormal condition of thickened areas of the skin (horny cells accumulate).
leukoplakia	Condition of white plaques on the skin.
lipoma	Tumor (benign) of fat tissue.
liposuction	Removal of subcutaneous fat tissue with a blunt-tipped cannula (tube) through which suction (aspiration) is applied.
melanocyte	Cell that forms melanin and is found in the epidermis of the skin.
melanoma	Tumor (malignant) of melanocytes.
mycosis	Any disease caused by fungus.
onycholysis	Separation of nail plate from the nail bed in fungal infections or after trauma.
onychomycosis	Abnormal condition of fungal infection of nails.
paronychia	Condition of inflammation and swelling (infection) of the tissue around the nail.
dermatophytosis	Abnormal condition of fungus (plant) infection in the skin.
pilosebaceous	Pertaining to a sebaceous gland and hair.
pyoderma	Condition of pus infection within the skin.
rhytidectomy	Removal of wrinkles.
seborrhea	“Flow of sebum”; disturbance of sebaceous glands marked by increase in the flow of sebum.
squamous epithelium	Pertaining to scale-like cells that cover the outside of the body (epidermis) and line the inner tubes of the body.
steatoma	Fatty mass arising from sebaceous glands; sebaceous cyst.
trichomycosis	Disease of the hair due to a fungal infection.
subungual	Pertaining to under a nail.
xanthoma	Flat, slightly elevated, rounded plaque or nodule usually found on the eyelids.
xeroderma	Abnormal condition of dry, rough skin.