# LATIN FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS 

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## Preface

You are holding a special Latin book written for the Pharmacy students of the University of Debrecen. It is indispensable both for doctors and pharmacists to know the lingua Latina medicinalis in their jobs, but as there are quite a lot of differences between the two professions, different sections of this language must be highlighted when teaching it. It was this aspect that I tried to concentrate on while compiling the material, paying special attention to the terms and expressions that are dominant in pharmaceutical practice.

This book is based on communicative language teaching methods aiming at the presentation of basic Latin grammar and vocabulary as well as its practice and production. However, due to the characteristic features of this specialist language, I did not focus on oral communication but mainly on the practice and correct production of this special vocabulary and grammar. The presentation based on realia is followed by less and less controlled practice making students able to freely produce the language of Pharmacy as well as read prescriptions and formulate preparations as prescribed.

As I concentrated on practical aspects, the book is not aimed at presenting the whole Latin grammar. Therefore I chose to only use the term 'stem' when presenting the declensions and adjective formation and I did not present the exceptions that are not so important for future pharmacists either.

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I hope the book will prove to be useful and will also be considered helpful in the course of Pharmacy students' later studies.

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## THE LATIN ALPHABET

The Latin language used the Latin alphabet we still use today and it originally comprised the following 21 letters: ABC DEF GHI KLM NOP QRS TVX. The letters Y and Z, which got into Latin through words borrowed from Greek, became part of the alphabet only later. The Latin alphabet, which only used capital letters, did not include the letter U or J either; they only appeared later to distinguish the sounds [j] and [i], and [v] and [u].

Originally there were no diacritical marks in Latin. However, the dictionaries, lexicons and coursebooks used today show the lenght of vowels by using certain marks (e.g. $\bar{a} \bar{e} \overline{1} \bar{o} \bar{u}$ for long vowels and ă ě $\check{1} \check{o}$ ŭ for short ones) to enhance the correct pronunciation and accentuation of words especially when lenght bears difference in meaning as well. (e.g. ŏs $=$ bone, $\overline{\mathrm{o}} \mathrm{s}=$ mouth $)$

The pronunciation of Latin letters

| Letter | Pronunciation | Example |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | like Hungarian [á] | arteria, ligamentum |
| ae | like Hungarian [é], but pronounced separately in some cases | aeteroleum, aerophagia |
| c | [ts] before the letters $i$ or $e$, and [k] in the rest of the cases | cilium, capillus, cutis, facies |
| ch | [k] | choleductus |
| e | [e] or like Hungarian [é] | tendo, vena |
| 1 | [i] or [i:], but [j] between two vowels or at the beginning of a word if folowwed by a vowel | pilus, ieiunum, maior |
| 0 | [o] or [o:] | os, hora |
| oe | like Hungarian [0̋], but pronounced separately in some cases | oedema, dsypnoe |
| ph | [f] | pharmacologia |
| S | [s], which later developed into [z] in some of the words | nervus, causa, transversalis |
| th | [t] | apotheca |
| ti | [ti] in most of the cases (and always after s-, $\mathrm{t}-$, $\mathrm{x}-$ ), but [tsi] before vowels | cartilago, articulatio |
| u | [u] or [u:] | musculus, supercilium, lumen |
| y | originally like Hungarian [ü], which later developed into [i] | hypertonia, hypotermia |

## Read out the following words according to the Latin pronunciation used in Hungary:

tabletta, comprimata, oleum, cortex, viginti, flos, formula, lac, stomachus, rhinitis, suppositorium, liquor, solutio, adiuvans, gramma, rhizoma, leukaemia, otitis, cysta, aqua, scatula, antacidum, melissa, chamomilla, caput, sulphur, Pharmacopoea Hungarica editio octava, Pharmacopoea Europeana editio septima, Formulae Normales (FoNo), medicamentum, invocatio, recipe, praescriptio seu ordinatio, subscriptio, signatura, adscriptio, receptum

# INTRODUCTION INTO PHARMACEUTICAL TERMINOLOGY 


#### Abstract

Extract from the classic translation of the Hippocratic oath: „I swear by Apollo the Physician and Asclepius and Hygieia and Panaceia and all the gods, and goddesses, making them my witnesses, that I will fulfill according to my ability and judgment this oath and this covenant:...




Asclepius (Latin Aesculapius) is the god of medicine and healing in ancient Greek religion. He was the son of Apollo and Coronis. His mother was killed for being unfaithful to Apollo, but the unborn child was rescued from her womb. Apollo took the infant to be raised by the wise old centaur Chiron, who taught him the art of healing. Asclepius became a great physician and surgeon. The goddess Athena gave Asclepius the gift of Medusa's blood. The blood from the veins on the left side of Medusa's head was for the bane of mankind, but Asclepius used the blood from the veins on the right side for saving mankind and for raising the dead. Asclepius' raising of the dead aroused the anger of Zeus. He struck Asclepius dead with one of his thunderbolts, fearing the spread of his miraculous art of healing. Asclepius represents the healing aspect of the medical arts; similar to his well-known daughters Hygieia (the personification of health and sanitation), and Panacea (the goddess of universal remedy).
The rod of Asclepius, a snake-entwined staff, remains a symbol of medicine today. The serpent and the staff appear to have been separate symbols that were combined. The significance of the serpent has been interpreted in many ways; sometimes the shedding of skin and renewal is emphasized as symbolizing rejuvenation, while other assessments center on the serpent as a symbol that unites and expresses the dual nature of the work of the physician, who deals with life and death, sickness and health. The ambiguity of the serpent as a symbol, and the contradictions it is thought to represent, reflect the ambiguity of the use of drugs, which can help or harm, as reflected in the meaning of the term pharmakon, which meant "drug", "medicine" and "poison" in ancient Greek. Products deriving from the bodies of snakes were known to have medicinal properties in ancient times, and in ancient Greece, snake venom appears to have been 'prescribed' in some cases as a form of therapy.The staff has also been variously interpreted. One view is that it, like the serpent, "conveyed notions of resurrection and healing", while another (not necessarily incompatible) is that the staff was a walking stick associated with itinerant physicians.

Hermes (identified with the Roman god Mercury), was a god of transitions and boundaries. He was quick and cunning, and moved freely between the worlds of the mortal and divine, as messenger of the gods, and conductor of souls into the afterlife. He was protector and patron of travelers, herdsmen, thieves, orators and wit, literature and poets, athletics and sports, invention and trade. One of his attributes and symbols is the herald's staff, the Latin caduceus in his left hand. It represents trades, occupations or undertakings associated with the god. In later antiquity the caduceus provided the basis for the astrological symbol representing the planet Mercury. Thus it has come to denote the elemental metal of the same name. It is relatively common, especially in the US, to find the caduceus, with its two snakes and wings, used as a
 symbol of medicine instead of the correct rod of Asclepius, with only a single snake. This usage is erroneous, popularised largely as a result of the adoption of the caduceus as its insignia by the US Army medical corps in 1902. The rod of Asclepius is the dominant symbol for professional healthcare associations in the United States. One survey found that $62 \%$ of professional healthcare associations used the rod of Asclepius as their symbol; while $76 \%$ of commercial healthcare organizations used the Caduceus symbol. The author of the study suggests the difference exists because professional associations are more likely to have a real understanding of the two symbols, whereas commercial organizations are more likely to be concerned with the visual impact a symbol will have in selling their products.

What do the following pharmaceutical symbols refer to?


Pharmacology (from Greek pharmakon, "poison" in classic Greek, "drug" in modern Greek, and -logia "study of", "knowledge of") is the branch of medicine and biology concerned with the study of drug action, where a drug can be broadly defined as any man-made, natural, or endogenous (within the cell) molecule which exerts a biochemical and/or physiological effect on the cell, tissue, organ or organism. More specifically, it is the study of the interactions that occur between a living organism and chemicals that affect normal or abnormal biochemical function. If substances have medicinal properties, they are considered pharmaceuticals. The two main areas of pharmacology are pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics.

Match the names of study fields and their meaning.


Medicines were stored in the apotheka, whose name is preserved in the German word for pharmacy (Apotheke), or in the Hungarian word patika. The English pharmacy derives from the Greek word farmakon. In Latin there were several words used to denote medicine, such as remedium, medicina, medicamen, medicamentum, which all come from the verb medicor, -ari, -atus sum (meaning 'to heal'). The word medicamen appeared mainly in poetry, while the word medicina was used both for drugs and the study of healing.

What is the subject of the following studies?

| cardiology |  | orthopedics |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| urology |  | ophthalmology |  |
| nephrology |  | otology |  |
| oncology |  | epidemiology |  |
| pulmonology |  | histology |  |
| dermatology |  | andrology |  |

Some quotes by Hippocrates:


- Primum nil nocere
- Salus aegroti suprema lex esto
- Ars longa, vita brevis


## VOCABULARY

| masculinum |  | femininum |  | neutrum |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| capillus, -i m | hair | aqua, -ae f | water | aetheroleum, -i $n$ | volatile oil |
| choleductus, -us m | bile duct | arteria, -ae f | artery | cilium, -ii $n$ | eyelashes |
| cortex, -icis m | bark | articulatio, -is $f$ | joint | gramma, -matis $n$ | gram |
| flos, -oris m | flower | cartilago, -is $f$ | cartilage | ieiunum, -i $n$ | jejunum |
| liquor, -oris m | liquid | causa, -ae f | cause | ligamentum, -i $n$ | ligament |
| musculus, -i m | muscle | cutis, -is f | skin | lumen, -inis n | cavity of a tubular structure |
| nervus, -im | nerve | dyspnoe | difficulty breathing | medicamentum, -u n | medicine |
| pilus, -i m | body <br> hair | facies, -eif | face, surface | oleum, -i $n$ | oil |
| stomachus, -i m | stomach | hora, -ae f | hour | os, oris $n$ | mouth |
|  |  | hypertonia | hypertension | os, ossis $n$ | bone |
|  |  | tendo, -inis m | tendon | supercilium, -ii $n$ | eyebrows |
|  |  | vena, -ae f | vein | suppositorium, -ii $n$ | suppository |

## ANATOMICAL PLANES AND DIRECTIONS

Provide the Latin names of the defined planes and directions with the help of the pictures:

$>\quad$ the midsagittal plane, which divides the body into equal right and left halves $=$

- $\quad$ right $=$
- $\quad$ left $=$
- structures closer to the midline =
- structures farther from the midline $=$ $\qquad$
$>\quad$ the frontal plane, which divides the body into front and back halves $=$
- front $=$ $\qquad$ /.
- back= $\qquad$
$\qquad$
........................................
> the horizontal/ transversal plane, which divides the body into upper and lower halves =
- lower, closer to the tailbone = $\qquad$ ./.
- upper, closer to the head = $\qquad$
$\qquad$



## Further directions:

closer to the surface/ skin $=$ superficialis
deep(er) = profundus
external = externus
internal = internus
central, closer to an organ = centralis
closer to the limbs, farther from an organ $=$ periferalis =.
=.

## Directions only referring to limbs:

towards or pertaining to the palm=
towards or pertaining to the back of the hand
towards or pertaining to the sole $=$
towards or pertaining to the top of the foot
in the limbs closer to the trunk $=$
in the limbs farther from the trunk $=$ $\qquad$
attached to the radius $=$. $\qquad$
attached to the ulna $=$
$\qquad$
attached to the tibia ( shinbone) $=$
attached to the fibula $=$. $\qquad$


Plantaris

### 1.1.Are the following statements true or false? Correct the false ones.

In anatomical position the palmar surface is in posterior position.
The sternum is anterior to the heart.
The clavicles are medialis to the sternum.
The elbow is proximalis to the wrist.
The aorta is ventralis to the spinal column.
The skin is profundus to the muscles.
Blood drawn from a fingerstick is peripheralis blood.

### 1.2. Find the odd one out and explain your choice.

a. medialis, superficialis, lateralis, transversalis
b. plantaris, palmaris, dorsalis, caudalis
c. ventralis, palmaris, anterior, posterior
d. volaris, transversalis, mediansagittalis, coronalis
1.3.What are the opposite of the following terms?

| volaris | $\leftrightarrow$ | lateralis | $\leftrightarrow$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| anterior | $\leftrightarrow$ | ventralis | $\leftrightarrow$ |
| inferior | $\leftrightarrow$ | profundus | $\leftrightarrow$ |
| cranialis | $\leftrightarrow$ | internus | $\leftrightarrow$ |
| dexter | $\leftrightarrow$ | plantaris | $\leftrightarrow$ |
| tibialis | $\leftrightarrow$ | ulnaris | $\leftrightarrow$ |

1.4.Provide the synonym of the following terms:

| volaris | = | posterior | $=$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| anterior | = | frontalis | $=$ |
| inferior | = | cranialis | = |

### 1.5.Fill in the blanks with directional terms:

- The spinal column is $\qquad$ to the heart.
- The sternum is $\qquad$ .to the heart.
- The heart is to the diaphragm.
- The liver is $\qquad$ to the diaphragm.
- The nails are situated at the

- The thumb is $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$................................ the little finger.
- The lungs are to the heart.
- The brain and spinal cord make up the nervous system.


### 1.6. Translate the names of the following anatomical terms

| musculus internus |  | facies plantaris |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| facies anterior |  | ligamentum posterius |  |
| vena inferior |  | arteria dextra |  |
| vena superior |  | musculus superficialis |  |
| musculus profundus |  | malleolus medialis |  |

## GRAMMATICAL GENDER IN LATIN

1.7. Group the following names of materials on the basis of their consistency:


| Solid | Semi solid | Liquid |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

The three grammatical features of all Latin nouns and adjectives are:
$>$ gender (male /masculinum, abbrev. m; female /femininum, abbr. f; or neuter (=neither) /neutrum, abbr. $\mathbf{n}$ )
$>$ number (singular/ singularis or plural/ pluralis)
$>$ case

The dictionary form of Latin nouns consists of three elements. E. g the dictionary form of the word SOLUTIO, ONIS $\boldsymbol{F}$ shows us the following information:

1. solutio - singular nominative case of the noun and it means: solution
2. solutionis - singular genitive/ possesive case (it means of the solution), and shows the base of the noun at the same time. (solution-)
3. $f$ - refers to the gender of the noun. This particular noun is female.
1.8. Group the above nouns on the basis of their grammatical gender:

| masculinum | femininum | neutrum |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

Most of the medical and pharmaceutical terminology consists of adjectival phrases (os longum, aqua destillata). As adjectives and numerals do not have a gender of their own and they take up the gender of the noun they refer to, , it is important to know the rules that have to be applied when we use nouns and adjectives together in the same phrase, i. e. the rules of gender concord. It means that Latin adjectives must agree in gender, number and case with the noun they refer to. E.g. if an adjective expresses the characteristics of a male noun, it will get a male gender ending, and has to be put in the same case as the noun it refers to.

Adjectives can grouped into three categories according to the number of the endings they have for the different genders in their basic form. The adjectives with three endings have separate ending for the three genders, the first one being the male, the second one being the female, while the third being the neutral ending. The adjectives with two endings have the same ending for male and female, and a different one for neutral. The adjectives with one ending use the same ending for all the three genders.

Examples:

|  | masculinum | femininum | neutrum | Dictionary form |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| with 3 <br> endings: | albus | alba | album | albus 3 |
|  | compositus | composita | compositum | compositus 3 |
|  | dexter | dextra | dextrum | dexter 3 |


| with 2 <br> endings: | distalis | distalis | distale | distalis 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | superior | superior | superius | superior, superius |


| with 1 ending: | simplex | simplex | simplex | simplex |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | conservans | conservans | conservans | conservans |

1.9. What are the different gender forms of the following adjectives?

| dictionary form | masculinum | femininum | neutrum | meaning |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| antirheumaticus 3 | antirheumatic... | antirheumatic... | antirheumatic... |  |


| carminativus 3 | carminativ... | carminativ... | carminativ... |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| amarus 3 | amar... | amar... | amar... |  |
| sinister 3 | sinist... | sinist... | sinist... |  |
| pectoralis 2 | pectoral... | pectoral... | pectoral... |  |
| originalis 2 | original... | original... | original... |  |
| inferior 2 | inferi... | inferi.... | inferi... |  |
| emolliens 1 | emollie... | emollie... | emollie... |  |
| laxans 1 | laxa... | laxa... | laxa... |  |
| tricoloratus 3 | tricolorat... | tricolorat... | tricolorat... |  |
| superficialis 2 | superficial... | superficial... | superficial... |  |
| triplex 1 | tripl... | tripl... | tripl... |  |
| talis | tal... | tal... | tal... |  |
| solidus | solid... | solid... | solid... |  |
| ceratus | cerat... | cerat... | cerat... |  |
| destillatus | destillat... | destillat... | destillat... |  |
| nasalis | nasal... | nasal... | nasal... |  |
| liquidus | liquid... | liquid... | liquid... |  |
| papyraceus | papyrace... | papyrace... | papyrace... |  |
| fuscus | fusc... | fusc... | fusc... |  |
| aequalis | aequal... | aequal... | aequal... |  |
| hydrophilicus | hydrophilic... | hydrophilic... | hydrophilic... |  |
| lipophilicus | lipophilic... | lipophilic... | lipophilic... |  |

1.10. Provide the correct ending and the meaning of these adjectives:

| flavus | $f$ | flav... |  | destillatus | $f$ | destillat... |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| liquidus | $m$ | liquid... |  | solidus | $m$ | solid... |  |
| peruvianus | $n$ | peruvian... |  | sterilis | $m$ | steril... |  |
| dilutus | $f$ | dilut... |  | acidus | $n$ | acid... |  |
| aequalis | $n$ | aequal... |  | originalis | $f$ | original... |  |
| conservans | $m$ | conserva... |  | anisatus | $m$ | anisat... |  |
| nasalis | $n$ | nasal... |  | siccus | $n$ | sicc... |  |
| coeruleus | $m$ | coerule $\ldots$ |  | ceratus | $f$ | cerat... |  |
| amarus | $m$ | amar... |  | fuscus | $n$ | fusc... |  |

### 1.11.Provide the correct ending of the adjectives in the following phrases:

aqua destillat...
adeps solid...
cera alb...
solutio conserva...
elixirium composit..
vaselinum flav...
cera flav...
balsamum peruvian...
extractum fluid...
solutio steril...
alcoholum dilut...
paraffinum solid.. vaselinum alb... acidum ascorbic.. solutio acid...
extractum sicc...
sirupus simpl...
paraffinum liquid...
spiritus anisat...
solutio amar.....

### 1.12. Provide the correct ending of the adjectives in the phrases of the second column:

| cremor, -oris m | aquosus | cremor aquos... |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| cremor, -oris m | refrigerans | cremor refrigera... |
| hydrogelum, i n | antisudoricus | hydrogelum antisudoric... |
| gutta, -a f | stomachicus | gutta stomachic... |
| formula, -ae f | magistralis | formula magistral... |


| pasta, -ae f | hydrophilicus | pasta hydrophilic... |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| paraffinum, -i n | aromaticus | paraffinum aromatic... |
| pulvis, -eris m | antidoloricus | pulvis antidoloric... |
| sirupus, -i m | laxans | sirupus laxa... |
| remedium, -ii n | adjuvans | remedium adjuva... |
| remedium, -ii c | cardinalis | remedium cardinal... |
| unguentum, -i n | nasalis | unguentum nasal... |
| sparsorium, -i n | antimycoticus | sparsorium antimycotic... |
| digitus, -i m | anularis | digitus anular... |
| digitus, -i m | medius | digitus medi... |
| digitus, -i m | minimus | digitus minim... |
| extremitas, -atis f | inferior | extremitas inferi... |
| pars, -tis f | aequalis | pars aequal... |

### 1.13.Translate into Latin:

| yellow wax | original tube |
| :--- | :--- |
| solid fat | equal part |
| yellow vaseline | white wax |
| diluted spirit | anise spirit |
| liquid paraffin | compound elixir |
| white wax | distilled water |
| preservative solution | compound syrup |
| nose ointment | simple syrup |
| cooling cream | original box |
| dry extract | bitter tincture |

Chemistry terms, like the names of elements, are nearly all neutral. E.g: Natrium, Kalium, Calcium, Sorbitum, Mentholum, Glycerinum, Natrium hydrogencarbonicum, Acidum salicylicum, etc. Similarly, as the expressions denoting the action of medicines were originally adjectives referring to the noun medicamentum (which is neutral), became later neutral nouns: Analgeticum, Antipyreticum, Antisepticum or Antisudoricum.

### 1.14. Provide the correct Latin name:

| lactose | pepsin | lidocaine | nystatin | macrogol | paracetamol |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

1.15. Provide the English equivalent.

| Acidum ascorbicum |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Acidum chloratum dilutum |  |
| Acidum salicylicum |  |
| Acidum oleinicum |  |
| Acidum citricum |  |
| Acidum lacticum |  |
| Hydrogenium peroxydatum dilutum $3 \%$ |  |
| Alcoholum dilutum $70 \%$ |  |
| Fuchsinum |  |
| Acidum boricum |  |
| Vanillinum |  |



VOCABULARY

| Nomina |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| masculinum |  | femininum |  | neutrum |  |
| adeps, -ipis m | fat | aqua, -aef | water | alcoholum, -in | alcohol |
| cremor, -oris m | cream | bolus, -if | clay | balsamum, -in | balsam |
| digitus, -im | finger | cera, -ae f | wax | elixirium, -ii $\boldsymbol{n}$ | elixir |
| pulvis, -eris m | powder | extremitas, -atis $f$ | limb | extractum, -in | extract |
| sirupus, -im | syrup | formula, -aef | formula, rule | hydrogelum, in | hydrogel |
| spiritus, -us m | spirit | gutta, -af | drop | paraffinum, -in | paraffin |
|  |  | pars, -tis $f$ | part | remedium, -ii n | remedy |
|  |  | pasta, -aef | paste | sparsorium, -ii $\boldsymbol{n}$ | talc-powder |
|  |  | solutio, -onis f | solution | unguentum, -in | ointment |
|  |  |  |  | vaselinum, -in | vaseline |


| Adiectiva |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| acidus 3 | acidic | internus 3 | internal |
| adiuvans | adjuvant, furnishing added support | lateralis 2 | farther from the midline |
| aequalis 2 | equal | laxans | laxative |
| albus 3 | white | liquidus 3 | liquid |
| amarus 3 | bitter | magistralis 2 | here: made in pharmacy |
| anisatus 3 | with anise | medialis 2 | closer to the midline |
| anterior, -ius | front | mediansagittalis 2 | midsagittal plane |
| antidoloricus 3 | painkiller | medius 3 | middle |
| antimycoticus 3 | destroying fungi | minimus 3 | smallest |
| antirheumaticus 3 | antirheumatic | nasalis 2 | related to the nose |
| antisudoricus 3 | against sweating | originalis 2 | original (here: factory made) |
| anularis 2 | ring-like | palmaris 2 | on the side of the palm |
| aquosus 3 | watery | papyraceus 3 | made from paper |
| aromaticus 3 | aromatic | pectoralis 2 | related to the chest |
| cardinalis 2 | most important (here: active agent) | periferalis 2 | closer to the limbs |
| carminativus 3 | carminative (helps remove gas) | peruvianus 3 | related to Peru |
| caudalis 2 | closer to the tailbone | plantaris 2 | related to the sole |
| centralis 2 | closer to the centre | posterior, -ius | back |
| ceratus 3 | waxy | profundus 3 | deep |
| coeruleus 3 | blue | proximalis 2 | in the limbs, closer to the trunk |
| compositus 3 | compound | refrigerans | making cool |
| conservans | preservative | sagittalis 2 | sagittal plane |
| coronalis 2 | coronal | siccus 3 | dry |
| cranialis 2 | closer to the skull | simplex | simple |
| destillatus 3 | distilled | sinister 3 | left |
| dexter 3 | right | solidus 3 | solid |
| dilutus 3 | diluted | sterilis 2 | sterile |
| distalis 2 | in the limbs, father from the trunk | stomachicus 3 | related to the stomach |
| dorsalis 2 | related to the back | superficialis 2 | close to the surface |
| emolliens | emollient, making soft | superior, -ius | upper |
| externus 3 | external | talis 2 | such |
| flavus 3 | yellow | transversalis 2 | transverse, horizontal |
| frontalis 2 | frontal (plane) | tricoloratus 3 | with 3 colours |
| fuscus 3 | dark | triplex 1 | triple |
| hydrophilicus 3 | likes water, dissolves in water | ventralis 2 | related to the belly |
| inferior, -ius | lower |  |  |

