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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

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

- 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.