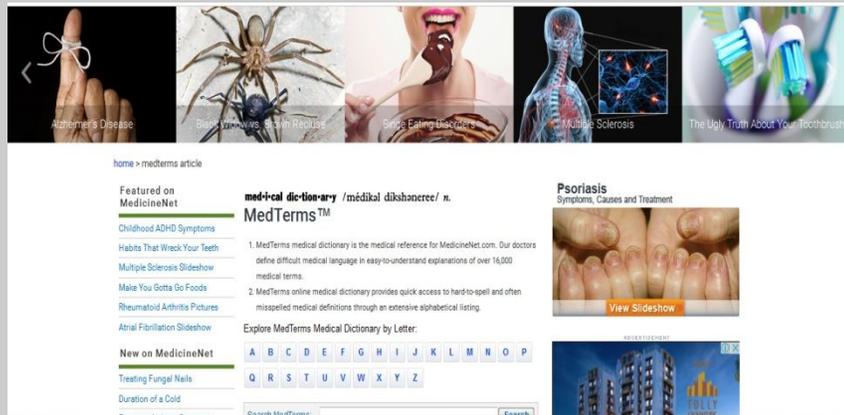


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### ***Scope and Coverage***

MedTerms online medical dictionary provides quick access to hard-to-spell and often misspelled medical definitions through an extensive alphabetical listing. This dictionary covers 16,000 medical terms. Various diseases, symptoms, causes, treatment, human organs, various medicine related concepts, viruses, bacteria, minerals essential for health and so no are included in this dictionary.

### ***Kind of Information***

A term related to disease incorporates meaning, description, causes and methods of prevention. An example in brief will clarify the matter.

**Influenza:** Influenza is an acute respiratory illness caused by influenza A or B viruses Most people who get the influenza recover completely in 1 to 2 weeks, but some people develop serious and potentially life-threatening medical complications, such as pneumonia. Much of the illness and death caused by influenza can be prevented by annual influenza vaccination.

Some terms within an entry are cross referenced. As mentioned above in the underlined terms.

Suggested articles on related diseases, medications, procedures and test etc. by expert doctors are found link below the entry. Various coloured images on a particular disease are also found. These things are also found in case of other types of entries available in the dictionary.

Sometimes see references of a particular term are also found. As for example:

**Flu, bird:** See: Avian influenza.

Information about a particular virus includes origin, description, life span of the virus, related viruses, diseases caused by the virus, symptoms seen in human body after virus attack etc. Sometimes references for the information are also given below the entry. **E.g.:**

**Zika virus:** a *Flavivirus* related to dengue fever, West Nile, yellow fever, and Japanese encephalitis viruses (*Flaviviridae*). The Zika virus is transmitted to humans by *Aedes* mosquito bites and leads to an illness that lasts a few days to a week. Typical signs and symptoms of Zika virus infection include fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (redness of the eyes). When pregnant women become infected, the viral infection has been linked to birth defects (microcephaly, or a small head and small brain) in newborns. There is no vaccine available against Zika virus. The infection is spread through mosquito bites and is not thought to be commonly passed from person to person.

#### **Reference:**

United States. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Zika Virus." Feb. 5, 2016. <<http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>>.

In case of an entry on mineral brief description, food source, positive and negative effects etc. are found. **E.g.:**

**Zinc:** A mineral that is essential to the body and is a constituent of many enzymes that permit chemical reactions to proceed at normal rates. Zinc is involved in the manufacture of protein (protein synthesis) and in cell division. Zinc is also a constituent of insulin, and it is involved with the sense of smell. Food sources of zinc include meat, particularly liver and seafood; eggs; nuts; and cereal grains.

***Special Features***

Special features includes:

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- ❖ Links to various Diseases and conditions (Allergies, Arthritis, Diabetes etc.); Symptom checker; Health and living (diet and weight management, exercise and fitness etc.); Medications (Supplement and vitamins etc.); Pet health

***Arrangement Pattern***

Alphabetical i.e. A to Z arrangement of terms. E.g.: Terms like *Macrobioda*, *Macrobiodic*, *Macrobiodic diet*, *Macrocephaly* are arranged alphabetically under “M”.

***Remarks***

Nationally recognized, doctor-produced by a network of more than 70 U.S. board-certified physicians, MedicineNet.com and onhealth.com are trusted sources for online health and medical information. The vast compass of this dictionary unfolds valuable information to its users.

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- Medical Dictionary Definitions A - Z  
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- Mondofacto medical dictionary  
(<http://www.mondofacto.com/dictionary/medical.html>)

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