

GLOSSARY

Ague - Old word for fever, usually malaria.
Anodyne - Relieves or quiets pain.
Antiasthmatic - Relaxes bronchial muscles and relieves labored breathing.
Antidiarrheal - Counteracts diarrhea.
Antiemetic - Lessens the tendency to vomit.
Antipyretic - Reduces fever.
Antirheumatic - Reduces pain in the joints.
Antispasmodic - Reduces spasm or prevents convulsion.
Antitussive - Relieves or prevents coughing.
Carminative - Used to relieve gas and colic.
Catarrhal - Related to inflammation of the respiratory tract.
Cathartic - Causes an evacuation of the bowel.
Demulcent - Substance used to protect or soothe mucous membranes.
Diaphoretic - Used to increase perspiration.
Diuretic - Increases the volume of urine.
Dyspepsia - A disturbed digestive condition characterized by nausea, gas, and heartburn.
Emetic - An agent that causes vomiting.
Emmenagogue - An agent that induces menstrual flow.
Emmolient - Used externally to soften the skin and protect it.
Expectorant - An agent that causes expulsion of mucous from respiratory tract.
Ferbrifuge - Reduces fever.
Ophthalmiatric - Used in the treatment of eye diseases.
Pectoral - Usually an expectorant, used for diseases of chest and lungs.
Pustulant - Causes severe irritation of the skin, especially the sweat glands, and results in pustule formation.
Refrigerant - Allays thirst and gives a sensation of coolness to the body.
Rubifacient - Causes reddening and mild irritation of the skin.
Sialagogue - Causes an increase in the flow of saliva.
Somnifacient - Produces sleep without delirium; a soporific.
Soporific - Tending to cause sleep.
Stomachic - Stimulates appetite and increases secretions of digestive juices.
Sudorific - Increases perspiration.
Taeniafuge - A tapeworm expellant.
Taenicide - An agent that destroys tapeworms.
Vasoconstrictor - Narrows the passageway of the blood vessel.
Vermicide - An agent that destroys worms.
Vesicant - Causes irritation to the skin resulting in blisters.
Vulnerary - An agent that promotes healing of open wounds.

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