

Clinical Terms Related to the Endocrine System

adrenalectomy (ah-dre''nah-lek'to-me) Surgical removal of the adrenal glands.

adrenogenital syndrome (ah-dre''no-jen'i-tal sin'drōm) A group of symptoms associated with changes in sexual characteristics as a result of increased secretion of adrenal androgens.

diabetes insipidus (di''ah-be'tēz in-sip'idus) Metabolic disorder, not involving blood sugar, characterized by a large output of dilute urine and caused by the posterior pituitary's decreased secretion of antidiuretic hormone.

diabetes mellitus (di''ah-be'tēz mel'i-tus) Condition due to insulin deficiency or the inability to respond to insulin. This condition disturbs carbohydrate, protein, and lipid metabolism.

exophthalmos (ek''sof-thal'mos) Abnormal protrusion of the eyes.

goiter (goi'ter) Bulge in the neck resulting from an enlarged thyroid gland.

hirsutism (her'sūt-izm) Excess hair growth, especially in women.

hypercalcemia (hi''per-kal-se'me-ah) Excess blood calcium.

hyperglycemia (hi''per-gli-se'me-ah) Excess blood glucose.

hypocalcemia (hi''po-kal-se'me-ah) Deficiency of blood calcium.

hypoglycemia (hi''po-gli-se'me-ah) Deficiency of blood glucose.

hypophysectomy (hi-pof''i-sek'to-me) Surgical removal of the pituitary gland.

parathyroidectomy (par''ah-thi''roi-dek'to-me) Surgical removal of the parathyroid glands.

pheochromocytoma (fe-o-kro''mo-si-to'mah) Type of tumor in the adrenal medulla usually associated with high blood pressure.

polyphagia (pol''e-fa'je-ah) Excessive eating.

thymectomy (thi-mek'to-me) Surgical removal of the thymus gland.

thyroidectomy (thi''roi-dek'to-me) Surgical removal of the thyroid gland.

thyroiditis (thi''roi-di'tis) Inflammation of the thyroid gland.

virilism (vir'i-lizm) Masculinization of a female.