

Clinical Terms Related to the Senses

- amblyopia** (amˈble-oˈpe-ah) Dim vision due to a cause other than a refractive disorder or lesion.
- anopia** (an-oˈpe-ah) Absence of an eye.
- audiometry** (awˈde-om-ē-tre) Measurement of auditory acuity for various frequencies of sound waves.
- blepharitis** (blefˈah-riˈtis) Inflammation of the eyelid margins.
- causalgia** (kaw-zalˈje-ah) Persistent, burning pain usually associated with injury to a limb.
- conjunctivitis** (kon-junkˈti-viˈtis) Inflammation of the conjunctiva.
- diplopia** (dī-plōˈpe-ah) Double vision.
- emmetropia** (emˈē-troˈpe-ah) Normal condition of the eyes; eyes with no refractive defects.
- enucleation** (e-nuˈkle-aˈshun) Removal of the eyeball.
- exophthalmos** (ekˈsof-thalˈmos) Abnormal protrusion of the eyes.
- hemianopsia** (hemˈe-an-opˈse-ah) Defective vision affecting half of the visual field.
- hyperalgesia** (hiˈper-al-jeˈze-ah) Heightened sensitivity to pain.
- iridectomy** (irˈi-dekˈto-me) Surgical removal of part of the iris.
- iritis** (i-riˈtis) Inflammation of the iris.
- keratitis** (kerˈah-tiˈtis) Inflammation of the cornea.
- labyrinthectomy** (labˈi-rin-thekˈto-me) Surgical removal of the labyrinth.
- labyrinthitis** (labˈi-rin-thiˈtis) Inflammation of the labyrinth.
- Ménière's disease** (menˈe-ärzˈ dī-zēz) Inner ear disorder that causes ringing in the ears, increased sensitivity to sounds, dizziness, and hearing loss.
- neuralgia** (nu-ralˈje-ah) Pain resulting from inflammation of a nerve or a group of nerves.
- neuritis** (nu-riˈtis) Inflammation of a nerve.
- nystagmus** (nis-tagˈmus) Involuntary oscillation of the eyes.
- otitis media** (o-tiˈtis meˈde-ah) Inflammation of the middle ear.
- otosclerosis** (oˈto-skle-roˈsis) Formation of spongy bone in the inner ear, which often causes deafness by fixing the stapes to the oval window.
- pterygium** (tē-rijˈe-um) Abnormally thickened patch of conjunctiva that extends over part of the cornea.
- retinitis pigmentosa** (retˈi-niˈtis pigˈmen-toˈsa) Inherited, progressive retinal sclerosis characterized by pigment deposits in the retina and by retinal atrophy.
- retinoblastoma** (retˈi-no-blas-toˈmah) Inherited, highly malignant tumor arising from immature retinal cells.
- tinnitus** (ti-niˈtus) Ringing or buzzing noise in the ears.
- trachoma** (trah-koˈmah) Bacterial disease of the eye that causes conjunctivitis, which may lead to blindness.
- tympanoplasty** (timˈpah-no-plasˈte) Surgical reconstruction of the middle ear bones and the establishment of continuity from the eardrum to the oval window.
- uveitis** (uˈve-iˈtis) Inflammation of the uvea, the region of the eye that includes the iris, ciliary body, and choroid coat.
- vertigo** (verˈti-go) Sensation of dizziness.