# **Pathology**

- ◆ Terms that relate to \_\_\_\_\_ and conditions that affect the skin, hair, nails, and sebaceous glands.
  - ▶ They can be caused by viruses, bacteria, parasites, fungi, etc.

Medical Term	Description	Memory Tool
Varicella	Viral skin infection. ( pox)	
Monkeypox	Flu-like viral infection with severe blisters.	
<b>Furuncle</b> (FYOO-rung-ki)	Bacterial Infection of hair follicle (Boils).	Furry Uncle
Scabies	Skin infection by mites.	Itch Mite
<b>Tinea</b> (TIN-ee-ah)	Fungal skin disease. ()	Tiny Rings
Ecchymosis (ek-ih-MOH-sis)		Eek, a bruise!
Vitiligo	Skin depigmentation.	Vanilla Skin Condition
Eczema	Superficial dermatitis marked by loss of 	Moisture Exit-ma
Hirsutism (HER-soo-tizm)	Excessive Hair Growth.	Suit of hair
Psoriasis	Buildup of "silver scale" patches.	Layers of Earth
<b>Urticaria</b> (er-tih-KAIR-ee-ahh)		Ur tie carries hives

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### **Medical Procedures**

◆ Terms that relate to diagnostic or therapeutic \_\_\_\_\_ relating to skin conditions.

Medical Term	Description	
Culture & Sensitivity	Growing, collecting and testing sensitivity to antibiotics.	
Biopsy	Removal of for examination and diagnosis.	
Frozen section	Biopsy taken during surgery and later frozen.	
Fungal scrapings	Small sampling of skin, hair or nail from an infected area.	
Debridement (Debris-ment)	Removal of or infected tissue.	
Curettage (Cleaning to Cure)	Specific form of debridement using a (scraper).	

#### **EXAMPLE**

Which diagnostic procedure would be most ideal in examination and treatment of tinea pedis?

- a) Culture & sensitivity
- b) Biopsy
- c) Frozen section
- d) Fungal scrapings

#### PRACTICE

A surgeon is providing care for a 75-year-old patient suffering from Type II diabetes with a non-healing, infected laceration on his leg. Their leg is covered with thick, leathery, black tissue and some yellowish discharge. What might be a reasonable course of action by the surgeon in the initial treatment of the patient?

- a) Frozen section
- b) Debridement
- c) Exfoliation
- d) Fungal scrapings

### **Pharmacology**

◆ Terms that deal with the study of \_\_\_\_\_ and their effect on skin, hair and nails.

Medical Term	Description	Memory Tool
Anticoagulant	Prevents blood from clotting.	Anti Clog
Antineoplastic	Slows growth of malignant tumors.	Plast = Growth or formation  Against new
Agonist	Binds to a cell and a response.	AG-ON-ist  An AGent turns cell ON
Antagonist	Binds to a cell and a response.	ANTI-ON-ist  ANTI-agent turns cell off
Bioavailability	of medication that enters bloodstream and causes a desired effect.	Biologically Available
Corticosteroids	Synthetic anti- inflammatory medication.	A CORTex STressed needs OIntment

### **EXAMPLE**

Morphine is an opioid that alleviates pain by binding to and activating the receptors of the central nervous system and other organ systems. Based on this function which of the following terms represents the action of morphine?

- a) Anticoagulant
- b) Agonist
- c) Antineoplastic
- d) Antagonist
- e) Antihidrotic

#### PRACTICE

Which type of medication would be best in treating and curing scabies?

- a) Antifungal
- b) Antibiotic
- c) Antiseptic
- d) Antiparasitic
- e) Antipruritic