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Kahn test <b>see</b> SYPHILIS SERODIAGNOSIS	QY275
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Kanpo medicine <b>see</b> MEDICINE, KAMPO	WB61
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<b>KENT</b>	<b>G</b>
Z1 Wessex Mesh	
Keratinomyces <b>see</b> ARTHODERMATACEAE	QW180
<b>KERATITIS, HERPETIC</b>	<b>WW330</b>
C2 C11 A superficial, epithelial Herpesvirus hominis infection of the cornea, characterised by the presence of small vesicles which may break down and coalesce to form dendritic ulcers (KERATITIS, DENDRITIC). <b>See related</b> HERPES SIMPLEX	
Keratoconjunctivitis, vernal <b>see</b> CONJUNCTIVITIS, ALLERGIC	WW322
<b>KERATOCONUS</b>	<b>WW330</b>
C11 A noninflammatory, usually bilateral protrusion of the cornea, the apex being displaced downward and nasally. It occurs most commonly in females at about puberty. The cause is unknown but hereditary factors may play a role. The -conus refers to the cone shape of the corneal protrusion. <b>See related</b> CORNEAL DISEASES	
Keratocysts <b>see</b> ODONTOGENIC CYSTS	WU280
<b>KERATOMILEUSIS, LASER IN SITU</b>	<b>WW420</b>
E2 E4 A surgical procedure to correct MYOPIA by CORNEAL STROMA subtraction. It involves the use of a microkeratome to make a lamellar dissection of the CORNEA creating a flap with intact CORNEAL EPITHELIUM. After the flap is lifted, the underlying midstroma is reshaped with an EXCIMER LASER and the flap is returned to its original position.	
Keratoplasty <b>see</b> CORNEAL TRANSPLANTATION	WW333
Keratoplasty, lamellar <b>see</b> CORNEAL TRANSPLANTATION	WW333
<b>KERATOTOMY, RADIAL</b>	<b>WW410</b>
E4 A procedure to surgically correct REFRACTIVE ERRORS by cutting radial slits into the CORNEA to change its refractive properties.	
<b>KETAMINE</b>	<b>WM298</b>
D2 A cyclohexanone derivative used for induction of anaesthesia. Its mechanism of action is not well understood, but ketamine can block NMDA receptors (RECEPTORS, N-METHYL-D-ASPARTATE) and may interact with sigma receptors.	
Ketoacidosis, diabetic <b>see</b> DIABETIC KETOACIDOSIS	WK830

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<b>KETOCONAZOLE</b>	<b>QV252</b>
D3 Broad spectrum antifungal agent used for long periods at high doses, especially in immunosuppressed patients.	
Ketosis, diabetic <b>see</b> DIABETIC KETOACIDOSIS	WK830
Keyboard, computer <b>see</b> COMPUTER PERIPHERALS	QA170
Keyboarding skills <b>see</b> COMPUTER USER TRAINING	QA108
Keyhole pupil <b>see</b> PUPIL DISORDERS	WW365
Keyhole surgery <b>see</b> LAPAROSCOPY	WO232
Khat <b>see</b> CATHA	WM294
Kickbacks <b>see</b> FRAUD	
Kidnapping <b>see</b> CRIME	HM435
Kienbock disease <b>see</b> OSTEONECROSIS	WE215
Kinetor <b>see</b> ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES, FUNCTIONAL	WU450
<b>KIDNEY</b>	<b>WJ300-85</b>
A5 Body organ that filters blood for the secretion of URINE and that regulates ion concentrations. Consider also terms at GLOMERU-, NEPHR-, PYEL-, and RENAL. For / blood supply consider also RENAL CIRCULATION. For / radionuclide consider RADIOISOTOPE RENOGRAPHY. For / surgery consider NEPHRECTOMY. For / transplantation use KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION. For cyst use KIDNEY, CYSTIC or KIDNEY, POLYCYSTIC. For inflammation use NEPHRITIS. <b>See related</b> DIURESIS; NEPHRECTOMY; KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION; RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY	
<b>KIDNEYS, ARTIFICIAL</b>	<b>WJ378</b>
E7 Device(s) which can substitute for normally functioning kidneys in cleansing the blood. <b>See related</b> ARTIFICIAL ORGANS; HAEMODIALYSIS; PERITONEAL DIALYSIS; RENAL DIALYSIS	
<b>KIDNEY CALCULI</b>	<b>WJ356</b>
C12 C13 C23 Stones in the KIDNEY, usually formed in the urine-collecting area of the kidney (KIDNEY PELVIS). Their sizes vary and most contains CALCIUM OXALATE. For chemical composition of calculi use / chemistry. <b>See related</b> CALCULI	
Kidney cancer <b>see</b> KIDNEY NEOPLASMS	WJ358
Kidney circulation <b>see</b> CIRCULATION, RENAL	WJ301
Kidney, cystic <b>see</b> KIDNEY DISEASES, CYSTIC	<b>WJ357</b>
<b>KIDNEY DISEASES</b>	<b>WJ310</b>
C12 C13 Pathological processes of the KIDNEY or its component tissues. Consider diseases under NEPHR- and RENAL. For inflammatory disease use NEPHRITIS. <b>See related</b> NEPHROLOGY; NEPHRITIS; RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY	
<b>KIDNEY DISEASES, CYSTIC</b>	<b>WJ357</b>
C12 C13 A heterogeneous group of hereditary and acquired disorders in which the KIDNEY contains one or more CYSTS unilaterally or bilaterally.	

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- Kidney failure **see** RENAL INSUFFICIENCY WJ340
- Kidney failure, acute **see** ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY WJ341
- KIDNEY FAILURE, CHRONIC** WJ342  
C12 C13 The end-stage of RENAL INSUFFICIENCY, CHRONIC. It is characterised by the severe irreversible kidney damage (as measured by the level of PROTEINURIA) and the reduction in GLOMERULAR FILTRATION RATE to less than 15 ml per min. These patients generally require HAEMODIALYSIS or KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION. **See related** GLOMERULONEPHITIS; PYELONEPHRITIS; RENAL DIALYSIS; URAEMIA
- KIDNEY FUNCTION TESTS** QY175  
E1 **See related** DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUES, UROLOGICAL
- Kidney insufficiency **see** RENAL INSUFFICIENCY WJ340
- KIDNEY NEOPLASMS** WJ358  
C4 C12 C13
- KIDNEY PELVIS** WJ301  
A5 The flattened, funnel-shaped expansion connecting the URETER to the KIDNEY CALICES. Consider also terms at PYEL... Do not confuse with pelvic kidney which is KIDNEY / abnormalities. For inflammation use PYELITIS.
- Kidney, polycystic **see** POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASES WJ357
- Kidney replacement therapy **see** RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY WJ368
- Kidney stones **see** KIDNEY CALCULI WJ356
- KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION** WJ368  
E4 E2 The transference of a kidney from one human or animal to another. **See related** ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION; RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY; UROLOGIC SURGICAL PROCEDURES
- Kidneys **see** KIDNEY WJ300-85
- Killing **see** HOMICIDE HM432
- Kinematics **see** BIOMECHANICS WE70
- KINESICS** WLM875  
F1 The systematic study of the body and the use of posture or gesture for communication. Do not confuse with KINESIS. **See related** GESTURES; NONVERBAL COMMUNICATION; POSTURE
- KINESIOLOGY, APPLIED** WB860  
E2 The study of muscles and the movement of the human body. In holistic medicine it is the balance of movement and the interaction of a person's energy systems. Applied kinesiology is the name given by its inventor, Dr. George Goodheart, to the system of applying muscle testing diagnostically and therapeutically to different aspects of health care. It is a type of alternative medicine; do not confuse with KINESIS; KINETICS or KINESTHESIS.
- KINESIS** WE80  
F2 Locomotor behaviour not involving a steering reaction, but in which there may be a turning random in direction. It includes orthokinesis, the rate of movement and klinokinesis, the amount of turning, which are related to the intensity of stimulation.

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## **KINESTHESIS**

**WE60**

F2 G11 Sense of movement of a part of the body, such as movement of fingers, elbows, knees, limbs, or weights.

## **KINETICS**

G2 The rate dynamics in chemical or physical systems. Do not confuse with KINESICS ("use of posture or gesture for communication") or KINESIS (a form of movement); pharmacokinetics of chemicals and drugs is PHARMACOKINETICS or better, a specific drug term / pharmacokinetics.

Biochemical techniques

**QU25**

Pharmacokinetics

**QV38**

Musculoskeletal system

**WE80**

Kinetics, drug **see** PHARMACOKINETICS

QV38

## **KING'S EVIL**

**WF202**

C1 C15 The historic designation for scrofula (TUBERCULOSIS, LYMPH NODE). The disease is so called from the belief that it could be healed by the touch of a king. This term is used only for historical articles using the name "king's evil", and is to be differentiated from scrofula as lymph node tuberculosis in modern clinical medicine.

Kinship networks **see** FAMILY

HQ600-90

## **KLEBSIELLA**

**QW138**

B3 A genus of gram-negative, facultatively anaerobic, rod-shaped bacteria whose organisms arrange singly, in pairs, or short chains. This genus is commonly found in the intestinal tract and is an opportunistic pathogen that can give rise to bacteraemia, pneumonia, urinary tract and several other types of human infection.

Kleinian theory **see** PSYCHOANALYTIC THEORY

WM458

Kleptomania **see** IMPULSE CONTROL DISORDERS

WM160

## **KLINEFELTER SYNDROME**

**QS677**

C12 C16 C19 A form of male HYPOGONADISM, characterised by the presence of an extra X CHROMOSOME, small TESTES, seminiferous tubule dysgenesis, elevated levels of GONADOTROPINS, low serum TESTOSTERONE, underdeveloped secondary sex characteristics, and male infertility. Patients tend to have long legs and a slim, tall stature. GYNECOMASTIA is present in many of the patients. **See related** SEX DIFFERENTIATION DISORDERS; SEX CHROMOSOME DISORDERS

Klumpke paralysis **see** BRACHIAL PLEXUS NEUROPATHIES

WL560-68

## **KNEE**

**WE800**

A1 For / injuries use KNEE INJURIES but PATELLA / injuries is also available. Differentiate from KNEE JOINT.

## **KNEE DISLOCATION**

**WE800**

C21 Slippage of the FEMUR off the TIBIA. Do not confuse with PATELLAR DISLOCATION, which is displacement of the patella (knee cap) from the femoral groove

## **KNEE INJURIES**

**WE800**

C21 To the knee or knee joint. Consider also PATELLA / injuries. **See related** LEG INJURIES

## **KNEE JOINT**

**WE800**

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<b>KNEE PROSTHESIS</b>	<b>WE800</b>
E7 Partial or total replacement of the knee joint. <b>See related</b> ARTHROPLASTY, REPLACEMENT, KNEE; JOINT PROSTHESIS	
Knee replacement, arthroplasty <b>see</b> ARTHROPLASTY, REPLACEMENT, KNEE	WE800
Knee replacement, total <b>see</b> ARTHROPLASTY, REPLACEMENT, KNEE	WE800
<b>KNOWLEDGE</b>	<b>WLM450</b>
K1 L1 The body of truths or facts accumulated in the course of time, the cumulated sum of information, its volume and nature, in any civilization, period, or country. Restrict to knowledge as an abstract or philosophical concept, as "transmission of knowledge". Do not use as coordinate for knowledge of specific subjects as "fuller use of our knowledge about children". "Medical knowledge" is probably MEDICINE & not here.	
Knowledge management	<b>WX213</b>
Knowledge acquisition (computer) <b>see</b> ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	QA139
Knowledge bases (computer) <b>see</b> ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	QA139
Knowledge representation (computer) <b>see</b> ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	QA139
Knowledge, attitudes, practice <b>see</b> HEALTH KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES, PRACTICE	WA70
<b>KOREA</b>	<b>G</b>
Z1	
Korean traditional medicine <b>see</b> MEDICINE, KOREAN TRADITIONAL	WB62
Korner coding <b>see</b> MEDICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS	WX350
<b>KORSAKOFF SYNDROME</b>	<b>WM274.2</b>
C10 C21 C23 F1 F3 An acquired cognitive disorder characterised by inattentiveness and the inability to form short term memories. This disorder is frequently associated with chronic ALCOHOLISM, but it may also result from dietary deficiencies, CRANIOCEREBRAL TRAUMA, NEOPLASMS, CEREBROVASCULAR DISORDERS, ENCEPHALITIS, EPILEPSY and other conditions. <b>See related</b> ALCOHOL AMNESTIC DISORDER; ALCOHOLIC KORSAKOFF SYNDROME MEMORY DISORDERS	
Kowloon <b>see</b> HONG KONG	G
Kugelberg-Welander disease <b>see</b> SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHIES OF CHILDHOOD	WL314
Kung Fu <b>see</b> MARTIAL ARTS	HM340
Kunjin virus <b>see</b> WEST NILE VIRUS	QW168
<b>KWASHIORKOR</b>	<b>WD210</b>
C18 A syndrome produced by severe protein deficiency, characterised by retarded growth, changes in skin and hair pigment, oedema, and pathologic changes in the liver, including fatty infiltration, necrosis and fibrosis. The word is a local name in Gold Coast, Africa, meaning "displaced child". Although first reported from Africa, kwashiorkor is now known throughout the world, but mainly in the tropics and subtropics. It is considered to be related to marasmus.	
Kymography, radiographic <b>see</b> ELECTROKYMOGRAPHY	WN480
Kyphoplasty <b>see</b> VERTEBROPLASTY	WE485

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## **KYPHOSIS**

**WE480**

C5 Deformities of the SPINE characterised by an exaggerated convexity of the vertebral column. The forward bending of the thoracic region usually is more than 40 degrees. This deformity sometimes is called round back or hunchback.