

## W

Wages <b>see</b> SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS	WX300-25
<b>WAITING LISTS</b>	<b>WX375</b>
N4 Prospective patient listings for appointments. Clinic waiting times	<b>WX520</b>
<b>WALES</b>	<b>G</b>
Z1	
Walk-in Centres <b>see</b> PRIMARY CARE	WA126
<b>WALKING</b>	<b>WE60</b>
G11 I3 An activity in which the body advances at a slow to moderate pace by moving the feet in a coordinated fashion. This includes recreational walking, walking for fitness, and competitive race-walking. <b>See related</b> GAIT	
WAP (Wireless Application Protocol) <b>see</b> COMPUTERS, HANDHELD	QA180
War <b>see</b> WARFARE	JD10
<b>WAR CRIMES</b>	<b>HM600</b>
I1 Criminal acts committed during, or in connection with, war, e.g., maltreatment of prisoners, willful killing of civilians, etc. <b>See related</b> CONCENTRATION CAMPS; CRIME; HOLOCAUST; HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES	
War neurosis <b>see</b> COMBAT DISORDERS	WM174
Ward management <b>see</b> NURSING, SUPERVISORY	WX518
Wards <b>see</b> HOSPITAL UNITS or PATIENTS' ROOMS	WX120
<b>WARFARE</b>	<b>JD10</b>
I1 Hostile conflict between organised groups of people, usually states. Put war wounds under WOUNDS AND INJURIES or specific injury + WARFARE	
After-effects as disasters	<b>W410</b>
Health services	<b>WX820-5</b>
Psychological effects	<b>WLM165</b>
<b>See related</b> BIOLOGICAL WARFARE; CHEMICAL WARFARE; COMBAT DISORDERS; GULF WAR; NUCLEAR WARFARE; VIETNAM CONFLICT; VIOLENCE; WAR CRIMES	
Warfare, bacterial <b>see</b> BIOLOGICAL WARFARE	QW300
Warfare, biological <b>see</b> BIOLOGICAL WARFARE	QW300
Warfare, chemical <b>see</b> CHEMICAL WARFARE	QV663
Warfare, psychological <b>see</b> PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE	WLM839
<b>WARFARIN</b>	<b>QV193</b>
D3 An anticoagulant that acts by inhibiting the synthesis of vitamin K-dependent coagulation factors. Warfarin is indicated for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of venous thrombosis and its extension, pulmonary embolism, and atrial fibrillation with embolisation. It is also used as an adjunct in the prophylaxis of systemic embolism after myocardial infarction. Warfarin is also used as a rodenticide.	
<b>WARTS</b>	<b>WR325</b>
C2 C4 C17 Benign epidermal proliferations or tumours; some are viral in origin.	

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Warts, genital **see** CONDYLOMATA ACUMINATA WC140

Warts, venereal **see** CONDYLOMATA ACUMINATA WC140

Wassermann Reaction **see** SYPHILIS SERODIAGNOSIS QY275

Waste disposal, biological **see** MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL W70

### **WASTE DISPOSAL, FLUID W60**

N6 The discarding or destroying of liquid waste products or their transformation into something useful or innocuous. **See related** SEWAGE

Waste disposal, infectious **see** MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL W70

Waste disposal, medical **see** MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL W70

Waste disposal, pathological **see** MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL W70

Waste disposal, solid **see** REFUSE DISPOSAL

Waste, hazardous **see** HAZARDOUS WASTE W60

Waste, industrial **see** INDUSTRIAL WASTE W64

### **WASTE MANAGEMENT W60**

N6 Disposal, processing, controlling, recycling, and reusing the solid, liquid, and gaseous wastes of plants, animals, humans, and other organisms. It includes control within a closed ecological system to maintain a habitable environment.

Waste, medical **see** MEDICAL WASTE W70

Waste, pathological **see** MEDICAL WASTE W70

### **WASTE PRODUCTS**

D20 N6 Debris resulting from a process that is of no further use to the system producing it. The concept includes materials discharged from or stored in a system in inert form as a by-product of vital activities. Use for general items concerning waste products or for which there is no specific heading.

Industrial

**W64**

**See related** ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION; HAZARDOUS WASTE; MEDICAL WASTE; RADIOACTIVE WASTE

### **WATER**

**QV270**

D1 A clear, odourless, tasteless liquid that is essential for most animal and plant life and is an excellent solvent for many substances. The chemical formula is hydrogen oxide (H<sub>2</sub>O). As a substance and environmentally. For water in the body or tissue use BODY WATER. For /administration consider also FLUID THERAPY or INFUSIONS, PARENTERAL or REHYDRATION SOLUTIONS. For / adverse effects consider also WATER INTOXICATION. / metabolism must refer to metabolism of exogenous water, for water content or organs and tissue use BODY WATER /metabolism or BODY WATER / chemistry. For / standards consider also WATER SUPPLY. For /therapeutic use consider also HYDROTHERAPY and related terms. For / microbiology or / virology use WATER MICROBIOLOGY + specific microbe or virus. Atmospheric water is HUMIDITY. Heavy water is DEUTERIUM OXIDE. For water intake use DRINKING. For hardness or softness of water use / chemistry but consider also WATER SOFTENING. Water consumption is WATER or WATER SUPPLY if on a wide scale, DRINKING if on a personal level. For / blood use BLOOD. For / urine

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- use URINE. For / supply & distribution use WATER SUPPLY. For / toxicity use WATER INTOXICATION.
- In the diet **WD95**
- Public health aspects **W35-7**
- See related** BODY FLUIDS; DRINKING; HUMIDITY; HYDROTHERAPY; ICE; SEAWATER; STEAM
- Water birth **see** LABOUR, OBSTETRIC **WQ308**
- Water consumption **see** DRINKING **WI102**
- WATER-ELECTROLYTE BALANCE** **QU105**  
G2 G3 G7 The balance of fluid in the BODY FLUID COMPARTMENTS; total BODY WATER; BLOOD VOLUME; EXTRACELLULAR SPACE; INTRACELLULAR SPACE, etc., maintained by processes in the body that regulate the intake and excretion of WATER and ELECTROLYTES, particularly SODIUM and POTASSIUM. **See related** ELECTROLYTES; FLUID THERAPY; WATER-ELECTROLYTE IMBALANCE
- WATER-ELECTROLYTE IMBALANCE** **WD296**  
C18 Disturbances in the body's WATER-ELECTROLYTE BALANCE. **See related** ELECTROLYTES; FLUID THERAPY; WATER-ELECTROLYTE BALANCE
- Water intake **see** DRINKING **WI102**
- WATER MICROBIOLOGY** **QW80**  
H1 N6 The presence of bacteria, viruses, and fungi in water. This term is not restricted to pathogenic organisms. Coordinate with specific bacterium, virus or fungus. **See related** ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY; WATER POLLUTANTS; WATER POLLUTION
- WATER POLLUTANTS** **W46**  
D27 Substances or organisms which pollute the water or bodies of water. Use for water pollutants in general or those for which there is no specific heading. **See related** ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS
- WATER POLLUTANTS, CHEMICAL** **W46**  
D27 Chemical compounds which pollute the water of rivers, streams, lakes, the sea, reservoirs, or other bodies of water. Restrict to water in rivers, reservoirs, streams, lakes, sea, etc; specify pollutant if pertinent.
- WATER POLLUTION** **W46**  
N6 For thermal water pollution, co-ordinate with HOT TEMPERATURE. **See related** ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION
- WATER POLLUTION, CHEMICAL** **W46**  
N6 Adverse effect upon bodies of water (lakes, RIVERS, seas, groundwater etc.) caused by CHEMICAL WATER POLLUTANTS. Coordinate with specific source of pollution.
- WATER PURIFICATION** **W35**  
N6 Any of several processes in which undesirable impurities in water are removed or neutralised; for example, chlorination, filtration, primary treatment, ion exchange, and distillation. It includes treatment of waste water to provide potable and hygiene water in a controlled or closed environment as well as provision of public drinking water supplies.
- Water stress **see** DEHYDRATION **WD296**

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### WATER SUPPLY

**W35-7**

G3 Source, means, or process of supplying water (as for a community) usually including reservoirs, tunnels, and pipelines and often the watershed from which the water is ultimately drawn. Do not use with regard to FLUORIDATION which is assumed to be of the water supply. **See related** WATER PURIFICATION

Water vapour **see** STEAM

QV270

### WEANING

**WQ625**

G7 Permanent deprivation of breast milk and commencement of nourishment with other food. Include infant formulae and follow on milk and practical problems of bottle feeding. **See related** INFANT FORMULA; NUTRITION PROCESSES

### WEATHER

**G**

G16 N6 The state of the ATMOSPHERE over minutes to months. Do not confuse FOG with SMOG, which is a mixture of smoke & fog. **See related** HUMIDITY; ICE; SUNLIGHT

Web-based learning **see** COMPUTER ASSISTED LEARNING

L73

Websites **see** INTERNET

### WECHSLER SCALES

**WLM420**

F4 Tests designed to measure intellectual functioning in children and adults.

Wedensky inhibition **see** NEURAL CONDUCTION

WL200

### WEIGHT BEARING

G11 The physical state of supporting an applied load. This often refers to the weight-bearing bones or joints that support the body's weight, especially those in the spine, hip, knee, and foot. Coordinate with specific bone or joint / physiology.

### WEIGHT GAIN

**WD110**

C23 G7 Increase in BODY WEIGHT over existing weight. **See related** OBESITY

### WEIGHT LOSS

**WD110**

C23 G7 Decrease in existing BODY WEIGHT. **See related** THINNESS

Weight-loss agents **see** ANTI-OBESITY AGENTS

QV126

Weight reduction **see** WEIGHT LOSS

WD110

### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

**QC20**

E5 Measuring and weighing systems and processes. This term should not be used for the weight of an object or person. It relates to the system of measurement.

Pharmaceutical

**QV16**

### WEIL DISEASE

**WC420**

C1 A severe form of LEPTOSPIROSIS, usually caused by LEPTOSPIRA INTERROGANS SEROVAR ICTEROHAEMORRHAGIAE and occasionally other serovars. It is transmitted to humans by the rat and is characterised by hemorrhagic and renal symptoms with accompanying JAUNDICE.

Welfare **see** SOCIAL WELFARE

Welfare provision **see** SOCIAL WELFARE

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### WELLBEING

N1 Wessex MeSH The condition of being contented, healthy or successful; welfare.

**See related** HEALTH; SELF-HELP

Wellness centres **see** FITNESS CENTRES W570

Wellness programmes **see** HEALTH PROMOTION W500-80

Werdnig Hoffman disease **see** SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHIES OF CHILDHOOD WL314

Wernicke area **see** TEMPORAL LOBE WL132

### **WERNICKE ENCEPHALOPATHY**

**WM274.2**

C10 C18 C21 F3 An acute neurological disorder characterised by the triad of ophthalmoplegia, ataxia, and disturbances of mental activity or consciousness. Eye movement abnormalities include nystagmus, external rectus palsies, and reduced conjugate gaze. THIAMINE DEFICIENCY and chronic ALCOHOLISM are associated conditions. Pathologic features include periventricular petechial haemorrhages and neuropil breakdown in the diencephalon and brainstem. Chronic thiamine deficiency may lead to KORSAKOFF SYNDROME.

Wernicke haemianopic pupil **see** PUPIL DISORDERS WW365

Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome **see** KORSAKOFF SYNDROME WM274.2

### WESSEX

**G**

Z1 An ancient name for an area roughly co-existent with the current Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire and Somerset. It was used as the name of a region in the National Health Services.

West Bank **see** MIDDLE EAST G

### **WEST NILE VIRUS**

**QW168**

B4 A species of FLAVIVIRUS, one of the Japanese encephalitis virus group (ENCEPHALITIS VIRUSES, JAPANESE). It can infect birds and mammals. In humans, it is seen most frequently in Africa, Asia, and Europe presenting as a silent infection or undifferentiated fever (WEST NILE FEVER). The virus appeared in North America for the first time in 1999. It is transmitted mainly by CULEX spp mosquitoes which feed primarily on birds, but it can also be carried by the Asian Tiger mosquito, AEDES albopictus, which feeds mainly on mammals.

West syndrome **see** SPASMS, INFANTILE WL470

Western Asia **see** ASIA, WESTERN G

Western Europe **see** EUROPE G

### **WESTERN WORLD**

**G**

I1 A historical and cultural entity dispersed across the wide geographical area of Europe, as opposed to the East, Asia, and Africa. The term was used by scholars through the late mediaeval period. Thereafter, with the impact of colonialism and the transmission of cultures, Western World was sometimes expanded to include the Americas.

Wet lung **see** PULMONARY OEDEMA WF635

### **WET MACULAR DEGENERATION**

**WW375**

C11 A form of RETINAL DEGENERATION in which abnormal CHOROIDAL NEOVASCULARISATION occurs under the RETINA and MACULA LUTEA, causing bleeding and leaking of fluid. This leads to bulging and or lifting of the macula and the distortion or destruction of central vision.

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<u>WEYMOUTH</u>	<b>G</b>
Z1 A sea-side town in Dorset.	
Wheat allergy <b>see</b> WHEAT HYPERSENSITIVITY	WD180
Wheat bran <b>see</b> DIETARY FIBRE	WD52
<b>WHEAT HYPERSENSITIVITY</b>	<b>WD180</b>
C20 Allergic reaction to wheat that is triggered by the immune system. <b>See related</b> COELIAC DISEASE; GLUTEN-FREE DIET; GLUTENS	
<b>WHEELCHAIRS</b>	<b>WB650</b>
E7 Chairs mounted on wheels and designed to be propelled by the occupant.	
Wheezing <b>see</b> RESPIRATORY SOUNDS	WF102
<b>WHIPLASH INJURIES</b>	<b>WL546</b>
C21 Hyperextension injury to the neck, often the result of being struck from behind by a fast-moving vehicle, in an automobile accident.	
Whirlpool baths <b>see</b> HYDROTHERAPY	WB520
<b>WHISTLEBLOWING</b>	<b>WX180</b>
F1 The reporting of observed or suspected PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT or incompetence to appropriate authorities or to the public.	
White blood cells <b>see</b> LEUKOCYTES	WH200
White spots, dental <b>see</b> DENTAL CARIES	WU270
<u>WHITLEY COUNCILS</u>	<b>WX456</b>
N3 Former negotiating bodies for NHS personnel.	
WHO <b>see</b> World Health Organization	WX80
<b>WHOLE-BODY IRRADIATION</b>	<b>WN330</b>
E2 E5 Irradiation of the whole body with ionising or non-ionising radiation. It is applicable to humans or animals but not to micro-organisms.	
Whole body plethysmography <b>see</b> PLETHYSMOGRAPHY, WHOLE BODY	WF141
Whole chromosomal probes <b>see</b> DNA PROBES	QU58.5
<b>WHOOPING COUGH</b>	<b>WC340</b>
C1 C8 A respiratory infection caused by BORDETELLA PERTUSSIS and characterised by paroxysmal coughing ending in a prolonged crowing intake of breath. <b>See related</b> PERTUSSIS VACCINE	
Widow <b>see</b> WIDOWHOOD	HQ560
Widower <b>see</b> WIDOWHOOD	HQ560
<b>WIDOWHOOD</b>	<b>HQ560</b>
F1 I1 N1 The state of having lost a marital partner by death. For woman or man. For spousal bereavement coordinate with BEREAVEMENT. For coping behaviour coordinate with ADAPTATION, PSYCHOLOGICAL. <b>See related</b> SINGLE PERSON	

## W

- Wife **see** SPOUSES HQ500-70
- Wife abuse **see** SPOUSE ABUSE HQ675
- WILDERNESS MEDICINE** **WB107**  
H2 Skills and knowledge required for assessment and treatment of traumatic, environmental, and medical emergencies in remote geographic or wilderness environments.
- Will **see** VOLITION WLM452
- WILLIAMS SYNDROME** **WM845**  
C10 C14 C16 A disorder caused by hemizygous microdeletion of about 28 genes on chromosome 7q11.23, including the ELASTIN gene. Clinical manifestations include SUPRAVALVULAR AORTIC STENOSIS; LEARNING DISABILITY; elfin facies; impaired visuospatial constructive abilities; and transient HYPERCALCAEMIA in infancy. The condition affects both sexes, with onset at birth or in early infancy. **See related** LEARNING DISABILITY
- WILLS** **WT605**  
I1 Legal documents that are declarations of individuals' wishes regarding the disposal of their property or estate after death; especially written instruments, legally executed, by which dispositions are made of estates. LIVING WILLS are written declarations regarding prolongation of life by extraordinary means. **See related** LIVING WILLS
- WILTSHIRE **G**  
Z1 A county in south west England.
- WINCHESTER **G**  
Z1 The county town of Hampshire and ancient capital of England.
- WINE** **WD96**  
J2 Fermented juice of fresh grapes or of other fruit or plant products used as a beverage.
- WIT AND HUMOUR AS TOPIC** **WZ305**  
K1 The faculty of expressing the amusing, clever, or comical or the keen perception and cleverly apt expression of connections between ideas that awaken amusement and pleasure. For / therapeutic use, use LAUGHTER THERAPY **See related** HUMOUR (PUBLICATION TYPE); HUMOUR AS TOPIC; LAUGHTER; LAUGHTER THERAPY
- WITCHCRAFT** **BL**  
E2 I1 An act of employing sorcery (the use of power gained from the assistance or control of spirits), especially with malevolent intent, and the exercise of supernatural powers and alleged intercourse with the devil or a familiar. **See related** MAGIC
- Withdrawal symptoms **see** SUBSTANCE WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME WM270.5
- Withdrawing care **see** WITHHOLDING TREATMENT WA260
- WITHHOLDING TREATMENT** **WA260**  
E2 N2 Withholding or withdrawal of a particular treatment or treatments, often (but not necessarily) life-prolonging treatment, from a patient or from a research subject as part of a research protocol. The concept is differentiated from REFUSAL TO TREAT, where the emphasis is on the health professional's or health facility's refusal to treat a patient or group of patients when the patient or the patient's representative requests treatment. Withholding of life-prolonging treatment is usually indexed only with EUTHANASIA, PASSIVE, unless the distinction between withholding and withdrawing treatment, or the issue of withholding palliative rather than curative treatment, is discussed. **See related** EUTHANASIA, PASSIVE; RESUSCITATION ORDERS

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Wittenborn scales <b>see</b> PSYCHIATRIC STATUS RATING SCALES	WM145
<u>WIVELISCOMBE</u>	<b>G</b>
Z1	
Wives <b>see</b> SPOUSES	HQ500-70
Woman <b>see</b> WOMEN	HM242
<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>HM242</b>
M1 Human adult females as cultural, psychological, sociological, political and economic entities.	
Women, abused <b>see</b> BATTERED WOMEN	HQ675
Women dentists <b>see</b> DENTISTS, WOMEN	WU21
Women doctors <b>see</b> PHYSICIANS, WOMEN	WA280
Women offenders <b>see</b> OFFENDERS	HM422
<b>WOMEN, WORKING</b>	<b>HM242</b>
M1 Women who are engaged in gainful activities usually outside the home.	
<b>WOMEN'S HEALTH</b>	<b>WP</b>
N1 The concept covering the physical and mental conditions of women.	
Mental health	<b>WM31</b>
Occupational health	<b>W385</b>
Sociological aspects	<b>W250</b>
<b>WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>WP27</b>
N2 Organised services to provide health care to women. It excludes maternal care services for which MATERNAL HEALTH SERVICES is available.	
Women's liberation <b>see</b> WOMEN'S RIGHTS	HM245
<b>WOMEN'S RIGHTS</b>	<b>HM245</b>
I1 N3 The rights of women to equal status pertaining to social, economic, and educational opportunities afforded by society.	
At work	<b>WX422</b>
Sex discrimination	<b>HM242</b>
<b>See related</b> CIVIL RIGHTS; FEMINISM; HUMAN RIGHTS; PREJUDICE	
Women's role <b>see</b> GENDER IDENTITY	HQ300
<b>WOOD</b>	<b>T</b>
A18 J1 A product of hard secondary xylem composed of CELLULOSE, hemicellulose, and LIGNANS, that is under the bark of trees and shrubs. It is used in construction and as a source of CHARCOAL and many other products.	
Wood alcohol <b>see</b> METHANOL	QV83
<b>WORD ASSOCIATION TESTS</b>	<b>WLM145</b>
F1 Lists of words to which individuals are asked to respond ascertaining the conceptual meaning held by the individual. <b>See related</b> ASSOCIATION	
Word blindness <b>see</b> DYSLEXIA	WS725

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- Word blindness, acquired **see** DYSLEXIA, ACQUIRED WL760
- WORD PROCESSING** QA126  
L1 N4 Text editing and storage functions using computer software. **See related** SOFTWARE
- Word processors **see** WORD PROCESSING QA126
- WORK** HM225  
I3 Productive or purposeful activities, differentiate from PHYSICAL EXERTION (physiological effort), EMPLOYMENT (for pay), ENERGY METABOLISM. BURNOUT, PROFESSIONAL is available.  
Psychology WLM905  
**See related** EFFICIENCY; EMPLOYMENT
- WORK CAPACITY EVALUATION** WA355-70  
E1 Assessment of physiological capacities in relation to job requirements. It is usually done by measuring certain physiological (e.g., circulatory and respiratory) variables during a gradually increasing workload until specific limitations occur with respect to those variables. **See related** DISABILITY EVALUATION
- WORK-LIFE BALANCE** WX430  
I1 I3 The optimal arrangement of an individual's on-the-job and private time to facilitate health and personal satisfaction without negatively impacting productivity and professional success  
Psychological aspects of work WLM905
- Work load **see** WORKLOAD
- Work location **see** WORKPLACE
- Work satisfaction **see** JOB SATISFACTION WX426
- WORK SCHEDULE TOLERANCE** WL724  
I03 Physiological or psychological effects of periods of work which may be fixed or flexible such as flexitime, work shifts, and rotating shifts. **See related** CIRCADIAN RHYTHM; SLEEP DISORDERS
- Work study **see** TASK PERFORMANCE AND ANALYSIS WX220
- WORKERS' COMPENSATION**  
N3 Insurance coverage providing compensation and medical benefits to individuals because of work-connected injuries or disease.  
Medico-legal aspects WA370  
**See related** COMPENSATION AND REDRESS; DISABILITY EVALUATION
- Workforce **see** EMPLOYMENT
- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONFEDERATION WX162  
N3 Wessex Mesh.
- Workforce Development Directorate **see** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONFEDERATION WX162
- Workforce planning **see** HEALTH MANPOWER WX162
- Working hours **see** WORKLOAD
- Working women **see** WOMEN, WORKING HM242

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### WORKLOAD

**WX220**

N4 The total amount of work to be performed by an individual, a department or other group of workers in a period of time.

Among doctors

**WA241**

### WORKPLACE

N1 N4 Place or physical location of work or employment. **See related** EMPLOYMENT

### WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

**WX424**

I1 Threatened or actual attempt to harm others at place of employment.

Violent patient

Violent psychiatric patients

**WA60**

**WM38**

**See related** VIOLENCE; AGGRESSION

Works department **see** MAINTENANCE AND ENGINEERING, HOSPITAL

WX680-747

Workshop, consensus **see** CONSENSUS DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES AS TOPIC WX225

Workshops **see** EDUCATION

Worksite **see** WORKPLACE

World Bank **see** UNITED NATIONS

JC4

World health **see** GLOBAL HEALTH

WX90

### WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

**WX80**

N3 A specialised agency of the United Nations designed as a coordinating authority on international health work; its aim is to promote the attainment of the highest possible level of health by all peoples.

### WORLD WAR I

**D**

K1 Global conflict primarily fought on European continent, that occurred between 1914 and 1918.

### WORLD WAR II

**D**

K1 Global conflict involving countries of Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America that occurred between 1939 and 1945.

World wide web **see** INTERNET

Worms, parasitic **see** HELMINTHS

WC800

### WOUND HEALING

**WO196**

G16 Restoration of integrity to traumatized tissue. Also available is FRACTURE HEALING. **See related** CICATRIX; GRANULATION TISSUE; REGENERATION

### WOUND INFECTION

**WO197**

C1 C21 Invasion of the site of trauma by pathogenic microorganisms. Do not coordinate with BACTERIAL INFECTIONS unless they are particularly discussed. **See related** CLOSTRIDIUM INFECTION; INFECTION

Wound infection, postoperative **see** SURGICAL WOUND INFECTION

WO197

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### WOUNDS AND INJURIES

**WO196**

C21 Damage inflicted on the body as the direct or indirect result of an external force, with or without disruption of structural continuity. Prefer / injuries with organs and specific types of wounds. MULTIPLE TRAUMA is available.

As aetiological factor

**QZ55**

**See related** EMERGENCIES; FIRST AID; LACERATIONS; TRAUMA

### WOUNDS, GUNSHOT

**WD465**

C21 Disruption of structural continuity of the body as a result of the discharge of firearms. Coordinate with organ / injuries. Ballistics in gunshot wounds goes here and under FORENSIC MEDICINE if pertinent.

Wounds, multiple **see** MULTIPLE TRAUMA

**WD450-90**

### WOUNDS, NONPENETRATING

**WD475**

C21 Injuries caused by impact with a blunt object where there is no penetration of the skin. Coordinate with organ / injuries. **See related** CONTUSIONS

### WOUNDS, PENETRATING

**WD475**

C21 Wounds caused by objects penetrating the skin. WOUNDS, GUNSHOT and WOUNDS, STAB are also available.

### WRIST

**WE645**

A1 The region of the upper limb between the metacarpus and the FOREARM. Wrist ganglion is indexed under WRIST + SYNOVIAL CYST. Differentiate from WRIST JOINT. For / injuries use WRIST INJURIES. **See related** CARPAL BONES; HAND; WRIST INJURIES

### WRIST INJURIES

**WE645**

C21 Injuries to the wrist or the wrist joint. Consider also CARPAL BONES / injuries. **See related** FOREARM INJURIES; HAND INJURIES; REPETITION STRAIN INJURY; SPRAINS AND STRAINS

### WRIST JOINT

**WE645**

A2 The joint that is formed by the distal end of the RADIUS, the articular disc of the distal radioulnar joint, and the proximal row of CARPAL BONES; (SCAPHOID BONE; LUNATE BONE; triquetral bone). Differentiate from WRIST.

### WRITING

L1 The act or practice of literary composition, the occupation of writer, or producing or engaging in literary work as a profession. Do not confuse with PUBLISHING or LITERATURE or AUTHORSHIP (identity as an author) or JOURNALISM. Medical writing can go here, but consider JOURNALISM. Style of writing goes here; editing for publication goes under PUBLISHING, writing for periodicals goes

under PERIODICALS. Letters go under CORRESPONDENCE. HANDWRITING is also available.

As a therapy

**WB590**

Medical and scientific writing and publishing

**Q50**

Business and management reports

**WX226**

Writing dissertations and theses

**L128**

**See related** MEDICAL WRITING

Wrongful death **see** HOMICIDE

**HM432**

Wryneck **see** TORTICOLLIS

**WE415**