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dry pleurisy *n.* Pleurisy characterized by a fibrinous exudation, resulting in adhesion between the opposing surfaces of the pleura.

dry rale *n.* An auscultative sound produced by a bronchial constriction or narrowing.

dry socket *n.* A painful inflamed condition at the site of extraction of a tooth that occurs when a blood clot fails to form properly or is dislodged.

dry synovitis *n.* Synovitis with little serous or purulent effusion.

dry vomiting *n.* See **vomitus**.

DT *abbr.* delirium tremens; duration tetany

DTaP *abbr.* acellular pertussis vaccine

DTIC (dē'tē-ē-sē') *n.* Dacarbazine; an antineoplastic agent used in the treatment of malignant melanoma and Hodgkin's disease.

DTP *abbr.* diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and pertussis vaccine

dualism (dōō'ə-liz'əm, dyōō'-) *n.* The view in psychology that the mind and body function separately, without interchange.

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duct (dūkt) *n.* A tubular bodily canal or passage, especially one for carrying a glandular secretion such as bile.

duc-tion (dūk'shan) *n.* 1. The act of leading, bringing, or conducting. 2. The rotation of an eye on the vertical and horizontal axis.

duct-less (dūkt'lēs) *adj.* Lacking a duct, as glands that only secrete internally.

ductless gland *n.* See **endocrine gland**.

duc-tule (dūk'tüöl', -tyüöl') *n.* A small duct.

Du-gas' test (dōō-gäz', dyōō-) *n.* A test performed to determine whether an injured shoulder is due to a dislocation or a fracture.

Dukes classification (dōōks, dyōōks) *n.* A classification into three stages of the extent of spread of operable carcinoma of the large intestine.

dull (dül) *adj.* **dull-er**, **dull-est**. 1. Lacking responsiveness or alertness; insensitive. 2. Not intensely or keenly felt, as in pain. — **dullness** *n.*

dump-ing syndrome (däm'ping) *n.* A condition occurring after eating in patients with shunts of the upper alimentary canal and including flushing, sweating, dizziness, weakness, and vasomotor instability.

(dōō-ōd'n-ēk', dyōō-) *n.* Surgical excision of all or part of the duodenum.

du-o-de-ni-tis (dōō'ō-də-nē-tēs, dyōō'-, dōō-ōd'n-ēt', dyōō-) *n.* Inflammation of the duodenum.

du-o-de-no-en-ter-os-to-my (dōō'ō-dē-nō-ēn-ta-rōs'ta-mē, dyōō'-, dōō-ōd'n-ō-, dyōō-) *n.* The surgical formation of a passage between the duodenum and another part of the intestinal tract.

du-o-de-no-je-ju-nos-to-my (dōō'ō-dē-nō-ja-jōō'nōs'ta-mē, dyōō'-, dōō-ōd'n-ō-, dyōō-) *n.* The surgical formation of a passage between the duodenum and the jejunum.

du-o-de-nol-y-sis (dōō'ō-də-nōl'i-sēs, dyōō'-, dōō-ōd'n-ōl', dyōō-) *n.* The freeing of the duodenum from adhesions by means of surgery.

du-o-de-nor-pha-phy (dōō'ō-də-nōr'ə-fē, dyōō'-, dōō-ōd'n-ōr', dyōō-) *n.* Suture of a tear or incision in the duodenum.

du-o-de-nos-co-py (dōō'ō-də-nōs'ka-pē, dyōō'-, dōō-ōd'n-ōs', dyōō-) *n.* The examination of the interior of the duodenum through an endoscope.

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du-o-de-not-o-my (dōō'ō-də-nōt'ə-mē, dyōō'-, dōō-ōd'n-ōt', dyōō-) *n.* Surgical incision of the duodenum.

du-o-de-num (dōō'ō-dē'nam, dyōō'-, dōō-ōd'n-ām, dyōō-) *n., pl. du-o-de-nums or du-o-de-na* (dōō'ō-dē'na, dyōō'-, dōō-ōd'n-ā, dyōō-). The beginning portion of the small intestine, starting at the lower end of the stomach and extending to the jejunum. — **du'o-de'nal** (dōō'ō-dē'nal, dyōō'-, dōō-ōd'n-āl, dyōō-) *adj.*

du-plex uterus (dōō'plēks', dyōō'-) *n.* A uterus with a double lumen.

du-pli-ca-tion (dōō'pli-kā'shən, dyōō'-) *n.* The existence or growth into two corresponding parts.

duplication of chromosomes *n.* The repetition of a section of genetic material in a chromosome.

Du-puy-Du-temp's operation (dū-pwe'-dū-tāns') *n.* An operation for correcting stenosis of the lacrimal duct.

du-ra (dōō'rə, dyōō'rə) *n.* See **dura mater**. — **du'ral** *adj.*

dura ma-ter (mā'tär, mā-) *n.* The tough fibrous membrane covering the brain and spinal cord and lining the inner surface of the skull.

dur. dol. *abbr.* Latin. durante dolore (while the pain lasts)

Du-ro-ziez murmur (dōō-rō'zē-ā', dū-rō-zyā') *n.* See **Duroziez symptom**.

Duroziez symptom *n.* A double murmur heard over the femoral artery in cases of aortic insufficiency.

dwarf (dwōrf) *n., pl. dwarfs or dwarves* (dwōrvz). An abnormally small person, often having limbs and features not properly proportioned or formed.

dwarf-ism (dwōrf'iz'm) *n.* A pathological condition of arrested growth having various causes.

dwarf-let (dwōrl'it) *n.* 1. Two individuals or units

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