

## Is it -itis or -osis?

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Many medical and veterinary terms end in the suffixes -itis and -osis. -itis generally refers to an inflammation of a certain organ or tissue. -osis often refers to a process, usually an abnormal one. Try to match the '-itises' and '-osises' with their definition.

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| 1. Arthritis   | A. Disease caused by a fungus                   |
| 2. Cyanosis    | B. Bluish or grayish color to the skin and gums |
| 3. Dermatitis  | C. A hardening of tissue                        |
| 4. Enteritis   | D. Inflammation of the kidney                   |
| 5. Hepatitis   | E. Inflammation of the skin                     |
| 6. Mycosis     | F. Inflammation of the joint                    |
| 7. Nephritis   | G. Inflammation of the intestine                |
| 8. Pediculosis | H. Narrowing                                    |
| 9. Prognosis   | I. Itching                                      |
| 10. Pruritus   | J. Inflammation of the liver                    |
| 11. Sclerosis  | K. Predicted outcome                            |
| 12. Stenosis   | L. Infestation with lice                        |

Answers

1. F  
2. B  
3. E  
4. G  
5. J  
6. A  
7. D  
8. L  
9. K  
10. I  
11. C  
12. H

Score

- 0-2 -O reSISt the urge to quit  
3-5 -O thiS IS a good time to review  
6-9 -IT IS a good start  
10-12 -IT IS time to say 'Congratulations!'