



Eponyms Quiz by Laura King, MA, ELS

Directions: Eponyms are names or phrases derived from or including the name of a person or place. Traditionally, eponyms named after the describer or discoverer (eg, Bell's palsy, Alzheimer's disease) took the possessive form and those named for other persons or for places took the nonpossessive form (eg, Guillain-Barré syndrome, Lyme disease); however, current usage dictates the omission of the 's in most cases. The following sentences all contain eponyms. Edit the sentences based on your reading of [chapter 16](#) of the [AMA Manual of Style](#). In some instances, referral to a medical dictionary (*Stedman's Medical Dictionary* or *Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary*) or another section of the style manual may be helpful.

1. Both congenital hypothyroidism and acquired hypothyroidism are common in patients with Down's syndrome.

2. Huntington Disease (HD) is an incurable, dominant neurodegenerative disorder caused by polyglutamine repeat expansion in the huntingtin protein; reducing mutant huntingtin expression may offer a treatment for HD.

3. Juvenile Paget's disease, or idiopathic hyperphosphatasia, is a rare recessively inherited disorder characterized by greatly accelerated bone turnover throughout the skeleton.

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4. The data, which were analyzed with descriptive statistics and Fisher's exact test, included presenting age, sex, presenting signs, lesion site, and radiographic, endoscopic, and histologic findings.

5. In the United States, the most common herbal treatments used by children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder are St John's wort, *Echinacea* species, and *Ginkgo biloba*.

6. Genetic approaches have helped define the underlying molecular events responsible for some Mendelian forms of glaucoma.

7. The 30-year-old athlete sought treatment for chronic soreness of his right elbow (pitcher's elbow).

8. The study included 189 patients who met National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke–Alzheimer Disease and Related Disorders Association (NINCDS-ADRDA) criteria for probable Alzheimer disease.

9. Stiff man's syndrome is a rare disorder that is characterized by progressive muscle stiffness, rigidity, and spasms predominantly affecting axial musculature.

10. Farr's Law of Epidemics, first promulgated in 1840 and resurrected by Brownlee in the early 1900s, states that epidemics tend to rise and fall in a roughly symmetrical pattern that can be approximated by a normal bell-shaped curve.

