

Plurals Quiz

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Directions: Edit the following sentences for appropriate usage of plurals based on your understanding of §9.0, Plurals of the *AMA Manual of Style*.

1. Patients and caregivers should plan on median life spans as long as 7 to 10 years for patients whose conditions are diagnosed in their 60's and early 70's.
2. Molecular genetics have contributed greatly to our understanding of inherited ocular disease.
3. Sera from 100 infants in the study were collected at birth.
4. The physicians were asked to mind their p's and q's while the new medical record system was being implemented.
5. The emergency department staff were asked to implement and manage the screening procedures.

6. Of the patients, 83% was ambulatory at the time of discharge.

7. Specific formulae have been described for growth, angiogenesis, cell-to-cell adhesion, and even pH regulation and drug administration.

8. Endocarditis was confirmed if active *Staphylococci* were demonstrated by histologic examination or culture.

9. Of the 3 types of *Proteuses*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Proteus vulgarism*, and *Proteus penneri*, *P mirabilis* causes most of *Proteus*-related infections.

10. During the initial period of spread, the incidence of vancomycin-resistant enterococci was reported to be much higher among patients located in intensive care units (ICU's) compared with those not in ICU's.

11. After the biohazardous material spill in the emergency departments (EDs) of the medical pavilion, warning signs reading "DO NOT ENTER EDS" were placed throughout the buildings.

12. In the study of veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder, 60 mg of phenelzine sulfate were administered to each study participant.

13. Oral psoralen with UV-A therapy releases circulating growth factor(s) that stimulate cell proliferation.

14. The – sign indicate that the patient tested negative for hepatitis C virus.

15. Social media have been successfully used to recruit participants for cancer clinical trials.