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Over the years, the pages of Word Ways have contained transposals of all sorts—transposals of names of places, US states, colors, chemical elements, personal names, and so on.

I was wondering recently whether there was any particular class of words or names that hadn't been investigated extensively for transposals. After some thought, it occurred to me that there are a myriad of names for drugs, medicines and various medical treatments which are routinely not included in dictionaries. Such words and names are usually listed in dedicated medical reference works, rather than the average dictionary fare of Word Ways readers.

I borrowed my wife's copy of MIMS (Jan 1994), a pocket guide to commonly prescribed drugs and medicines. By no means exhaustive, it nevertheless represented a good starting point in the search for drug name transposals, or pharmacograms as I've dubbed them. After a few hours searching, I have unearthed 300 sets of transposals of six or more letters, given in the accompanying list. Asterisked words are transposals of each other.

For words of 6, 7, 8 ... 12 letters I found 42, 111, 97, 37, 10, 2 and 1 transposals, respectively. I'm sure that a more extensive search of many more encyclopedic reference works would dredge up lots of transposals that have been omitted from my list. Any additions?

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ATIVAN avanti, BIORAL bailor, CANTIL catlin tincal, DAONIL dolina Ladino, DETTOL dottie dotle lotted, DIREMA* admire, ENAVID invade, EPOXYL deploy ployed podley, ERAMID* admirer, HEPSAL alephs, IMURAN rumina, ISOGEL logos, KALTEN anklet, LANVIS avils silvan vinals, LENIUM lumine unlime, LIMONE lomein Moline oilmen, LODINE doline indole, MORSEP eproms mopers proems, NACTON cannot canton, NARDIL aldrin, NEGRAM engram German manger ragmen, NEPTAL planet platen, NIPENT pinnet tenpin, NUELIN unline, NYSTAN syntan, OPSITE postie potsie sopite, PAMINE pieman, PECRAM camper, PSORIN orpins prions prison proins spinor, RETIN-A ratine retina retain, SABRIL brails, brasil libras, SAIZEN azines zanies, SELSUN unless, SIOPEL pilose poleis, STARIL trails trials, STERAC carets cartes caster craters crates recasts to recast, tracer, SURGAM garums, SYTRON shorty, TERCIN cretin, TILADE detail dilate tailed, TUINAL unital, UTINOR turion, VALIUM maulvi, VIDENE deven endive envied vein
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ACEPRIL caliper replica, ACETEST casette, AEROLIN aileron alerion alien- or, ALCOPAR caporal, ALGICON coaling, ALOMIDE melodía, ALUPENT up- leant, ANETHOL ethanol, APROTEN operant pronate protean, ASENDIS sdaines, ASILONE anisole, ASTIBAN abstain, BARATOL ablator, BENELVA verbena, BRIETAL librate tablier triable, CALOGEN congeal, CAPOTEN patence, CARDENE enraiced recaned, CELANCE cenacle, CEPORIN pericon poncier porcine, CYTOSAR castory, DANERAL adrenal, DEPONIT pointed, DESERIL resiled, DICONAL nodical, DIMELOR moldier, DIODERM dermoid, DURAGEL raguled, EDECRIN cedrine, ELUDRIL dullier, EMINASE meanies nemesia, ENDURON enround, ENTACYL latency, EQUANIL equinal quinela, ERALDIN* Ireland, ESBATAN ablates astable, FRAGMIN farming framing, FRUSENE unfrees, GANITAR granita, GELUSIL gullies ligules, GENISOL eloigns legions lignose longies, GUARINA Guarani, HAYMINE hy- menia, HUMEGON humogen, ILOSONE loonies, IMPERON fermion, INDERAL* Ireland, INDEREX indexer reindex, INFACOL folacin, LABITON bitonal, LAMISIL limails, LYNCLEAR clearly, MANEVAC caveman, MEDISED demised misdeed, MEDRONE moderne, MERSILK milkers, METILAM lamiter maltier marlite, METOSYN etymons, MICOREN incomer, MONOLET moonlet toolmen, MUSTINE minuets minutes mistune munites mutines, NEOCATE acetone, NERICUR currnir reîncur, NILEVAR* ravelin, NOLUDAR nodular, NULACIN uncinal, ORALCER caroler, ORBENIN bonnier, PENTASA anapest peasan, PENTRAL pantier planter replant, PEPDITE peptide, PERINAL pearlin plainer praline, PLESMET pelmets stempel stemple temples, PONSTAN non- past pantons, PREDISOL polders presold, PRESCAL carpels clasper crapes parcles placers reclasp scalar, PRESTIM imprest permits, PRIADEL pedrail predial, PRIIPSEN nippers snipper, PROVERA vaporier, RAPIFEN firepan, REGAINE reginae, REGULAN granule, REVANIL* ravelin, RINATEC* cantier ceratin certain creatin crinate nacrite, RONICOL orcinol, SALURIC uracils, SAROTEN atoners senator treason, SCOLINE cineols conseil in- close, SECTRAL cartels claret cres cent scarlet tarcls, SECURON conures rounces, SEPTRIN nipters pterins, SERAVIT tavers vastier veritas, SINEMET emetins, SONI-SLO solions, SOTALOL latosol, SPARINE paniers rapines, STIEDEX existed, SURAMIN uransism, TACRINE* cantier ceratin certain creatin crinate nacrite, TERONAC* enactor, TERPOIN pointer pro- tein pterion repoint tropine, TILDIEL demit limit limited, TORECAN* enactor, TRITACE cattier citrate, UBRETID bruited, UNIGEST gunites, UNISEPT puniest punties, VENTIDE evident, YUTOAR outpray, ZEASORB bezoars

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ACTILYSE clayiest, ACTONORM monocrat, ALCODERM clamored, ALVERCOL coverall overcall, AMINOSOL moonsail, AMSIDINE amidines diamines, AN- TEPISIN* pantines, ASPELLIN splenial, BRASIVOL bolivars, CATAPRES cap- rates, CEDOCARD accorded, CENSEDAL cleansed, CITANEST cantiest, ent- tastic, nitates, tetanics, CLOREYAN novercal, CORACTEN accentor, DE- BRISAN brandies brandise, DEPOSTAT despotat postdate, DESFERAL fed- erals, DESTOLIT doîltest, DIMOTANE dominate nematoid, DIPENTUM impu- dent, DURENATE denature underate undereat, ELDISINE sideline, ESTRAPA- PAK partakes, GELCOSAL collages, GENERAID regained, GENTICIN enticing,
GESTANIN antigens gentians steaming, GLUTAFIN faulting, GRISOVIN vis-oring, ISOTRATE toaster, KALSPARE asparkle, LABOPRIN panbrol, LABOSEPT potables, LAMICTAL climatal, LASORIDE daroiles solidare soredial, LIPOSTAT talipots, LOESTRIN retinols, MASTERIL lamister lamiters marliest marlites misalter, MEDICOAL cameloid melodica, MEDILAVE medieval, MENADIOL melanoid, MESTINON mentions, METRODIN dormant, NAPRATEC catnaper, NASEPTIN* pantines, NORMACOL colorman, NORMISON norimons, OPTIMINE pimiento, ORALDENE oleander reloaned, ORGRAINE orangier, ORIMETEN timoneer, OSMOLITE toilsome, PALDESIC displace, PIPADONE peponida, PROCaine apocrine caponier, PROMINAL prolamin, REABILAN inarable, REHIDRAT trihedra, RESOCHIN chorines, RESONIUM inermous monsieur, RINSTEAD detrains randiest strained, ROCEPHIN prochein, SALONAIR orinasal, SECRETIN centries enterics enticers scienter, SEMITARD marliest misrated readmits, SERENACE encrease, SEREVENT eventers, SEVREDDOL resolved, SKINOREN einkorns nonskier, SNO TEARS assentor senators starnose treasons, SONALGIN loanings, SOTAZIDE azotised, STAYCEPT typecast, STERIPOD diopters dioptres dipteros peridots proteids riposted, STESOLID solidest, STUGERON sturgeon, SUDOCREM decorums, SULINDAC dulcians, SUSTANON stannous, SYNADRIN innyards, TAMBOCOR mobocrat, TENSILON insolent, TOFRANIL flatiron inflator, TONOCARD acrodont, TOSMELIN molinetes, TRANDATE tartaned, TRANSLET slattem trentals, TRIADENE detainer retained, TRIDIONE retinoid, TRIMOPAN protamin, TUBARINE braunite urbanite, VASCULIT victuals, VASTEROL levators oversalt, VATENSOL volantes, VENTOLIN violent, VERACTIL vertical, VERTIGON revoting

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ACITRETIN intricate triactine, ALDACTONE anecdotal, AMSACRINE Americans, AUGMENTIN unteaming, BUSERELIN nebulsier, CALCISORB carbolics, CARTEOLOL corollate, CONDYLINE indolency, GALCODINE coleading, genocidal, GNARTRININ straining, trainings, COSERELIN eloigners, HISTAMINE thiamines, INDERECT reincited, LINGRaine reinailling, LOMUSTINE moulitenets, MESOTONIN noontimes, MESTRANOL marlstone, MODURETIC udometric, NITROCINE incrition, PALUDRINE*, PARSTELIN interlaps strapline trapezines triplanes, PENIDURAL*, PERIACTIN pictarnie, PERTOFRAN perforant, PIRACETAM metacarpi, PSORIDERM primrosed, RHINOLAST horttails, SEROTONIN ironstone, SETOPRESS portesses, SINTHROME horse-mint thermions, STREPTASE pretastes, SULTHIAME haulmies, TENSORIP posterior progestin reposting, TERAZOSIN notarizes, TOCAINE dianoetic, TRICLOSAN cilantros contrails, ULTRABASE saturable

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AMANTADINE adamantaire, ANISTREPLASE pleasantry, DECASERPYL clepsydrae, DIPROSALIC sporicidal, DISTJGMINE misediting, GLYPRESSIN presingly, LAMOTRIGINE meliorating, LANATOSIDE dealations, LASTOSHEER trehaloses, MACRODANTIN nondramatic, NUTRAMICEN numerating, PURINETHOL neutrophil, SAVENTRINE innerves