## MEDICAL FLOWERS, HORTICULTURAL AILMENTS

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Looking through a gardening magazine, I noticed that the names of some of the plants sounded like diseases. Conversely, many medical conditions sound like the names of flowers or plants.

Be sure to deadhead the angina; it will produce more flowers that way The black and orange anorexia is native to Australia The red beriberi fruit is very sweet but the seeds are bitter The pink bulimia usually flowers late in the spring The colitis grows even faster than kudzu The night blooming diphtheria is unusually fragrant The bright colored dyspepsia is very easy to grow from seed The elephantiasis leaves can grow to be four feet long If you plant the gingivitis bulbs too deep they may not flower this year You cannot eat the fruit from the dwarf variety of the jaundice tree One of the first flowers in the spring is the yellow malaria Meningitis can be grown indoors but you have to give it plenty of water The neuritis bulbs can only be divided in the fall Peritonitis does not require a lot of care and makes a good ground cover The blue pneumonia flowers are out early this year The purple rubella is available at most garden shops The salmonella root an be used to make tea The variegated sciatica makes a good border for the garden When you transplant the streptococci watch out for the thorns The tularemia will keep the slugs away from the other garden plants

Agrimony is usually caused by poor nutrition The dentist said that amaryllis was causing the bone loss around my teeth I am not running a fever, so I don't think I have begonia After doing so much typing I developed callicarpa tunnel syndrome Most antibiotics are not effective against elodea If you go to Asia you may want to get inoculated for frangipani and dengue fever Gaillardia is only spread by intimate human contact The eye doctor gave me some drops to treat my gloxinia In rain forest areas hepatica is spread by mosquitoes When I was five years old I had my jonquils taken out Kohlrabi is usually spread by wild foxes and bats When I was practicing for the marathon I developed a larkspur on my heel When he hit his head his lobelia was bruised I just felt a sharp pain in my nasturtium After I stopped smoking my pulmonaria started to clear up Whenever it starts to rain my plumbago starts to act up The medical condition for someone who cannot stop laughing is called psyllium The new expensive antibiotic that was developed is called trillium When he fell down he fractured his viburnum After shoveling snow all night I caught a good case of wisteria