

BRITISH AND AMERICAN ENGLISH: SPELLING DIFFERENCES IN MEDICAL TERMS

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Rewrite the following sentences with mixed spelling in either the British or American version (14 terms):

- 1. Hematology deals with different types of anaemias and leukemias.**
- 2. Foetal monitoring may help a gynaecologist to decide whether to do a Cesarean section.**
- 3. During labor, different types of anaesthesia may be administered.**
- 4. Diarrhoea is characterized by soft or liquid feces.**
- 5. Chronic esophageal reflux may cause a number of serious complications.**
- 6. An experienced paediatrician may diagnose an infant on the basis of his/her behavior.**
- 7. Oestrogen and progesterone are contained in some types of the contraceptive pill.**