

Word Formation and Transparency in Medical English

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Background

As a side effect of the rapid progress in medical research and of the emergence of new medical conditions, medicine is a domain where new concepts have to be named more frequently than in many other domains. Because of the prominent position of English in medical research, most of these concepts are first named in English. This seminar will consider naming strategies used for these concepts from the perspectives of how transparent the resulting names are for practitioners and the general public and how they create problems for translation into other languages.

Call for papers

We invite abstracts for presentations about issues in the general field described above. In particular, we hope to get submissions that address the following questions:

- What are the naming devices used for new concepts in specific areas of medical English?
- What are the advantages and drawbacks of particular naming devices for different types English-speaking user (e.g. researchers, doctors, patients, ...)
- What are the advantages and drawbacks of particular naming devices for translation into other languages

Abstracts should be between 300 and 400 words in length (excluding any bibliography). They should be sent to pius.ten-hacken@uibk.ac.at and renata.panocova@upjs.sk.

Important dates

31 March 2014: Deadline for submission of abstracts

15 April 2014: Notification of acceptance to the authors

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