“It means just what I choose it to mean - neither more nor less” – Humpty Dumpty
Lown

LFT

TB

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Ulralgia
Proteus mirabilis
PROTEUS Syndrome vs Klippel–Trenaunay Syndrome

Proteus mirabilis
Ascites
AEOLUS

ASKOS

ASCITES
Ammonia
I am writing you in hopes of adding to your collection of medical etymologies. In this case, I came across a word that relates to my Egyptian heritage. I was just on my Neurology rotation and was reviewing neuroanatomy when I came across the regions of the Hippocampus, labeled CA1, CA2, CA3. Turns out CA stands for “Cornu Ammonis” which is Greek for the Horns of Amun. This is because the ancient Egyptian god Amun (later declared the one true god, Amun-Ra) was often portrayed with the head of a ram, whose horns resemble the shape of the hippocampus. Furthermore, I learned that Amun is also where the word “ammonia” comes from, due to depositions of ammonium chloride next to the Temple of Jupiter Ammon (the Roman’s version of Amun) in Ancient Libya. The salt was the result of years of excrement from camels parked outside the temple, and the Romans called it “sal ammoniacus,” a term revived many centuries later by a Swedish chemist.
Venereal disease
Subarachnoid hemorrhage
ARACHNE MEMBRANE

ARACHNOID
Geriatrics
Senile
Hypnosis
Insomnia
(lethargy)
Euthanasia
Thanatophobia
HYPNOS (somnus), THANATOS
Phantosmia
Phantasos
Morphine
Atropine
Klotho gene
MOIRAE (the fates)
Ondine curse
Ondine (undine)
Precision vs Procrustean medicine
Procrustes
Artificial hepatic assist devices

Prometheus
Prometheus
Rhabdomyolysis
Rhadamanthus
Selenium
Lunate bone
Selene
Luna
THALASSEMIA
Priapism
Sphincter of Oddi
Sphinx
Syringe
Syrinx
IRIS
Halcyon
ALCYONE

A kingfisher (a halcyon)
MEDICINE
Hypersexuality
(Satyriasis)
Helios
Sisyphus
Kingdom of Colchis

Kingdom

c. 13th century
BC–164 BC

Colchis and Iberia
Acanthus plant