

## *Translating Clinical Symptom Names*



*What's In a Name?* Sometimes symptoms can be confusing because of their strange names. The following chart translates a few of them.

<b>Name</b>	<b>What It Is</b>
Allodynia	Pain in response to something that should not cause pain
Aphasia	Trouble finding the right words to use when speaking
Ataxia	Difficulty walking due to loss of muscle coordination
Atrophy	Wasting away of muscle
Cephalgia	Headache
Diplopia	Double vision
Dysesthesia	Unusual, unpleasant sensations
Dysphagia	Trouble swallowing
Kyphosis	Hunchback
Nystagmus	Rapid involuntarily eye movements
Photophobia	Sensitivity to bright lights
Scoliosis	Abnormal right-left curvature of the spine
Strabismus	Cross-eyed
Tachycardia	Rapid heart beat
Tinnitus	Ringling in the ears
Vertigo	Sensation of loss of balance

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