

40 Old Time Illnesses and Their Current Names

Ablepsy: blindness

Ague: flu-like symptoms likely caused by malaria

Apoplexy: stroke

Barrel fever: alcoholism

Biliousness: jaundice

Black dog: depression

Blood poisoning: sepsis or septicemia

Breakbone: dengue fever

Bronze John: yellow fever

Camp fever: typhus

Chalkstones: swelling with pain that probably was caused by rheumatoid arthritis or gout

Congestive fever: malaria

Consumption: tuberculosis

Domestic malady: depression or another sort of emotional breakdown

Dropsy: swelling caused by fluid retention

Dropsy of the brain: encephalitis

Double personality: manic depressive

Falling sickness: epilepsy

French pox: syphilis

Frigid: Low sex drive

Green sickness or green fever: anemia

Grip, gripe or grippe: flu

Idiot savant: Developmentally delayed and exceptionally talented

Jail fever: typhus

Leprosy: Hansen's disease

Lumbago: back pain

Mad cow: Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

Melancholia: severe depression

Mortification: gangrene

Palsy: problems with muscle control, such as tremors or paralysis

Quincy or Quinsy: tonsillitis

Retarded: developmentally or cognitively delayed

Scrumptox: impetigo

Ship fever: typhus

St Vitus dance: chorea.

Swine flu: H1N1 virus

Change of life: menopause

The shakes: Parkinson's disease

Winter fever: pneumonia

Went under: had anesthesia