



## **AMT Medical Terminology Spelling Bee Details and Rules**

The Medical Terminology Spelling Bee competition is open to students of ALL the AMT certification disciplines. The champion of this competition will receive a trophy, accolades on AMT social media and website, and special AMT swag. All registered competitors will receive AMT swag

The following rules are based on the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

**Format:** This Spelling Bee is conducted in rounds. Each speller remaining in the spelling bee at the start of a round spells three (3) words correctly. If the speller spells one word incorrectly, the speller is eliminated. If the speller spells all three (3) words correctly, the speller moves to the next round. Each round will consist of three (3) words.

**Word list:** The Chair of the Student Activities Committee and the members are responsible for creating words lists consisting of medical terminology terms with their definitions. References for the medical terminology words must be included. The word list will be reviewed and approved by the Student Activities Committee.

**Pronouncer's role:** The pronouncer strives to pronounce words according to the medical terminology textbooks and audio software.

### **Verbal/Oral Spelling Rounds:**

**Homonyms:** Two or more words with the same spelling or pronunciation, with different meanings, example: ilium and ileum. Ilium is the top of the hip bone, and Ileum is part of the small intestine. The pronouncer indicates which word is to be spelled by defining the word.

**Speller's requests:** The pronouncer responds to the speller's requests for a definition of the word. The pronouncer does not entertain requests for alternate definitions or requests for slower pronunciation.

**Judges' role:** The judges uphold the rules and determine whether words are spelled correctly. They are in complete control of the competition and their decision is final on all questions.

**Speller's role:** In a spelling round, the speller will face the judges and pronounce the word for the judges before spelling it and after spelling it. The speller speaks each letter

distinctly and with sufficient volume. The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again and/or define it.

**Errors:** Upon providing an incorrect spelling of a word, the speller immediately drops out of the competition.

**End-of-bee procedure:**

If all spellers in a round misspell a word, all remain in the competition and a new spelling round begins.

**Ties:**

All spellers eliminated in the same round are tied for the same place.

If only one speller in a round spells correctly, a new one-word spelling round begins and the speller is given an opportunity to spell a word on the list (anticipated championship word). If the speller succeeds in correctly spelling the anticipated championship word in this one-word round, the speller is declared the champion.

If a speller misspells the anticipated championship word in a one-word round:

A new spelling round begins with ALL the spellers who participated in the previous round.

**Record keeper:**

The record keeper will track the progress of spellers throughout the rounds. This information will be helpful to the smooth conclusion of the spelling bee.

**Disqualifications for reasons other than error:**

The judges will disqualify a speller (1) who refuses a request to start spelling (2) who does not approach the microphone when it is time to receive the word (3) who engages in conduct that does not promote fair, honest, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of competition results (4) who in the process of spelling utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds.

**Time and Manner Requirements:**

A written appeal must be hand-delivered to the spelling bee coordinator/director indicating the speller's name, the word in question and the grounds for reinstatement. The deadline for delivering an appeal is before the speller affected would have received their next word had they stayed in the spelling bee. When five or fewer spellers remain, the written appeal requirement is suspended, and an oral appeal must be made before

the speller would have received their next word had they stayed in the spelling bee. The judges will contact the speller if they decide to reinstate the speller.

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