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In addition, *specimen* should be used rather than *sample* when referring to an example regarded as typical of its class.

Additional Terminology Guidelines

Acrylic

An adjective form that requires a noun, as in acrylic resin.

Affect, effect

Affect is a verb; effect is a noun.

African American

Spelled thus and preferred over Negro and black in both adjective (African American patients) and noun (... of whom 20% were African Americans) forms.

Average, mean, median

Mean and average are synonyms. Median refers to the midpoint in a range of items; the midpoint has many items above as below it.

Basic

Like fundamental, this word is often unnecessary. An example of unnecessary use: Dental implants consist of two basic types: subperiosteal and endosteal.

Between, among

Use between when 2 things are involved and among when there are more than 2.

Biopsy

This noun should NOT be used as a verb. A biopsy was performed on the Tissue, rather than: The tissue was biopsied.

Centric

An adjective that requires a noun, as in centric relation.

Currently, now, at present, etc.

These expressions are often unnecessary, as in: This technique is currently being used...

Data

Use as a plural, as in: The data were...

Employ

Should not become an elegant variation of use, as in This method is employed ...

Ensure

Preferred over insure in the sense of to make certain.

Fewer, less

Use fewer with nouns that can be counted (fewer patients were seen) and less with nouns that cannot be counted (less material was used).

Following

After is preferred.

Imply, infer

The speaker implies; the listener infers.

Incidence

The rate at which a disease occurs in a given time; sometimes confused with prevalence (the total number of cases of a disease in a given region).

Majority

Means more than half; use most when you mean almost all. **Male, female**

For adult humans, use men and women. For children, use boys and girls.

Must, should

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Orient

Proper form; avoid orientate.

Pathologic

Use instead of pathological. Other words in which the suffix -al has been dropped include biologic, histologic, and physiologic.

Pathology

The study of disease; often mistaken for pathosis (the condition of disease)

Percent

Use the percent sign in the text, as in The distribution of scores was as follows: adequate, 8%; oversized, 23%; and undersized, 69%. But spell out when the percent opens a sentence, as in Twenty percent of the castings ...

Prior to

Before is preferred.

Rare, infrequent, often not, etc.

Whenever possible, these vague terms should be backed up with a specific number.

Rather

Like very, this word should be avoided.

Regimen

A planned program for taking medication, dieting, exercising, etc. Not to be confused with regime, meaning a system of government or management.

Sex

Use "sex" rather than "gender" unless you are referring to the socially constructed roles, behaviors, activities, and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for men and women.

Symptomatology

The science or study of symptoms; this word is not a synonym for the word symptoms.

Technique

Preferred over technic.

Using

Avoid the dangling modifier in sentences such as "The impression was made using vinyl polysiloxane impression material." Write "with" or "by using" instead.

Utilize

Use is preferred.

Vertical

An adjective that needs a noun, as in vertical relation.

Via

Use through, with, or by means of.

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