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ventro- prefix meaning the front of the body; prefix referring to the abdominal part of an animal as opposed to the dorsal part or the back; same as ventri-

veracity a principle of ethics which states that practitioners should always be honest in their dealings with patients

Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Site Program voluntary program implemented by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to certify that participating online pharmacies meet specified rigorous criteria for providing pharmacy services

vermicide agent that will kill intestinal worms

vermifuge medicine that expels worms or intestinal parasites

vermilion border colored part of the lips; often the target of herpes simplex labialis

verruca wart; a benign tumor caused by a virus

verruca vulgaris common warts

vertical strip product placement technique in which the largest sizes are placed at eye level with smaller sizes grouped in descending order beneath them

vertigo feeling that either a patient's surroundings are moving or that the patient is moving; erroneously used as a synonym for dizziness

vesicant agent that produces blisters (less severe in its action than an escharotic)

vial glass container closed with a rubber stopper and an aluminum band; removal of contents requires a needle; may be multidose (with a preservative included) or single dose (lacking a preservative); most often used for parenteral products

Vincent's angina painful pseudomembranous ulceration of the gums, oral mucous membranes, pharynx, and tonsils; synonyms: gingivitis, trench mouth

Vincent's disease necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis (inflammation of the gums)

vinegar acid synonym for glacial acetic acid

vinegars solutions of drugs in dilute acetic acid

virucide an agent that kills viruses

virulence pathogenicity of a microorganism; the ability of a microorganism to invade tissues and produce symptoms of disease or death