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contraindication



noun | con·tra·in·di·ca·tion | \-,in-də-'kā-shən\

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Simple Definition of CONTRAINDICATION

medical : something (such as a symptom or condition) that is a medical reason for not doing or using something (such as a treatment, procedure, or activity)

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary



Full Definition of CONTRAINDICATION

: something (as a symptom or condition) that makes a particular treatment or procedure inadvisable

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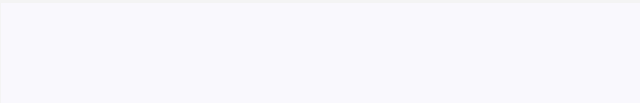
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First Known Use of CONTRAINDICATION

1623

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Medical Dictionary

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TRENDING NOW

- 1 **deplorable**
Clinton: "Basket of deplorables"
- 2 **sophomoric**
"It's a sophomoric approach"
- 3 **Labor Day**
From the folks who brought you the w...
- 4 **hagiography**
Who caused this spike?
- 5 **bigot, bigotry**
Trump: "Hillary Clinton is a bigot!"

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BROWSE DICTIONARY

- contra dance
- contradict
- contradictedness
- contradicter
- contradictio in adjecto
- contradiction



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Name that color:

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wisteria

chartreuse

aqua



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'bimonthly'



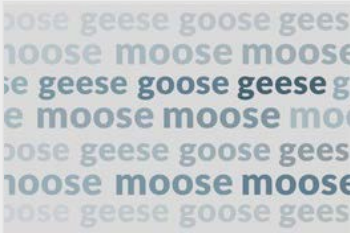
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We'll tell you all the
perpendiculars



Irregardless

It is in fact a real word
(but that doesn't n ...



Weird Plurals

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One moose, tw ...

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