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**Rotavirus**

[ro’tə-vi’rəs]

From the Latin *rota*, wheel, plus *virus*. After viewing the virus through an electron microscope in 1974, Flewett et al. suggested the name rotavirus on the basis of the pathogen’s shape. The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses approved the name 4 years later.


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