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ver-ti-go (vur'tĭ-gō) (mp3/115877.mp3) [L. vertigo]

an illusory sense that either the environment or one's own body is revolving; it may result from diseases of the [internal ear \(def.jsp?id=100610340\)](#) or may be due to disturbances of the vestibular centers or pathways in the [central nervous system \(def.jsp?id=100105268\)](#). The term is sometimes erroneously used to mean any form of [dizziness \(def.jsp?id=100031973\)](#). Cf. [dysequilibrium \(def.jsp?id=100033035\)](#).

vertiginous, adj

alternobaric vertigo, a transient vertigo sometimes affecting those such as caisson workers and members of airplane crews who are subjected to large, rapid variations in barometric pressure; see also [barotrauma \(def.jsp?id=100011716\)](#). Called also [pressure v. \(def.jsp?id=100115918\)](#)

angiopathic vertigo, vertigo due to arteriosclerosis of cerebral vessels, particularly the vertebral or basilar arteries; called also [arteriosclerotic v. \(def.jsp?id=100115881\)](#)

aplectic vertigo, [scotodinia \(def.jsp?id=100095327\)](#).

arteriosclerotic vertigo, [angiopathic v. \(def.jsp?id=100115879\)](#)

benign paroxysmal vertigo of childhood, a form of paroxysmal vertigo occurring in young children otherwise in good health; sudden attacks are accompanied by pallor, sweating, and immobility and less often by vomiting and nystagmus.

benign paroxysmal positional vertigo, **benign paroxysmal postural vertigo**, recurrent brief periods of positional vertigo and nystagmus occurring when the head is placed in certain positions such as with one ear down. It is due to otolithiasis that causes exaggerated movement of the endolymph. **benign positional vertigo**, **benign postural vertigo**, [benign paroxysmal positional v. \(def.jsp?id=100958146\)](#)

central vertigo, vertigo due to disease of the central nervous system. See also [cerebral v. \(def.jsp?id=100115888\)](#)

cerebral vertigo, vertigo resulting from a brain lesion, such as a cerebellar infarct. Called also [organic v. \(def.jsp?id=100115910\)](#)

cervical vertigo, vertigo after injury to the neck such as whiplash.

disabling positional vertigo, constant positional vertigo or dysequilibrium and nausea in the upright position, without hearing disturbance or loss of vestibular function.

encephalic vertigo, a sensation of movement of tissues within the skull, as of the brain turning over and over.

endemic paralytic vertigo, [vestibular neuronitis \(def.jsp?id=100071959\)](#).

epidemic vertigo, [vestibular neuronitis \(def.jsp?id=100071959\)](#).

epileptic vertigo, vertigo that accompanies epilepsy, usually as part of an aura. See also [vertiginous epilepsy \(def.jsp?id=100036181\)](#).

essential vertigo, vertigo whose cause is unknown.

gastric vertigo, vertigo associated with stomach disease.

height vertigo, dizziness (not a true vertigo) felt on looking down from a high location.

horizontal vertigo, positional vertigo experienced when a person lies down.

labyrinthine vertigo, [Meniere disease \(def.jsp?id=100031095\)](#).

laryngeal vertigo, [tussive syncope \(def.jsp?id=100103733\)](#).

lateral vertigo, vertigo caused by rapidly passing a row of similar objects, such as a fence or a series of pillars.

mechanical vertigo, vertigo due to long-continued turning or vibration of the body, as in motion sickness.

nocturnal vertigo, a sensation of falling occurring as the subject is going to sleep.

objective vertigo, vertigo experienced as objects moving around the observer, in contrast to [subjective vertigo \(def.jsp?id=100115927\)](#).

ocular vertigo, vertigo due to eye disease, especially paralysis of or lack of balance in the eye muscles.

organic vertigo, [cerebral v. \(def.jsp?id=100115888\)](#)

paralytic vertigo, [vestibular neuronitis \(def.jsp?id=100071959\)](#).

paralyzing vertigo, vertigo so severe that the patient is afraid to move.

paroxysmal vertigo, vertigo occurring in sudden, brief attacks; see [benign paroxysmal positional v. \(def.jsp?id=100958146\)](#) and [benign paroxysmal v. of childhood \(def.jsp?id=100115884\)](#).

peripheral vertigo, [vestibular v. \(def.jsp?id=100115932\)](#)

pilot's vertigo, [spatial disorientation \(def.jsp?id=100031696\)](#).

positional vertigo, vertigo associated with a specific position of the head in space or changes in the position of the head in space. See also [benign paroxysmal positional v. \(def.jsp?id=100958146\)](#), [disabling positional v. \(def.jsp?id=100115890\)](#), [horizontal v. \(def.jsp?id=100115900\)](#), and [vertical v. \(def.jsp?id=100115931\)](#) Called also [postural v. \(def.jsp?id=100115917\)](#)

posttraumatic vertigo, vertigo following some injury, such as fracture of the temporal bone, whiplash (see [cervical v. \(def.jsp?id=100115889\)](#)), or lesions of the cerebral cortex or cerebellum.

postural vertigo, [positional v. \(def.jsp?id=100115915\)](#)

pressure vertigo, [alternobaric v. \(def.jsp?id=100115878\)](#)

primary vertigo, [vestibular v. \(def.jsp?id=100115932\)](#)

recurrent aurial vertigo, [Meniere disease \(def.jsp?id=100031095\)](#).

residual vertigo, vertigo in the aftermath of some disease process. vertigo associated with motion, resulting from hypofunction or absence of vestibular sensory or neural elements; see also [positional v. \(def.jsp?id=100115915\)](#)

riders' vertigo, [motion sickness \(def.jsp?id=100096752\)](#).

rotary vertigo, **rotatory vertigo**, [subjective v. \(def.jsp?id=100115927\)](#)

subjective vertigo, vertigo in which the patient has a sensation of turning round and round, in contrast to [objective vertigo \(def.jsp?id=100115908\)](#).

Called also [rotatory v. \(def.jsp?id=100115922\)](#) and [systematic v. \(def.jsp?id=100115928\)](#)

systematic vertigo, [subjective v. \(def.jsp?id=100115927\)](#)

tebetric vertigo, [scotodinia \(def.jsp?id=100095327\)](#).

toxic vertigo, vertigo as a result of ototoxicity; see also [acute serous labyrinthitis \(def.jsp?id=200011586\)](#).

vertical vertigo, [height v. \(def.jsp?id=100115899\)](#) positional vertigo experienced when a person is in an upright position.

vestibular vertigo, vertigo due to disturbances of the vestibular system, such as in [Meniere disease \(def.jsp?id=100031095\)](#). Called also [peripheral \(def.jsp?id=100115913\)](#) or [primary v. \(def.jsp?id=100115919\)](#)

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