

19.4 Medicinal applications

The task of the clinical chemist in the health system is to obtain and communicate information on chemical, biological, physiological and physical properties of patients. It is essential that the properties measured in the clinic and the results communicated to the clinician are correctly understood. The standard usage of terminology and nomenclature in clinical chemistry including also the applications of the corresponding analytical methods, as recommended by IUPAC and the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC) is presented in the Compendium of Terminology and Nomenclature of Properties in Clinical Laboratory Sciences (called also: Silver Book), Blackwell Sci., Oxford, UK, 1995.