

tetanus[ˈtɛt(ə)nəs] *n*

1. *мед.* столбняк, тетанус
2. *физиол.* длительное сокращение скелетной мышцы, судорога; спазм(а)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

tet·anus *BrE* [ˈtɛtənəs] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈtɛtənəs] ^ˈ **noun uncountable**

a disease in which the muscles, especially the [↑]**jaw** muscles, become stiff, caused by bacteria entering the body through cuts or wounds

Word Origin:

[**tetanus**] late Middle English: from Latin, from Greek **tetanos** 'muscular spasm', from **teinein** 'to stretch'.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

tet·a·nus /ˈtɛtənəs/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun [uncountable]**

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** Greek tetanos, from tetanos 'stretched, tight']

a serious illness caused by [↑]**bacteria** that enter your body through cuts and wounds and make your muscles, especially your jaw, go stiff **SYN** lockjaw

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