

Rickets

OED: A disease of children caused by vitamin D deficiency, which results in abnormal calcium and phosphorus metabolism and deficient mineralization of bone (osteomalacia) with skeletal deformity. In later use also (chiefly with distinguishing word): any of various other diseases resembling this, affecting children, adults, or animals, and typically of metabolic, nutritional, or renal origin.

1754 September 24 (Tuesday). My wife dips little John into Cold Water to cure him of his Ricketts.

1754 September 25 (Wednesday). John was dipped again.

1754 September 26 (Thursday). John was dipp'd again, and we cease for a while.

1754 October 27 (Sunday). John dip'd again.

1754 November 5 (Tuesday). We have reason to fear little John is much troubled with Worms as well as Rickets: and is much oppress'd having very labouring Breath. May God teach us to profit by his holy Hand upon us.

1759 August 21 (Tuesday). Little Jeduthun was dipt in Cold Water this Morning.

1772 June 9 (Tuesday). Little *Robert Breck* is dipped.

1772 June 10 (Wednesday). Robert Breck is dipped 3 times.

1772 June 11 (Thursday). Our Little Robert-Breck is dipped twice this Morning.

1772 June 12 (Friday). Little Rob-Breck is dipped twice.