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or this issue of the Journal and as a recommendation to other authors and journals for uniformity of preferred nomenclature, the following suggestions were made:

- MEN 2 The multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2 syndromes (not MEA, MEN-II, MEN-2, or M.E.N. 2).
- MEN 2A The MEN 2 syndrome without the mucosal neuroma phenotype (not MEN 2a).
- MEN 2B The MEN 2 syndrome with the mucosal neuroma phenotype (not MEN 2b). This has also been referred to as MEN 3.
- MEN2A The designation of the mutated gene causing MEN 2A. As recommended by the 1989 Human Gene Mapping conference (1), gene designations are no longer italicized or underlined.
- MEN2B The designation of the mutated gene causing MEN

MTC

Medullary thyroid cancer or carcinoma, to be used for consistency rather than MCT. The two types of MTC are hereditary and nonhereditary.

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