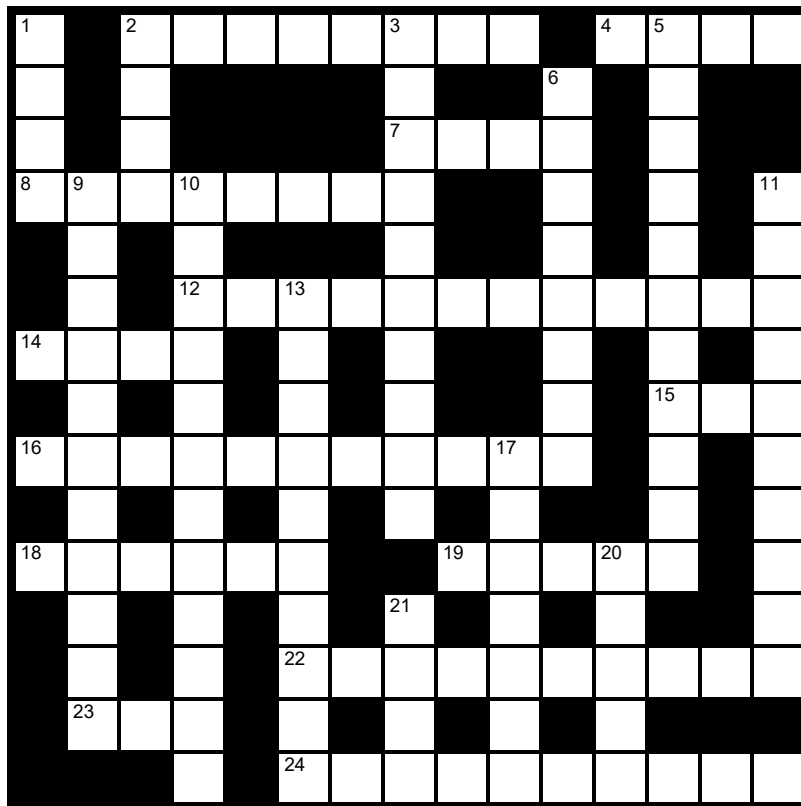


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Across

- 2 Of or relating to or involving or used in surgery. (8)
- 4 A mark left (usually on the skin) by the healing of injured tissue. (4)
- 7 Offensively curious or inquisitive. (4)
- 8 Breathing with a whistling sound. (8)
- 12 The act of burning something completely; reducing it to ashes. (12)
- 14 Lacking sufficient water or rainfall. (4)
- 15 Irregularity of cardiac rhythm; recurrent occurrences can be a precursor of ventricular fibrillation. (3)

Down

- 16 A diagnostic procedure to detect breast tumors by the use of X rays. (11)
- 18 Solid excretory product evacuated from the bowels. (6)
- 19 A loose garment that is tied about the waist and worn to protect your clothing. (5)
- 22 The gradual lengthening of inactive muscle or muscle fibers. (10)
- 23 Small cask or barrel. (3)
- 24 The trait of practising caution in advance. (10)

Across

- 1 An imperfection in a device or machine. (4)
- 2 Free from danger or the risk of harm. (4)
- 3 Present at birth but not necessarily hereditary; acquired during foetal development. (10)
- 5 Pain that persists beyond the usual course of an acute disease or reasonable time for an injury or recurs at intervals for months or years. (7,4)
- 6 Any pathology of the muscles that is not attributable to nerve dysfunction. (8)
- 9 A sudden severe instance of abnormal heart function. (5,6)
- 10 The branch of

medical science dealing with the transmission and control of disease. (12)

- 11 Any of various antibiotics obtained from penicillium moulds (or produced synthetically) and used in the treatment of various infections and diseases. (10)
- 13 A thick sweet sticky liquid taken to control or treat cough. (5,5)
- 17 A very strong drive resulting from a deficiency of available oxygen in the blood and bodily tissues (short of anoxia). (7)
- 20 A set of eight similar things considered as a unit. (5)

21 Evidence that helps
to solve a problem.
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