

***lēkijaz** Runic: ᚠᚠᚢᚢᚢᚢᚦᚢᚦᚢᚦ Pronunciation: /'lɛ:.ki.jaz/

noun · masculine · ja-stem

Meanings

doctor, physician

Etymology

Uncertain; possibly from *lēkiz (‘healing; medicine; healer’) + *-jaz, or borrowed from Proto-Celtic **leigis* (‘healer’) of the same root. Perhaps also from Proto-Indo-European **leǵ-* (‘to collect, gather’), and thus related to Latin legō. Alternatively, from Proto-Indo-European **leg-* (‘to leak’), with original sense of "blood-letter (leaker)" > "leech (used in therapy)" > "doctor", though this is speculative.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	lēkijaz	lēkijōz, lēkijōs
Acc.	lēkija	lēkijan
Gen.	lēkijas, lēkīs	lēkijō
Dat.	lēkijai	lēkijamaz
Inst.	lēkijō	lēkijamiz
Voc.	lēkī	lēkijōz, lēkijōs

Descendants

***lākī** (Proto-West Germanic)

lēka, lētza (Old Frisian)

lāhhi (Old High German)

***lākī** (Proto-West Germanic)

lǣce (Old English)

leche (Middle English)

leech (English)

? (Old Norse)

***lækir** (Old East Norse)

læknir (Old West Norse)

? (Old Norse)

? (Old West Norse)

lækni (Faroese)

læknir (Icelandic)

? (Old Norse)

? (Old West Norse)

lægæ, legi (Old Danish)

læge (Danish)

? (Norwegian)

lege (Norwegian Bokmål)

lege (Norwegian Nynorsk)

? (Old Norse)

? (Old West Norse)

lækir, lækiares (Old Swedish)

lääkäri, lääke (Finnish)

läkare (Swedish)

? (Old Norse)

? (Old West Norse)

lækir, lækiares (Old Swedish)

? (Norwegian)

lækjar (Norwegian Nynorsk)

𐌵𐌵𐌶𐌰𐌽 (lēkeis) (Gothic)

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