

Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome (MODS) is altered organ function in an acutely ill patient requiring medical intervention to achieve homeostasis.

Although Irwin and Rippe cautioned in 2005 that the use of “multiple organ failure” or “multisystem organ failure” should be avoided, both Harrison's (2015) and Cecil's (2012) medical textbooks still use the terms “multi-organ failure” and “multiple organ failure” in several chapters and do not use “multiple organ dysfunction syndrome” at all.

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