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patient

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patient adjective

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pa·tient | \ 'pā-shənt  \

Definition of *patient* (Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint
- 2 : manifesting [forbearance](#) under provocation or strain
- 3 : not hasty or [impetuous](#)
- 4 : steadfast despite opposition, difficulty, or adversity
- 5 **a** : able or willing to bear —used with *of*
b : [SUSCEPTIBLE](#), [ADMITTING](#)
// patient of one interpretation

patient noun

pa·tient | \ 'pā-shənt  \

Definition of *patient* (Entry 2 of 2)

- 1 **a** : an individual awaiting or under [medical](#) care and treatment
// cancer patients
// psychiatric patients
b : the recipient of any of various personal services

2 : one that is acted upon

// are agents as well as *patients* and observers in the world

— C. H. Whiteley