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n. pl. di·ath·e·ses (-sēz')

1. A hereditary predisposition of the body to a disease, a group of diseases, an allergy, or another disorder.
2. *Grammar* See [voice](#).

[Greek, disposition, condition, from *diatithenai*, *diathe-*, to dispose : *dia-*, *dia-* + *tithenai*, to place, set; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

di'a·thet ic (dī'ə-thět ĭk) *adj.*

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