## 2D Shapes for Outlines and Cross-sections (with reference to appropriate 3D shapes)

Choose the shape state that most resembles the two-dimensional disseminule outline or cross-section (excluding appendages such as spines or bristles or shallow indentations such as notches). Your disseminule need not match the state drawing exactly, as each drawing may represent a range of shapes.

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+/- round	elliptic/ biconvex	fusiform	ovate/obovate	lanceolate/ oblanceolate	linear to oblong
circular Sometimes notched. When one side of the notch conspicuously protrudes, the 2D structure may be called comma-shaped. 3D equivalents of round are globose, orbicular and spherical.	widest at the middle, biconvex (right) has pointier ends Related terms are lenticular (referring to the 3D shape made up of 2 biconvex surfaces or to its cross-section) and discoid (when the surfaces are more parallel than convex).	tapering at both ends, spindle-shaped Most often used to refer to the cross-section of the 3D shape that is flattened ovoid with an extended marginal rim.	tapering at one end, egg-shaped Ovate is widest at the bottom (shown); obovate at the top. The 3D shape is referred to as ovoid. When the narrow end is pointed, conical is used to refer to the 3D shape.	narrower than ovate Lanceolate is widest at the bottom; oblanceolate at the top. The 3D shape is referred to as lanceoloid. When one end is pointed (left), the term teardrop- shaped is sometimes used.	opposite sides are +/- parallel Shapes range from linear (left) to narrowly oblong to squarish oblong (right).
triangular	sector-shaped	angular	star-shaped	D-shaped/ C-shaped/reniform	knotted
3-sided — all sides flat Narrow triangles are sometimes referred to as cuneate or cuneiform. Entities with triangular cross-sections are often referred to as trigonous.	2 flat & 1 curved sides, slice-of-pie-shaped 3D structures with 2 flat and 1 curved surfaces are called sectoroid and typically represent a wedge-shaped slice taken from an ovoid or globose structure.	4- to 5-sided, not necessarily symmetrical Includes rhombic or diamond-shaped.	having distal aspect like stylized shape of a star	1 side convex and the opposite side either flat (for D-shaped or planoconvex) or concave (C-shaped to reniform), not necessarily symmetrical Includes heart-shaped, cordiform, falcate, J-shaped, and U-shaped.	cylindrical or ellipsoid body, swollen & constricted at intervals Includes torulose, moniliform.