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Acyclic polyols having the general formula HOCH$_2$[CH(OH)]$_n$CH$_2$OH (formally derivable from an aldose by reduction of the carbonyl group).

**Source:**
PAC, 1995, 67, 1307 (*Glossary of class names of organic compounds and reactivity intermediates based on structure (IUPAC Recommendations 1995)*) on page 1312