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MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

Medical terminology is the language used to describe components and processes of the human body, medical procedures, diseases, disorders, and pharmacology. Simply put, it is the vocabulary that medical professionals use to describe the body, what it does, and the treatments they prescribe.

Some of the medical terms :

1. Benign: Not cancerous
2. Malignant: Cancerous
3. Anti-inflammatory: Reduces swelling, pain, and soreness (such as ibuprofen or naproxen)
4. Body Mass Index (BMI): Body fat measurement based on height and weight
5. Biopsy: A tissue sample for testing purposes
6. Hypotension: Low blood pressure
7. Hypertension: High blood pressure
8. Lesion: Wound, sore, or cut
9. Noninvasive: Doesn't require entering the body with instruments; usually simple
10. Outpatient: Check in and check out the same day
11. Inpatient: Plan to stay overnight for one or more days
12. In remission: Disease is not getting worse; not to be confused with being cured
13. Membrane: Thin layer of pliable tissue that serves as a covering or lining or connection between two structures
14. Acute: Sudden but usually short (e.g., acute illness)

- 15. Angina: Pain in the chest related to the heart that comes and goes
- 16. Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD): Heartburn
- 17. Cellulitis: Inflamed or infected tissue beneath the skin
- 18. Epidermis: Outermost layer of skin
- 19. Neutrophils: Most common type of white blood cell
- 20. Edema: Swelling
- 21. Embolism: Blood clot
- 22. Sutures: Stitches
- 23. Polyp: Mass or growth of thin tissue
- 24. Compound fracture: Broken bone that protrudes through the skin
- 25. Comminuted fracture: Broken bone that shatters into many pieces

Some common terms & its meaning :

Term	Meaning
Analgesic	A drug for pain
Anorectic	A drug for appetite suppression
Analeptic	A drug that stimulates the CNS
IV Admixture	A drug product made by adding the drug to an IV bag
Anesthetic	A drug that block sensations of pain or feeling in general
Anaphylactic Shock	A severe allergic reaction to a drug
Anticoagulant	A drug that blocks blood clotting
Antitussive	A drug that blocks coughing
Antiemetic	A drug that stop N/V
Antipruritic	A drug that stop itching

Some of the abbreviations :

□ -rrhage excessive, abnormal flow	□ -stenosis narrowing
□ -rrhea discharge, flow	□ -therapy treatment
□ -rrhexis rupture	□ -trophy nourishment, development
□ -sclerosis hardening	

- post- after
- pre- before, in front of
- pro- before
- pseudo- false
- retro- backward, behind
- sub- below, under
- supra- above
- tachy- fast

- Nephro – kidney
- Hepato – liver
- Pulmo – lung
- Cardio – heart
- Cyto – cell
- Rhino – nose
- Naso – nose

