



Medical Terminology

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VOCABULARY

- **heart**

the organ that controls the flow of blood in the body

Ex: The government is running a series of public information films on the dangers of heart disease.

- **blood**

the fluid that carries oxygen and other elements to the tissues, and carbon dioxide away from the tissues through the heart and vascular system

Ex: People are encouraged to donate blood once a year so that the health service always has a stock.

- **artery**

a blood vessel that carries blood away from the heart

Ex: The passenger bled to death as the windshield had cut an artery and paramedics couldn't stop the bleeding

- **vein**

a blood vessel that carries depleted blood back to the heart

Ex : After the nurse had found the vein, she gave the injection.

- **bile**

a bitter fluid that helps with digestion

Ex: The patient's liver isn't producing enough bile to digest these foods properly.

- **brain**

the mass of nerve tissue located in the head of animals with spinal cords; it is the center of thought and controls movement

Ex: You have to be very careful if you hit your head in case of brain damage.

- **cardiovascular system**

the system of organs and tissues involved in circulating blood and lymph through the body

Ex: Research has shown that a glass of red wine a day can help your cardiovascular system.

- **CNS (central nervous system)**

the part of the nervous system comprising of the brain and the spinal cord

Ex: Epilepsy is a potentially fatal disorder of the central nervous system.

- **digestive system**

the part of the body that stores and processes food

Ex: The baby's entire digestive system was damaged from drinking liquid floor cleaner.

- **respiratory system**

the set of organs that allows a person to breathe and exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide throughout the body

Ex: The program is designed for people with respiratory system troubles, such as asthma.

- **gland**

an organ or group of cells that releases substances or waste from the body

EX: The thyroid gland is situated at the base of the throat.

- **spinal cord**

the thick column of nerve tissue that extends from the base of the brain about two thirds of the way down the backbone

EX: The spine supports the skeleton and protects the fragile spinal cord.

- **pancreas**

this organ both regulates insulin and secretes enzymes to break down carbohydrates, proteins, and lipids

EX: Pancreatic cancer is any cancer where malignant cells originated in tissues forming the pancreas.

- **nerve**

fiber forming part of a system that conveys impulses of sensation, motion, between the brain or spinal cord and other parts of the body

Ex : The main aim of this surgery is to relieve the pressure on the trapped nerve.

- **joint**

a movable or fixed place or part where two bones or elements of a skeleton join

EX: Elderly people tend to suffer from joint pain as a result of arthritis.

- **intestine**

the portion of the alimentary canal extending from the stomach to the anus

Ex: As soon as food enters your small intestine, your brain receives a message saying 'stop eating'.

- **tonsil**

either of a pair of oval masses of lymphoid tissue, one on each side of the throat at the back of the mouth

Ex: When Timmy was 6 he was diagnosed with tonsillitis and had his tonsils removed.

- **spleen**

an organ near the stomach that has various roles in purifying and storing the blood

Ex: John's spleen was removed after the accident as it had ruptured

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