

Vocabulary for talking about illness

<http://www.esl-lab.com/vocab/v-illness.htm>

Vocab lists

http://esl.about.com/library/vocabulary/blwordgroups_health.htm

QCM to try

<http://www.learnenglishfeelgood.com/vocabulary/esl-doctor-medical1.html>

Some definitions

Medical People

- Doctor: A professional who has graduated from medical school and passed exams to become a physician. Doctors diagnose and treat illnesses
- Physician: Another word for a doctor
- Nurse: Nurses also provide care, but are not qualified to diagnose illness or disease. They provide supportive care to patients who are treated by doctors.
- Surgeon: A type of doctor who performs surgery or operations

Medical Places

- Hospital: A location where you go to get medical care.
- Emergency Room: The part of the hospital where you go in the event of an emergency, or a condition that needs immediate medical attention
- Intensive Care Unit: The part of the hospital where you are admitted to stay if you need continuous monitoring or continuous care.
- Pharmacy: A place where you go to get prescriptions filled (also called a "Drug Store")

Medical Feelings

- Pain: A feeling of intensive discomfort
- Hurt: Similar to pain, hurts describes an unpleasant sensation

Medical Treatments

- Prescription: A signed piece of paper from the doctor telling you (and the pharmacy) what drugs are appropriate for treatment
- Shots: Doses of medicine or vaccines administered by a needle
- Exam: A procedure in which the doctor evaluates your condition
- Cast: Something you wear if you have a broken bone, which allows the bone to set
- Diagnosis: Your doctor's determination regarding your medical state

Medical Conditions

- A headache: A sore head
- A stomach ache: A sore stomach
- The flu: A viral condition in which you may have an upset stomach or cold-like symptoms
- A sore throat: Pain in the throat
- A bone fracture: A situation in which one of your bones has broken
- A disease: A type of illness
- An illness: A type of sickness