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GLOSSARY OF DRUG TERMINOLOGY AND MEDICAL TERMS.

ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (ADL) *PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS WASHING, DRESSING ETC*

ALBUMIN *PROTEIN THAT IS SOLUBLE IN WATER, SOMETIMES GIVEN INTRAVENOUSLY TO TREAT SHOCK*

ALLOPURINOL *DRUG USED TO TREAT GOUT*

ANALGESIA *MEDICINES PRESCRIBED TO RELIEVE PAIN*

ANGINA *INTERMITTENT HEART PAIN*

ANTIEMETICS *DRUG USED TO TREAT VOMITING*

AORTIC VALVE SCLEROSIS *THICKENING OF ONE OF THE HEART VALVES*

APYREXIAL *HAVING NO FEVER*

ASCITES *COLLECTION OF FLUID AROUND INTERIOR OF ABDOMINAL CAVITY*

AST *ASPARTATE AMINOTRANSFERASE, IS AN ENZYME PRESENT IN LIVER FORMING ACID WHICH IS ASSOCIATED WITH INFLAMMATION OF THE LIVER*

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION *DISORGANISED ELECTRICAL FUNCTION, WITH INEFFECTIVE PUMPING OF BLOOD TO THE HEART.*

AUGMENTIN *AN ANTIBIOTIC, BROAD SPECTRUM PENICILLIN*

BARTELS SCORE *A SCORE SHEET USED TO MEASURE PHYSICAL DISABILITY*

BELAVIC DRAINS *SUCTION DRAINS INSIDE WOUND TO REMOVE EXCESS FLUID*

BENDROFLUAZIDE *A DIURETIC*

BENZODIAZEPINE *A DIVERSE GROUP OF MEDICINES USED FOR A RANGE OF PURPOSES INCLUDING ANTI DEPRESSANT'S, SOME REDUCE ANXIETY, OTHERS FOR SLEEPING TABLETS*

BD *TWICE DAILY*

BILATERAL DUPYTHRENS *FINGERS PERMANENTLY CURL UP AND HELD IN PLACE BY BANDS OF FIBROUS TISSUE*

BILIRUBIN *THE BREAKDOWN PRODUCTS OF HAEMOGLOBIN*

BIOCLUSIVE *A DRESSING*

BOWELS OPEN (BO)

BOWELS NOT OPEN (BNO)

BOWELS WILL OPEN (BWO)

BRONCHOPNEUMONIA *TYPE OF PNEUMONIA WHICH IS LOCALISED TO BRONCIOLES AND SURROUNDING ALVIOLI*

BUMETANIDE *WATER TABLET*

CALCIPARINE *ANTI COAGULANT INJECTION*

CANDIDA *FUNGUS*

CARDIOMEGARY *ENLARGED HEART*

CARDIO VASCULAR EXAMINATION (CVS) .FULL EXAMINATION OF THE HEART AND BLOOD VESSELS

CATHETER A HOLLOW TUBE PASSED INTO THE BLADDER TO REMOVE URINE

CELLULITIS .INFECTION OF SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE- INFLAMMATION, REDNESS AND SOMETIMES SEVERE SWELLING

CLEXANE ANTI COAGULANT

CODEINE PHOSPHATE- AN OPIOID ANALGESIC RELATED TO MORPHINE BUT LESS POTENT WITH MILD SEDATIVE EFFECTS

CO-CODAMOL A DRUG CONSISTING OF PARACETAMOL AND CODEINE PHOSPHATE FOR THE RELIEF OF MILD TO MODERATE PAIN

CO-DYDRAMOL A MEDICINE CONTAINING PARACETAMOL FOR USE IM MILD TO MODERATE PAIN

CO-PROXIMAL A PAIN KILLER USED FOR MILD TO MODERATE PAIN, CONTAINING PARACETAMOL

CONTINUING CARE .LONG PERIOD OF TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WHO'S RECOVERY WILL BE LIMITED

CIRROSIS DISEASE OF THE LIVER

CITALOPRAM .DRUG USED FOR DEPRESSION

CHEST X RAY (CXR)

CHLORDIAZEPOXIDE .ANTI NAUSEA DRUG

CHRONIC ADENITIS .LEGS SWOLLEN AND RETAINING FLUID LONGSTANDING

CITALOPRAM .A DRUG USED FOR DEPRESSION

C/O COMPLAINING OF

CONGESTIVE CARDIAC FAILURE (CCF)

CREATININE SERUM USED IN A KIDNEY FUNCTION TEST TO ESTABLISH IF THEY ARE WORKING CORRECTLY

CREPITATIONS FLUID IN LUNGS (CRACKLES)

CYCLIZINE DRUG USED TO PREVENT NAUSEA AND VOMITING

DEMENTIA- CONDITION ASSOCIATED WITH LOSS OF INTELLECT, MEMORY AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONING

DIAMORPHINE POWERFUL OPIOID ANALGESIC

DIGOXIN DRUG USED FOR ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

DISTRICT NURSE (DN)

DISARTHRIA UNCLEAR SPEECH

DO NOT RESUSCITATE (DNR) AN INSTRUCTION WHICH SAYS IF A PATIENT'S HEALTH SUDDENLY DETERIORATES TO NEAR DEATH, NO SPECIAL MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO REVIVE THEIR HEART.

DOXAZOSIN TREATMENT FOR HYPERTENSION

DIARRHOEA & VOMITING (D & V)

DOMPERIDOLE A DRUG USED FOR SICKNESS AND NAUSEA

DOPPLER ASSESSMENT ULTRASOUND SCAN TO EXAMINE CARDI VASCULAR BLOOD FLOW

DUTY HOUSE OFFICER (DHO)

ENOXAPARIN *AN ANTICOAGULANT*

FELODIPINE *TREATMENT FOR CARDIAC FAILURE OR HYPERTENSION*

FLUPENTHIXOL *TREATMENT FOR SCHIZOPHRENIA*

FORTISIP *HIGH PROTEIN REPLACEMENT DRINKS*

FRUSEMIDE *DURETIC*

FULL BLOOD COUNT (FBC) *THE DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER OF RED AND WHITE BLOOD CELLS TOGETHER WITH PLATELETS IN PATIENT'S BLOOD*

GENTAMICIN *AN ANTIBIOTIC*

GLYCERYL TRINITRATE *TREATMENT FOR ANGINA*

GYNAECONESTION *THE DEVELOPMENT OF BREASTS IN A MAN WHO CONSUMES EXCESS ALCOHOL*

HAEMATOMA *ACCUMULATION OF BLOOD WITHIN TISSUE THAT CLOTS TO FORM A SOLID SWELLING*

HALOPERIDOL *DRUG USED IN THE TREATMENT OF PSYCHOSES INCLUDING SCHIZOPHRENIA AND MANIA AND FOR SHORT TERM MANAGEMENT OF AGITATION, EXCITEMENT AND VIOLENT OR DANGEROUSLY IMPULSIVE BEHAVIOUR.*

HEMIARTHROPLASTY *A SURGICAL REMODELLING OF A PART OF THE HIP JOINT WHEREBY THE BONE END OF FEMUR IS REPLACED BY A METAL OR PLASTIC DEVICE TO CREATE A FUNCTIONING JOINT*

HEPATIC ENCEPALOPATHY *DEGENERATIVE DISEASE OF THE LIVER USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH CHRONIC ALCOHOL ABUSE*

HEPATITIS *INFLAMMATION OF THE LIVER*

HAEMAGLOBIN (HB) .THE SUBSTANCE IN THE RED BLOOD CELLS THAT TRANSPORTS OXYGEN AROUND THE BODY

HAEMORRHAGE .THE ESCAPE OF BLOOD FROM ARUPTURED BLOOD VESSEL

HYOSCINE HYDROBROMIDE .MEDICINE TO DRY UP SECRETIONS

HYPOKALEMIA .LOW POTASSIUM IN BODY

HYPOVOLEMIA .LOW CIRCULATION OF PLASMA IN BLOOD

HYPERTENSION *ELEVATION OF THE ARTERIAL BLOOD PRESSURE TO ABOVE THE NORMAL RANGE*

HYPERTROPHY *ENLARGEMENT OF AN ORGAN*

HYPOTENSIVE *LOW BLOOD PRESSURE*

HUMERUS *UPPER PART OF ARM*

INTERMEDIATE CARE *A SHORT PERIOD OF INTENSIVE REHABILITAION AND TREATMENT TO ALLOW PATIENTS TO RETURN HOME FOLLOWING HOSPITALISA TION*

ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE *AN INADEQUATE FLOW OF BLOOD TO THE HEART CAUSED BY CONSTRICTION OR BLOCKAGE OF THE BLOOD VESSELS SUPPLYING IT.*

LACTULOSE *PREPARATION TAKEN BY MOUTH TO RELEIVE CONSTIPATION*

LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK (LBBB) *ABNORMALITY OF HEART CONDUCTION*

LEFT VENTRICULAR FAILURE (LVF) *WHERE LEFT SIDE OF HEART FAILS TO PUMP BLOOD EFFECTIVELY INTO LUNGS.*

LOCUM *-A TEMPORARY PRACTITIONER WHO STANDS IN FOR A PERMANENT ONE*

LOPERAMIDE *TREATMENT FOR DIARRHOEA*

MAGNESIUM HYDROXIDE *A LAXATIVE*

MANE *MORNING*

MELEANA *THE PASSAGE OF A BLACK STOOL*

METACLOPRAMIDE *DRUG USED TO PREVENT VOMITING*

MICROGRAM *ONE MILLIONTH OF A GRAM*

MIDAZOLAM *SEDATIVE DRUG*

MINI STATE MENTAL EXAMINATION (MMSE) *STANDARD MEMORY AND BRAIN FUNCTION TEST*

MORPHINE *AN OPIOID ANALGESIC USED TO RELIEVE SEVERE PAIN*

MST *MORPHINE SULPHATE TABLETS*

MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION *HEART ATTACK, WHERE THE BLOOD SUPPLY TO THE HEART IS OBSTRUCTED*

NEUTROPHIL *A TYPE OF WHITE BLOOD CELL THAT USUALLY FIGHTS BACTERIAL INFECTION*

NOCTURIA *GETTING UP AT NIGHT TO PASS URINE*

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST- *A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL WHO WORKS WITH PATIENTS TO ASSESS AND DEVELOP DAILY LIVING AND SOCIAL SKILLS*

OD *ONCE DAILY*

OEDEMA *BUILD UP OF FLUID IN BODY TISSUES, OFTEN CAUSING SWELLING*

OESOPHAGEAL INVOLVEMENT .DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING

ON EXAMINATION (OE)

OPIATES .A GROUP OF MEDICINES CONTAINING OR DERIVED FROM OPIUM THAT RELIEVE SEVERE PAIN OR INDUCE SLEEP

ORAMORPH .DRUG USED IN TREATMENT OF CHRONIC PAIN. IT IS LIQUID AND CONTAINS MORPHINE

OSTEOARTHRITIS (OA) .DEGENERATIVE JOINT DISEASE

PAGETS DISEASE IRREGULARLY SHAPED TUMOR CELL.

PALLIATIVE .A TERM APPLIED TO THE TREATMENT OF INCURABLE DISEASES IN WHICH THE AIM IS TO MITIGATE THE SUFFERINGS OF THE PATIENT, NOT TO EFFECT A CURE

PARACETAMOL .MEDICATION USED IN TREATMENT OF MILD PAIN OR FEVER

PASSING URINE (PU)

PATIENT CONTROLLED ANALGESIA (PCA) .SELF ADMINISTRATION OF ANALGESICS BY A PATIENT OF INTRA VENOUS OPOID'S USUALLY MORPHINE BY MEANS OF A PROGRAMMABLE PUMP

PER RECTUM (PR) .VIA THE RECTUM

PLETHORIC FACE .RED FACE

PRN AS REQUIRED

PROHYLAXIS .PREVENTION OF DISEASE

PYREXIAL RAISED TEMPERATURE

QDS *FOUR TIMES A DAY*

RANTINIDE *-AN ANTI ULCER DRUG*

RAYNAUD'S PHENOMENOM- *POOR CIRCULATION TO FINGERS*

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (RA) *INFLAMMATION OF THE JOINTS AND TISSUE AROUND THE JOINTS AND OTHER ORGANS*

SCLERODACTLY *THIN FINGERS*

SCLEROUS SCLERDOMA *THICKENING OF THE SKIN*

SENNA *A LAXATIVE*

SEPTICAEMIA *BLOOD POISONING*

SHORTNESS OF BREATH (SOB)

SICCA SYNDROME *DRY EYES AND MOUTH*

SICK SINUS SYNDROME *ABNORMALITY OF THE HEART*

SLOW K *A POTASSIUM SUPPLEMENT*

SOCIAL WORKER (SW)

SPIRONOLACTONE *DRUG TO REDUCE OEDEMA*

SUBCUTANEOUS *BENEATH THE SKIN*

SUB TROCHANTRIC FRACTURE *FRACTURE OF HIP JUST BELOW NECK OF FEMUR*

SWELLING OF ANKLE (SOA)

SYRINGE DRIVER *MOTORIZED PUMP DELIVERING A CONSTANT DOSAGE OF MEDICINE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME*

TACHYCARDIA *FAST HEARTBEAT*

TDS *THREE TIMES A DAY*

TEMAZEPAM *HYPNOTIC DRUG TO TREAT INSOMNIA*

TERMINAL CARE *CARE GIVEN IN LAST WEEKS OF LIFE*

THIAMINE *A VITAMIN B PREPARATION*

TRAMADOL *AN OPIOID ANALGESIC FOR SEVERE PAIN*

TRAZEDONE *DRUG USED IN DEPRESSIVE ILLNESS PARTICULARLY WHEN SEDATION IS REQUIRED*

UREA AND ELECTROLYTES (U'S & E'S) *A BLOOD TEST TO ASSESS THE BODY'S GENERAL CONDITION*

WARD ROUND (WR)

WESSEX PROTOCOLS *GUIDELINES AS TO MEDICATION AS PER THE ANALGESIC LADDER*

WERNICKES ENCEPHALOPATHY *A DEGENERATIVE DISEASE OF THE BRAIN ASSOCIATED WITH THIAMIN DEFICIENCY. THIS IS USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH CHRONIC ALCOHOL ABUSE.*