149 SPANISH MEDICAL TERMS FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Medical professionals are in constant contact with patients from all walks of life. You may not always have an interpreter or loved one to help translate, and it will be good to have a strong medical vocabulary available to you. So feel free to download this page as a PDF for reference.

It is essential to know as many of the top Spanish medical terms for nurses, doctors, & emergency/first responders in communities with Spanish speakers. Use these 149 commonly used terms in healthcare to understand the language and communicate better with patients in case of a medical emergency or routine attention.

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Let's review some top Spanish words for medical purposes:

Medical terminology for:

1) Common Disease/Medical Symptoms in Spanish:

The following chart shows some Spanish words related to common symptoms expressed by patients in general:

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
abscess	absceso
burns	quemaduras

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ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
constipation	estreñimiento
cough	tos
dehydration	deshidratación
depression	depresión
diarrhea	diarrea
dizziness	mareo
fatigue	fatiga
fever	fiebre
fracture	fractura
headache	dolor de cabeza
hemorrhage	hemorragia
high tension	tensión alta / hipertensión
hypoglycemia	hipoglucemia
hyperglycemia	hiperglucemia
itching	picazón
lower back pain	dolor lumbar
poisoning	envenenamiento
pain/hurts	dolor / duele
rash	sarpullido / erupción

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
sore throat	dolor de garganta
stomach ache	dolor de estómago
vision problems	problemas de visión
vomit	vómito

2) Common Etiologies in Spanish:

The next chart lists some words related to words representing common disease external and internal causes (etiologies):

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
arthritis	artritis
bacterial infection	infección bacteriana
cancer	cáncer
diabetes	diabetes
diet	dieta
high pressure	hipertensión arterial
infection	infección
low pressure	hipotensión arterial
microbe	microbio
osteoarthritis	osteoartritis
pneumonia	neumonía

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
viral infection	infección viral
smoking	fumar
virus	virus

3) Common Sequels in Spanish:

Chart number 3 names some Spanish vocabulary words related to common disease sequels:

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
appetite loss	pérdida de apetito
arrhythmia	arritmia
breathing difficulty / shortness of breath	dificultad respiratoria
debilitation / weakness	debilitamiento / debilidad
embolism	embolia
inflammation / swelling	inflamación
irritation	irritación
memory loss	pérdida de memoria
myocarditis	miocarditis
paralysis	parálisis
sepsis	sepsis / septicemia

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
thrombosis	trombosis
weight loss	pérdida de peso

4) Common Therapies in Spanish:

Chart number 4 shows vocabulary words that represent different types of therapies in Spanish:

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
therapy	terapia
physical therapy / physiotherapy	terapia física / fisioterapia
cognitive therapy	terapia cognitiva
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)	terapia cognitivo conductual (TCC)
curative therapy	terapia curativa
Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)	terapia dialéctica conductual (TDC/DBT)
drug therapy / pharmacotherapy	farmacoterapia
neurological therapy	terapia neurológica
orthopedic therapy	terapia ortopédica
occupational therapy	terapia ocupacional
respiratory therapy	terapia respiratoria
systemic therapy	terapia sistémica

5) Common Accidents and Injuries in Spanish:

Next, let's review some vocabulary words describing names of common accidents and injuries in Spanish:

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
to bang your head	golpearse la cabeza
to bleed / bleeding	sangrar / hemorragia
to break a bone	romperse un hueso
bruise	moretón
car accident	accidente de auto
to cut / cut	cortarse / corte
to faint / faint	desmayarse / desmayo
to fall / fall	caerse / caída
electrocution	descarga eléctrica
to get hurt	lastimarse
injury	lesión
sprain	torcedura
sting	picadura
to twist	torcerse
wound	herida

6) Body Parts in Spanish:

The next chart lists a number of vocabulary words that represent parts of the body in Spanish:

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
ankle	tobillo
appendix	apéndice
arm	brazo
back	espalda
brain	cerebro
chest	pecho
colon	colon
ears	oídos / orejas
eye	ojo
finger	dedo (de la mano)
foot	pie
forearm	antebrazo
gallbladder	vesícula biliar
gluteus	glúteo
hand	mano
head	cabeza

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heart	corazón
hip	cadera
kidney	riñón
large intestine	intestino grueso
leg	pierna
liver	hígado
lungs	pulmones
mouth	boca
muscle	músculo
neck	cuello
nose	nariz
pancreas	páncreas
shoulder	hombro
small intestine	intestino delgado
stomach	estómago
toe	dedo (del pie)
urinary bladder	vejiga
wrist	muñeca

7) Frequent Emergencies in Spanish:

The following chart contains the names of frequent medical emergencies in Spanish.

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
accident	accidente
food poisoning	intoxicación alimentaria
bleeding	sangrado
heart attack	ataque al corazón /infarto de miocardio
seizure	convulsión
stroke	accidente cerebrovascular (ACV)
emergency room	sala de emergencias

8) Common & Specialty Medicines in Spanish:

Chart number 8 lists some vocabulary words related to the names of common and specific medicines in Spanish:

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
insulin	insulina
metformin	metformina
ibuprofen	ibuprofeno
aspirin	aspirina
simvastatin	simvastatina
omeprazole	omeprazol

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sodium levothyroxine	levotiroxina sódica
ramipril	ramipril
amlodipine	amlodipino
losartan	losartan
enalapril	enalapril
captopril	captopril
paracetamol	paracetamol
acetaminofen	acetaminofén
salbutamol	salbutamol
lansoprazole	lansoprazol
sodium chloride	cloruro de sodio
colecalciferol	colecalciferol
bisoprolol fumarate	bisoprolol fumarato
co-codamol	co-codamol
bendroflumethiazide	bendroflumetiazida
amoxicillin	amoxicilina
azithromycin	azitromicina
amitriptyline hydrochloride	hidrocloruro de amitriptilina
warfarin sodium	warfarina sódica

ENGLISH TERMS	SPANISH TERMS
metamizole	metamizol
codeine	codeína
penicillin	penicilina

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Learning these words will help you improve your performance in the Spanish language. Try to study more and more words every day, and soon you will feel confident in communicating with Spanish-speaking patients. So, keep on learning new vocabulary related to health, illness, and medicine in general in Spanish to continue improving your communicative skills. If you have any ideas or suggestions on the subject of what you would like to learn, leave your comments in this post.