



Practice Using Plain Language

Acute Airborne Transmission Benign Contraindicated Contusion Deficient Development Diagnosis Discharge Effectiveness Edema Emergency Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Interwention Intravenous	Clinical or Formal Term	Plain Language Examples
Benign Contraindicated Contusion Deficient Development Diagnosis Discharge Effectiveness Edema Emergency Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Interwention	Acute	
Contraindicated Contusion Deficient Development Diagnosis Discharge Effectiveness Edema Emergency Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intervention	Airborne Transmission	
Contusion Deficient Development Diagnosis Discharge Effectiveness Edema Emergency Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Interwention	Benign	
Deficient Development Diagnosis Discharge Effectiveness Edema Emergency Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Interwention	Contraindicated	
Development Diagnosis Discharge Effectiveness Edema Emergency Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Contusion	
Diagnosis Discharge Effectiveness Edema Emergency Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Deficient	
Discharge Effectiveness Edema Emergency Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Development	
Effectiveness Edema Emergency Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Diagnosis	
Edema Emergency Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Discharge	
Emergency Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Effectiveness	
Ethnicity Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Edema	
Frequent Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Emergency	
Gangrene Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Ethnicity	
Generic Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Frequent	
Hygiene Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Gangrene	
Impulsivity Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Generic	
Inpatient Intermittent Intervention	Hygiene	
Intermittent Intervention	Impulsivity	
Intervention	Inpatient	
	Intermittent	
Intravenous	Intervention	
	Intravenous	







Clinical or Formal Term	Plain Language Examples
Lethal	
Oral	
Outpatient	
Persistent	
Permutation	
PRN	
Prognosis	
Provider	
Recovery	
Reliability	
Restricted	
Sedative	
Side Effects	
Symptoms	
Taper	
Tolerance	
Vertigo	

Additional Teach-back Resources:

- University of Michigan. Plain Language Medical Dictionary. https://apps.lib.umich.edu/medical-dictionary/
- The Teach-Back Project. www.teachback.org
- Always Use Teach-Back. www.teachbacktraining.org
- Health Services Advisory Group Teach-Back Resources. www.hsag.com/teach-back

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