Practice Using Plain Language

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

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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