

Vocabulary: Understanding Basic Medical Concepts

Following is a list of medical vocabulary that is used repeatedly in English 181. Write the meanings of the words in the blanks based on your past knowledge or use a dictionary if you require assistance.

1. Cause: _____

2. Risk factors: _____

3. Incubation period: _____

4. Transmission: _____

5. Contagious: _____

6. What is the difference between a sign and a symptom? _____

7. To monitor: _____

8. Vital signs: _____

9. Progression: _____

10. Fatal: _____

11. Diagnosis: _____

12. Prognosis: _____

13. Treatment/Cure: _____

14. Prevention: _____

15. What is the difference between a *complication* and a *relapse*?

16. What is the difference between *sedative* and *anesthetic*?
What is the difference between local and general anesthesia?
What does intravenous mean?

17. What is the difference between *chronic* and *acute*?

18. What is the difference between disease, syndrome, disorder, and condition?

