Grand Rapids Community College

Challenge Examination
for
Medical Terminology
GH 110
Student Study Guide

Course Title:

Medical Terminology I

Course Description:

This course equips members of the health care professions with a working knowledge of medical vocabulary, emphasizing definitions, spelling, and pronunciation as it relates to the body.

Student Learning Objectives:

1. Spell, pronounce, define, identify word parts, and correctly use medical terms.

2. Construct an acceptable and correctly spelled medical term, given the definition.

3. Provide a medically acceptable abbreviation of phrases, names, or labels.

4. Supply the correct medical term to properly complete a statement.

5. Correctly provide a plural and/or singular form of a given medical term.

6. Construct correctly spelled medical terms from word parts and definitions.

7. Identify body systems/cavities and the specific organs within.

8. Identify and describe medical specialties.

Test Conditions:

Each student will have 90 minutes to take the exam. All materials needed will be provided at the testing center.

Test Norm Levels:

In order to receive credit, the student must score an 80% or higher on the challenge examination. The exam can only be taken one time.

References:

Medical Terminology: A Short Course, 8th Edition
Davi-Ellen Chabner, Publisher-Elsevier

Sample Test Questions:

1. The combining form for chlor/o means:
    a. Blue
    b. White
    c. Green
    d. Red

2. A hemiplegic condition means:
    a. Paralysis on one vertical half of the body
    b. Paralysis of the heart
    c. Paralysis in the lower body
    d. Paralysis of all four extremities

3. What does the combining form dipl/o mean?
    a. Double
    b. Displaced
    c. Yellow
    d. Diseased

4. An oophorectomy is:
    a. Cutting into the uterus
    b. Incision into the fallopian tubes
    c. Excision of the uterus
    d. Excision of the ovaries

5. The abnormal condition of a blue discoloration of the arms and legs:
    a. Melanoplacidosis
    b. Acrocyanosis
    c. Ankyloglossia
    d. Armerochloritis

Key: 1. C
    2. A
    3. A
    4. D
    5. B