

Dear Student,

The teaching aid *Basic Medical Terms* aims at helping you facilitate learning the basics of medical vocabulary, i.e. anatomical terms (human body), basic terms related to health care institutions, diseases, symptoms, methods of physical examination as well as typical grammatical structures expressing medical ideas.

The tasks of Part I are intended to acquaint you with the names of the parts and organs of the human body in English you are studying during the Anatomy classes by performing tasks of various types. It also includes very basic information on the systems of the human body with illustrations to encourage you studying the human body and discussing them in English.

Part II deals with the basic terms associated with hospital, diseases, symptoms and methods of physical examination.

Part III concerns grammatical structures typical of academic language in medical context.

Part IV provides opportunity to repeat and consolidate the vocabulary acquired in the three parts by performing additional tasks of various types and communicative games. These could be addressed at the end of the term, during the whole term or both.

Famous American physician and poet Oliver Wendell Holmes said that “language is the blood of the soul into which thoughts run and out of which they grow.”

Good luck in studying medicine through English!

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