



Acronyms and Basic Terms

- ABCD (Airway, Breathing, Circulation, Disability) – for emergency situations
- SBAR (Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation) – for clinical handovers
- ICE (Ideas, Concerns, Expectations) – to explore a patient's perspective
- SPIKES (Setting, Perception, Invitation, Knowledge, Emotions, Strategy/Summary) – for breaking bad news
- BP (blood pressure)
- BMI (body mass index)
- CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)
- ECG (electrocardiogram)
- HR (heart rate)
- IV (intravenous – into a vein)
- Rx (prescription/ treatment)
- Acute (short-term condition)
- Chronic (long-term condition)
- Benign (non-cancerous)
- Malignant (cancerous)



Ethics and Professionalism

- Autonomy
- Beneficence
- Non-maleficence
- Justice
- Competence
- Duty of care/
Duty of candour
- Capacity
- Informed consent
- Confidentiality
- Whistleblowing
- Do not resuscitate (DNR)
- Revalidation



Healthcare System

- Primary care (GP)
- Secondary care (specialised)
- Tertiary care (highly specialised)
- Inpatient care (treatment under hospital admission)
- Outpatient care (treatment without hospital admission)
- Multidisciplinary team
- Standard of care
- Person-centred care
- Holistic care
- Patient advocacy
- Shared decision-making
- Continuity of care
- Preventive medicine



Science and Public Health

- Evidence-based medicine (EBM)
- Clinical reasoning
- Screening
- Triage
- Pathophysiology
- Differential diagnosis
- False positive/negative
- Incidence
- Prevalence
- Prognosis
- Health literacy
- Health equity
- Access to treatment
- QALY (quality-adjusted life year)