

Trial Medical Terminology Assessment - Answers

Assessment One

Obviously your sentences will be different. The assessor will be checking to see if you have used the medical word correctly and also have used good grammar and spelling in general. For example if you wrote: “The dermatologist noted that the man needed a hysterectomy”, the assessor would realise that you hadn’t understood the meaning of the words.

cervico/brachi/algia	Neck/upper arm/pain The physiotherapist noted cervicobradialgia
cheir/o/megaly	Hand/enlargement The doctor noted cheiromegaly and ordered urgent tests
dys/phas/ia	Difficult/speech/condition of After the stroke the patient suffered from dysphasia
encephal/o/myel/itis	Brain/spinal cord/inflammation When the patient presented with headache, stiff neck and fever the doctor suspected encephalomyelitis
gnath/o/dynia	Jaw/pain After a blow to the jaw the young man suffered from gnathodynia
hepat/itis	Liver/inflammation After the floods health care workers were concerned about a hepatitis outbreak
hyper/kal/aemia	Excessive/potassium/blood condition The patient was suffering from excessive potassium in the blood
hypo/natr/aemia	Deficient/sodium/blood condition The patient was suffering from a deficiency of sodium in the blood
phleb/o/sten/osis	Vein/narrowing/condition The patient’s aching legs were due to phlebostenosis
psych/o/somatic	Mind/body/condition The paralysis was thought to be psychosomatic as no functional cause could be found.

Assessment Two

After each abbreviation write out the whole meaning e.g. ABG – Arterial Blood Gas

1. Ca	Calcium or Carcinoma
2. FBC	Full Blood Count
3. K	Potassium
4. L5	Fifth Lumbar Vertebrae
5. LFT	Liver Function Test
6. MVA	Motor Vehicle Accident
7. Na	Sodium
8. pp	Post prandial (after a meal)
9. R/O	Removal of (also Rule Out – not in notes)
10. T4	Fourth Thoracic Vertebrae or Fourth stage of a Tumour