

English for Care: Patient Admission

Accident and Emergency (A&E)	place patients go if they are injured, also called Emergency Department
Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)	tasks which are performed for personal care, such as washing and dressing, toileting and mobility
adverse incident	an accident which has already occurred
agency staff	staff who work for private companies and are sent to work in various hospitals
allergy (plural: allergies)	sensitivity to something, such as a drug or food
anterior vena cava	area of the heart which drains the upper part of the body
aorta	the main artery of the body that starts at the left ventricle of the heart
artery	blood vessel that takes blood away from the heart
atrium	1) one of two chambers of the heart which act as entrances to the heart 2) chamber or entrance to an organ of the body
Audiology	place patients go to have their hearing tested
bank staff	staff who do not work in particular wards, but are sent to areas of need
bay	hospital room which contains several beds
bedside	area next to the bed
belongings	things which a patient owns, especially those that can be carried
blood pressure monitor	machine used to take a patient's blood pressure
bone	hard tissue that forms the skeleton
bradycardia	a slow pulse
bulb	device which is used to inflate a sphygmomanometer
(to) care for someone	to look after someone
care home	place where the elderly are cared for if they cannot manage themselves, also called retirement home or nursing home
carer	healthcare worker who works in a nursing home and looks after the elderly
charge nurse	nursing manager of a ward
(to) have confidence in someone	to feel you can trust someone
confidential	describes information which must only be viewed by authorised healthcare workers
corridor	passageway which can have rooms leading off it
cupboard	place for storing things
cuff	piece of material which is wrapped around the upper arm to cut off the blood supply so that blood pressure can be taken
date of birth	the day, month and year when a person was born
debriefing	discussing an issue after it has happened to help staff understand it and cope with any consequences
dentures	replacement teeth worn by patients who do not have their own teeth, also called false teeth

