

English for Doctors: discussing a diagnosis

abdomen	medical term for <i>belly</i> ; front part of the body between the chest and the pelvis
abdominal bloating	distention of the abdomen with gas
abdominal cavity	hollow space which contains the abdominal organs, e.g. <i>liver, stomach, gallbladder, pancreas</i>
abrasion	medical term meaning <i>graze</i> ; a scrape on the top layer of skin as a result of injury
Achilles tendon	medical term <i>calcaneal tendon</i> ; strong tendon at the back of the heel
Achilles tendonitis	also called <i>Haglund deformity</i> ; pain and swelling along the tendon near the heel
active management	use of medicine, surgery and other therapeutic means to cure a disease
airborne	describes a pathogen which is carried in the air
anti-diarrhoeal medication	drugs which treat or prevent diarrhoea
anti-spasmodic medication	drugs which relieve spasms of the smooth muscles
arch of the foot	medical term <i>arcus pedis</i> ; curve in the foot formed by tarsal and metatarsal bones
bacterium (plural: bacteria)	type of microorganism which contains only one cell
ball of the foot	padded part of the sole of the foot between the toes and the arch of the foot
Barnard's syndrome	obstruction of the <i>ileocaecal valve</i> with a gallstone
bowel cancer	also called <i>colorectal cancer</i> ; cancer of the large intestine which causes changes in bowel movements, the passing of <i>malaena</i> (black stool)
(a) bowel movement / (to) have a bowel movement	evacuation of the contents of the intestines
bruise	medical term <i>contusion</i> ; injury in which the skin is not broken
(to) bleep	to send a message to another person via the switchboard, so that an alert is heard by the receiver
bleeper	small device, also called a <i>pager</i> , which alerts a person that they should phone the switchboard operator to collect a message
blister	medical term <i>vesicle</i> : fluid-filled structure under the skin.
(a) bout of	illness experienced over a short time, e.g. <i>a bout of diarrhoea</i>
(a) burn / (to) burn	injury to the tissues caused by contact with heat / to injure by contact with heat
thermal burn	tissue damage caused by overexposure to heat
calculus	medical term meaning <i>stone</i> ; collection of mineral salts which collect in organs or their passages

