

How KIDS HEAR Hospital Words

Kids have active imaginations. You may say or hear words every day that are familiar to you. A child may tap into his or her imagination to understand what those words mean. This exercise is intended to help you realize how differently some words can be perceived by a child and some simple terms to explain them.

WORD	Sounds like...	It really is...
I.V.	a plant (Ivy)	medicine going through a plastic tube into your vein
Dressing change	changing your clothes	putting on a new bandage
Stool collection	little chairs	poop, do-do or BM
Urine	you're in; your turn	pee
Shot	a shot from a gun	medicine through a small needle
Poke	someone's finger in your rib; touch you	medicine in or blood taken out through a small needle
CAT Scan	animals or scratching	taking pictures of your body
Stretcher	stretching your body	a bed on wheels
Move to the floor	on the floor	to a different room with a bed on a unit
O.R.	for a boat	place you go to have an operation
Operation	a game	surgery to fix a problem with your body
Leads	to take you somewhere	stickers on your chest to watch your heart and breathing
NPO	a new way to spell NO	nothing to eat or drink
Anesthesia	someone's name	medicine to help you go into a deep sleep
Nebis	a snack	a machine that gives you breathing medicine

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Blood draw	a picture	a needle poke to get blood for a lab test
Lab test	test on paper	someone looks at your blood in a microscope to see what is making you sick
Obs	a knob or fixture	stay at the hospital one day to make sure you are O.K.
Sepsis	a step-sister	an infection in your body
Doc	a place to put your boat	a short name for doctor
Resident	someone that lives in your house	a doctor in training
Attending	a ticket to a concert	A boss doctor
Interns	taking turns	A hospital person learning their job
Senior	an old person	The learning doctor in charge of the learning group
Rounds	a circle	Doctors visiting their patients
Vitals	Vitamins	Checking your temperature, blood pressure, heart and respiration rate
R.O.M.	Memory on a computer	Range of Motion, helping your body parts move like they did before the burn
T.B.S.A	A TV Channel	Total Burn Surface Area, a number that explains how much of your body was burned
Meds	Candy	Your medicine
Tubbing	Carnival dunk tank	A special bath to clean the burn wounds

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P.T.	Something Indians lived in	Physical Therapy or exercises
Contracture	Signing a contract	Scarred skin that pulls tight
Skin Graft	Make a graph with lines	A thin piece of healthy skin that goes over the burned area to help it get better
Granulation	A new cereal	When the sore area of the burn grows new skin
Donor Site	Where you drop off donations	An area where the healthy skin is shaved off to put on burned skin (usually leaves a rectangle shaped sore spot until it heals)
Infection	When bugs get in your house	When germs make you sick
Kerlix	Curly	A bandage to cover burn wounds
Outpatient	Waiting for the Dr.	Going to the hospital for short visits, not staying overnight
Inpatient	Restless, or no patience	Staying in the hospital overnight
Rehab	Redo	A plan to help you get healthy and do the things you used to do
Silvadine	A super hero	A type of cream that helps keep your wounds from getting infections (sick)
Splint	A fast race, or splinter	A hard mold that shapes your body just right and helps protect your scar or helps remind the skin to stretch

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Sterile	Stereo	Something with NO germs
Trach	A bike for little kids	A little hole in the neck that helps you breathe until you can breath through your nose and mouth again
Xeroform	A musical instrument; forms you don't have to sign or fill out.	Yellow bandages used to help donor sites get better

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