

## 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.

<b>cervico/brachi/algia</b>	Neck/upper arm/pain The physiotherapist noted cervicobradialgia
<b>cheir/o/megaly</b>	Hand/enlargement The doctor noted cheiromegaly and ordered urgent tests
<b>dys/phas/ia</b>	Difficult/speech/condition of After the stroke the patient suffered from dysphasia
<b>encephal/o/myel/itis</b>	Brain/spinal cord/inflammation When the patient presented with headache, stiff neck and fever the doctor suspected encephalomyelitis
<b>gnath/o/dynia</b>	Jaw/pain After a blow to the jaw the young man suffered from gnathodynia
<b>hepat/itis</b>	Liver/inflammation After the floods health care workers were concerned about a hepatitis outbreak
<b>hyper/kal/aemia</b>	Excessive/potassium/blood condition The patient was suffering from excessive potassium in the blood
<b>hypo/natr/aemia</b>	Deficient/sodium/blood condition The patient was suffering from a deficiency of sodium in the blood
<b>phleb/o/sten/osis</b>	Vein/narrowing/condition The patient’s aching legs were due to phlebostenosis
<b>psych/o/somatic</b>	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

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