Medical Terminology

General

Auscultation	Listening with a stethoscope
Avulsion	A forcible pulling away of a part or structure
Baseline	The normal state of being for the patient
Benign	Normal; No danger to one's health
Crepitus	A crackling or grating sound usually of bones
Differential Diagnosis	A diagnosis of symptoms of two or more diseases which a physician considers as the reason for the patient's symptoms
Effusion	Escape of fluid into a cavity
Hemangioma	Tumor consisting of blood vessels
Hemorrhage	Excessive amount of bleeding
Hypertension	Persistently elevated blood pressure over 130/90
Hypotensive	Persistently low blood pressure below 100/65
Infarct	Area of dead tissue following prolonged ischemia
Ischemia	Localize lack of blood supply to a specific area
Malodorous	Foul-smelling
Palpable	Able to be touched or easily perceived
Polydipsia	Excessive thirst or frequently drinking of liquids; possible indicator for diabetes
Rupture	The breaking open of a bodily structure
Sepsis	Dangerous infection of the blood with pathological microorganisms or their toxins
Stellate	Star-shaped, radiating from the center

Timing

Acute	New onset; likely concerning
Acute on chronic	New exacerbation of a chronic condition
Chronic	Long-standing
Fluctuating	Symptoms that are always present but changing severity, never fully resolving
Intermittent	Symptoms which resolve at times but continue to return repeatedly
Paroxysmal	Occasional, sporadic, transient
Resolved	Gone
Transient	Resolving spontaneously after onset

Kinesiology

Abduction	Draws away from the midline
Adduction	Draws toward the midline
Ambulatory	Able to move about, not confined to a bed
Anatomical Position	To stand erect with arms at the sides and palms of the hands turned
	forward
Anterior	Situated in front of or directed toward the front
Articulation	Connection between the bones
Axilla	Armpit
Caudal	Towards the feet
Cephalad	Towards the head
Cervical	Pertaining to the neck or the cervix of the uterus
Deep	Farther from the surface
Diffuse	Spread out over a wide area
Distal	Away from the body
Dorsiflexion	Backwards flexion, as in bending backward either a hand or foot
Everted	Turned outward
Extension	Straightening out
External	Outside the body
Flexion	Bending or angulation
Frontal/coronal plane	Divides the body into anterior and posterior parts
Inferior	Lower, farther from the crown
Internal	Inside the body
Inverted	Turned inward
Lateral	Farther from the midline
Levator	Raises
Medial	Nearer to the midline
Midline	Divides the body into left and right
Palmer or Volar	Palm side of hand or body
Plantar	Sole of foot
Posterior or Dorsal	Rear or back
Pronator	That which turns palm of hand downward
Prone	Body position lying face down with forearms and hands turned palm side
	down
Proximal	Closes to the body
Radial	Lateral side of the arm
Superficial	Nearer to the surface
Superior	Upper, nearer to the crown of the head
Supinator	That which tuns palm of hand upward
Supine	Body position lying face up
Transverse plane	Right ankles to long axis; divides the body into upper and lower parts
Ulnar	Pertaining to the medial side of the arm

Constitutional

Afebrile	Without a fever
Alert	Looking around, awake, attentive
Body Habitus	The state of the patient's body, often referring to obesity
Cachectic	Extremely skinny, malnourished
Combative	Aggressively uncooperative
Constitutional	The general appearance and nature of a patient
Dehydrated	General appearance of lack of water, dry lips, dry mucosa
Distress	A patient's inability to tolerate their body-state, due to pain or difficulty breathing
Elderly	Appearing old
Emaciated	Extremely thin and malnourished, wasting away, shrunken
Febrile	Elevated body temperature, fever
Ill appearing	Not appearing healthy
Inconsolable	When a baby or infant cannot stop crying
Malaise	Generalized feeling or discomfort or lack of well being
Malnourished	Poor nutritional state
Morbidly Obese	Extremely overweight
Non-Toxic	Appearing stable and at no risk of deterioration
Somnolent	Appearing drowsy
Tearful	Crying
Uncooperative	Does not follow commands
Unkempt	Poor hygiene
Well developed	Normal state of mental and body development

Head

Atraumatic, Normocephalic	ATNC; Normal external head inspection
Battles sign	Bruising behind the ears, indicative of a basilar skull fracture
Cephalgia	Headache
Encephalopathy	Disease of the brain
Facial angioedema	Swelling of the face often secondary to an allergic reaction
Fontanelle	Anatomical feature of an infant's skull; the "soft spot"
Frontal	The forehead and the anterior top of the skull
Meningitis	Infection of the meninges, the membranes that contain the brain and spinal cord
Occipital/Occiput	The most posterior part of the skull; The back of the head
Parietal	Location across the posterior top of the skull
Sinusitis	Infection of the sinuses, usually causing sinus pressure
Temporal	The sides of the head, near the temples

Eyes

Conjunctiva	Thin outer lining of the eye and eyelid
Conjunctival exudate	Pus in the eyes
Cornea	Transparent frontal aspect of the eye, covering both the iris and the pupil
Diplopia	Diagnosis of double vision
EOMI	Extraocular muscles are intact
Fluorescein	Orange/yellow eye drops used to detect corneal lesions, abrasions, or foreign bodies
Fluorescein uptake	Demonstrates the presence of a corneal abrasion
Funduscopic exam	The use of an ophthalmoscope to look though the pupil and examine the interior surface of the posterior eye
Hyphema	Blood in the anterior chamber of the eye
Nystagmus	Involuntary shaking eye movements
Pale conjunctiva	Pale inner aspect of the eyelid most often due to anemia
Papilledema	Swelling of optic disk due to increased intracranial pressure
Periorbital ecchymosis	Bruising around the eyes, indicative of trauma
Photophobia	Light sensitivity
Raccoon eyes	Bruising around the eyes, indicative of a basilar skull fracture
Sclera	Dense, fibrous, opaque outer coat enclosing the eyeball except the part covered by the cornea
Scleral icterus	Yellowing of the sclera due to jaundice
Sty/Hordeolum	Small infected bump of the eyelid, usually in between the eyelash hairs
Subconjunctival hemorrhage	Blood in the white apart of the eye
Sunken eye	Sign of dehydration

Ears

Auricle	External portion of the ear
Cerumen	Earwax
Labyrinthitis	Infection of the deep inner ear, known as the labyrinth; often causes vertigo
Loss of Landmarks	The TM is opaque, no longer transparent. This can indicate an ear infection
Otalgia	Ear pain or ache
Otitis externa	Infection of the external or outer ear
Otitis media	Infection of the middle ear
Tinnitus	"Ringing in the ear"
TM bulging	Absence of light reflection. This can indicate an ear infection
TM erythema	Redness of the IM. This often can indicate an ear infection
TM perforation	Rupture of the ear drum
Tympanic membrane	TM, the clear membrane inside the ear; ear drum

Nose	
Epistaxis	Nose bleed
Naris	Nostrils (pleural: nares)
Rhinorrhea	Clear nasal drainage; Runny nose
Septal Hematoma	Bruise or swelling of the septum; Indicator for a nose fracture
Deviated Septum	Septum not midline; Indicator of a nose dislocation

Decreased gag reflex	Little to no gag reflex. Indicative of decreased LOC or brainstem injury.
	Concern for an airway protection
Dentition	Teeth
Dry mucosa	Dry tongue, mouth, lips. Can indicate dehydration
Edentulous	No teeth
Gingiva	Gums
Malocclusion	Teeth not lining up properly. Can indicate a jaw fracture or trauma
Nasopharynx	The far back of the nasal canal where it joins the back of the throat
Oropharynx	The back of the throat where it meets the mouth
Peritonsillar abscess	Collection of pus or fluid around the tonsil
Pharyngeal erythema	Redness of the pharynx. This could indicate a throat infection
Pharyngitis	Infection of the throat
Tacky mucosa	Sticky tongue, mouth and lips
Tonsillar edema	Swelling of the tonsils
Tonsillar exudate	Pus on the tonsils
Trismus	Inability to fully open the mouth due to inflammation of the jaw muscles
Uvula midline	Uvula is normal position (not shifted)

Neck	
Brudzinski's Sign	Neck pain elicited by flexing neck; Hips and knees flex in response to
	neck being flex; This can indicate meningitis
C-spine	Cervical Spine
Carotid Bruit	Turbulent blood flow head with auscultation over the carotid artery; Due
	to the narrowing of the carotid narrowing or plaque)
Jugular vein distention	JVD; This is a sign of Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)
Kernig's sign	Neck pain elicited by flexing hip. Stiff hamstrings/inability to straighten
	the leg when hip is flexed; This is a sign of meningitis.
Lymphadenopathy	Enlarged lymph nodes
Meningismus	Stiff neck/ Signs of meningitis
Paraspinal tenderness	Tenderness of the muscles next to the vertebrae
Supple	Flexible, free-moving, not-stiff
Thyromegaly	Enlarged thyroid
Trachea midline	No deviation of the trachea (deviates to the unaffected side in
	pneumothorax)
Vertebral tenderness	Bony tenderness directly over the vertebrae

Cardiovascular

Aortic aneurysm	Diagnosis of an enlarged aortic; This is due to a weakened aortic wall
Aortic dissection	Diagnosis in which the arterial wall splits apart
Arrhythmia	Irregular rhythm of the heart
Aortic rupture	Diagnosis which the atrial wall breaks open as could happen in aortic
	dissection, ruptured aortic aneurysm trauma
Atrial fibrillation	Irregular beating of the atria; indicates the sinus nodes is not conducting
	a normal sinus rhythm
Atrial flutter	Irregular beating of the atria; often described as "a-flutter"
Atrial septal defect	A hole in the atrial septum that causes blood in the RA and LA to mix
Bradycardia	Slow heart rate; Under a rate of 60
Cardiac ischemia	Decreased blood flow through the coronary vessels and to the heart
Cardiomegaly	Enlarged heart
Cardiomyopathy	Disease of the cardiac muscle
Dilated cardiomyopathy	Dysfunctional heart muscle secondary to an enlarged heart
Friction Rub	Described as grating, scratching sound of the heart indicative of pericarditis
Gallop	Three or four sounds, resembling the sound of a gallop
Irregularly irregular	Heart rhythm for anyone with atrial fibrillation
Murmur	Abnormal heart sound rated on a scale of 1-6
Myocardial Infarction	Death of cardiac muscle due to prolonged ischemia when blood flow
	through the coronary artery is obstructed
Myocarditis	Inflammation of the heart muscle
NSTEMI	Non-ST segment elevation MI; a heart attack that is not diagnosed on an
	ECG but is diagnosed by an elevated troponin level on a blood test
Pericardial Tamponade	Diagnosis due to the fluid in the pericardium that exerts pressure on the heart and hamper sits ability to contract normally
Pericarditis	Inflammation of the pericardium evidenced on physical exam by the
	presence of a friction rub on heart auscultation
Pulse exam	Includes carotid, brachial, radial, femoral, popliteal, dorsalis pedis (DP),
	and popliteal tibial (PT)
STEMI	ST elevation myocardial infarction; When the EKG shows "ST segment
	elevation" it indicates an acute heart attack
Tachycardia	Fast heart rate; greater than 100 heart rates
Ventricular Fibrillation	Irregular beating of the ventricles; this requires immediate intervention
Ventricular Septal Defect	VSD; a hole in the ventricular septum that causes blood to mix between the RV and LV
Ventricular Wall	A blood clot that attaches to the inside wall of the ventricle; pieces of
Thrombus	the thrombus can break off and spread to anywhere in the body leading
	to infarctions

Vasculature

Aneurysm	Localised ballooning of a vessel due to a weakened vessel wall
Bruit	A whooshing sound heard during auscultation indicative of blockage or
	aneurysm
Dissection	Blood flow into the wall layers of an artery causing the arterial walls to
	split apart
Deep Vein Thrombosis	DVT; deep clot in the extremity
Embolism	Obstruction of blood vessel by a traveling clot of blood or foreign
	substance
Hemangioma	Tumor consisting of blood vessels
Stenosis	Narrowing of a body opening or passage
Thrombus	Blood clot or blockage

Pulmonary

Accessory muscle use	Struggling for breath using extra muscles in addition to the diaphragm
Asthma	Constriction of the airway due to muscular contraction of the bronchioles
Atelectasis	Collapse of the alveoli in the lungs due to disease or poor inspiration
Bronchiolitis	Inflammation/infection of the bronchioles
Bronchitis	Inflammation/infection of the bronchi
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
Croup	Viral infection of the upper airway with a barking cough and often stridor
Dyspnea	Difficult and labored breathing; shortness of breath
Hemoptysis	Coughing up blood
Hemothorax	Blood fluid present in the pleural cavity
Hyperventilation	Breathing too fast
Nasal flaring	Enlargement of the nostrils with breathing
Pleurisy	Pain with breathing
Pneumonia	Infiltrate inside the lung tissue
Pneumothorax	Presence of air or gas in the pleural space; also known as a collapsed lung
Prolonged expirations	Expiratory phase that is markedly longer than the inspiratory phase
Pulmonary embolus	Blockage of the pulmonary artery or one of its branches due to a
	translocated clot
Rales	Crackles; Wet crackling heard in the lungs due to pneumonia or CHF
Retractions	Visible sinking of the area between the ribs and in the neck or abdomen
	during inhalation
Rhonchi	Sounds of mucous rolling around in the bronchioles/bronchi
Splinting	Avoiding deep inspirations due to increased pain with breathing
Sputum	Matter coughed up from the lower airways
Stridor	Upper airway noise; common sign of stridor
Tachypnea	Increased respiratory rate. Greater than 20 respirations per minute
Wheezing	High pitched sound heard with asthmatics or lung disease

Bowel sounds	Intestinal sounds heard from auscultating over the abdomen; hyperactive,
bowei soulius	hypoactive, diminished, absent
Chalagystitis	Inflammation of the gallbladder
Cholecystitis Cholelithiasis	
	Production of gallstones
Cirrhosis	Scarring of the liver tissue affecting the liver's ability to function
Crohn's/Colitis	Types of chronic inflammatory bowel disease
Diffuse	Generalised; Not localised
Distention	Enlarged or swollen due to internal pressure
Diverticulitis	Acute inflammation of the diverticular pouches
Diverticulosis	Formation of the diverticula
Dyspepsia	Indigestion
Dysphagia	Difficulty swallowing
Emesis	Vomiting
Epigastric	Upper mid area of the abdomen
Gastroenteritis	Inflammation of the GI tract
Guarding	Tensing of the abdominal wall muscles as to guard the internal organs
	indicative of true abdominal disease
Hematemesis	Vomiting of blood
Hematochezia	Bright red blood in the stool
Hepatitis	Inflammation of the liver
Hepatomegaly	Enlarged liver
Hernia	Contents of body cavity bulged out of the area where are normally contained
Ileus	Lack of muscular contraction in the intestine leading to disruption of bowel
	passage air/fluid level on an abdominal x-ray
Inguinal	Groin region
Intussusception	One portion of the intestine slides in the next, much like the pieces of a
	telescope
McBurney's point	RLQ point tenderness indicative of appendicitis
Melena	Black tarry stool
Murphy's sign	Pain with palpation of the RUQ during inspiration
Obturator sign	RLQ on internal rotation of the right thigh
Organomegaly	Enlarged organs
Pancreatitis	Inflammation of the pancreatitis
	Rebound tenderness, guarding or rigidity
Peritoneal signs Peritonitis	Inflammation of the peritoneal abdominal cavity
Prominent aortic	A larger than expected pulsating mass while palpating midline over the
	abdomen
pulsation Properties	
Psoas sign	RLQ pain with extension of right thigh
PUD	Peptic ulcer disease; ulcers developing in the stomach causing mass and vomiting
Pulsatile mass	Strong pulse of midline abdomen
Rebound	Pain when releasing hand from abdominal palpation
Rigidity	Stiffness of the muscles of the abdomen
Rovsing's sign	Pain in the RLQ with palpation of the LLQ
SBO	Small bowel obstruction; Acute blockage of the small intestine
Splenomegaly	Enlarged spleen
Suprapubic	Lower central region on the abdomen

Genitourinary

Abortion	Number of terminated pregnancies, spontaneous or induced
Adnexa	The ovaries and fallopian tubes
Adnexal tenderness	Tenderness of the ovaries during the pelvic exam
Blood at the meatus	Blood at the urethral opening of a male
Cervical os	The opening of the cervix; Always closed unless passing tissue from the
	cervix
CMT	Cervical motion tenderness; elicited by moving the cervix
CVA tenderness	Cost-vertebral angle tenderness; tenderness over the kidneys
Dysmenorrhea	Painful menstruation
Dyspareunia	Painful intercourse
Dysuria	Painful urination
Ectopic pregnancy	Egg developing outside the uterus extremely dangerous due to risk of rupture
Endometriosis	Presence of functioning endometrial tissue outside of the uterus
Epididymitis	Inflammation of the epididymis
Foley catheter	A tube inserted through the urethra to drain urine, often left in place
Frequency	Urinating often
GPA	Gravida, Para, Abortus
Gravid	The state of being pregnancy
Gravida	Number of total pregnancies
Hematuria	Blood in the urine
Hydronephrosis	Swelling of the kidney due to acute blockage of the ureter
Inguinal	Pertaining to the groin area
Nephrolithiasis	Kidney stones
Ovarian torsion	Twisting of the ovarian artery or vein
Para	Number of off-spring born by a woman
PID	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease; inflammation of a woman's reproductive
	organs
POC	Productive of Conception; tissue of an aborted fetus
Polyuria	Urinating large amounts
Pyelonephritis	Infection on the kidneys
Renal calculi	Kidney stones
Retention	Inability to urinate
Spotting	Passing very small amount of blood from the vagina
Testicular torsion	Twisting of the spermatic cord
Torsion	Twisting of an organ on its own; ovary, fallopian tube, testicle, etc.
Urgency	Abrupt onset of urge to urinate
Vaginal vault	The interior of the vagina

Musculature/Bones

Arthralgia	Pain in a joint
Arthritis	Inflammation of the joint
Atrophic	Showing signs of tissue degradation or breakdown
Avulsion fracture	Fragment of bone chipped away from the main bone
Bony tenderness	Tenderness of the bone
Boxer's fracture	5 th metatarsal fracture
Comminuted fracture	Splintered and crushed bone broken into multiple fragments
Compartment	Compression of the nerves and blood vessel
syndrome	
Compound fracture	Open fracture; a fracture that penetrates the skin
Costochondritis	Inflammation of the rib cartilage
Deformity	Visual abnormality of a bone or anatomical structure
Dislocation	Disconnection of the joint; complete malalignment of the joint
Fascia	Fibrous membrane of connective tissue supporting and separating muscles
	and body organs
Fracture	Broken bone
Gout	Type of arthritis
Greenstick fracture	Bone partially breaks and bends
Impacted fracture	Broken bone smashed into another bone
Intertrochanteric	Fracture at the proximal end of the femur
fracture	
Joint	Articulation or junction between two or more bones
Ligament	Fibrous tissue binding bones together
Malleolus	Bony prominence on each side of the ankle
Multiple sclerosis	Autoimmune disease affecting the brain and spinal cord
Myalgia	Muscular pain
Olecranon	Large boney projection of the ulnar forming the point of the elbow
Osteomyelitis	Infection of the bone
Paraspinal tenderness	Tenderness of the muscles next to the spine
Radiculopathy	Compressed nerve in the spine
Sciatica	Compression of the sciatic nerve causing back pain with radiation to
	posterior leg
Shaft	Long, slender segment of a long bone
Straight leg raises	SLR; Maneuver testing for sciatica
Snuff box	Triangular indentation of the radial, dorsal aspect of the hand
Spiral fracture	Bone is broken in a twisting manner
Step-offs	Misalignment of the spine
Subluxation	Partial dislocation
Tenosynovitis	Inflammation of the tendon sheath
Transverse fracture	Perpendicular break across the bone
Vertebral point-	Tenderness directly over the spine
tenderness	

Integumentary and Ly

Abrasion	•
	Scrape of the skin
Abscess	A collection of pus underneath the skin
Acne	Pimple
Adenopathy	Swelling of a lymph-node
Alopecia	Baldness
Avulsion	A forcible pulling away of a part of structure
Capillary Refill	The time taken for color to return to an external capillary bed after
	pressure is applied
Cyanosis	Blue color of the skin due to the lack of oxygen
Debridement	Removal of foreign matter of dead tissue from a wound
Dehiscence	Splitting apart of separation of skin often used when describing a surgical
	wound which has re-opened
Dermis	Tissue layer beneath the epidermis
Dermatitis	Inflammation of the skin
Diaphoresis	Sweating
Dusky	Somewhat dark in color
Ecchymosis	Bruising
Eczema	Inflammatory condition of the skin characterized by scaly and itchy rash;
	may include tiny vesicles with oozing and crusting
Erythema	Redness
Fascia	Fibrous membrane of connective tissue supporting and separating muscles
	and body organs
Fluctuance	Palpable fluid beneath the skin indicative of infection
Folliculitis	Inflammation of the hair follicle
Gangrene	Necrotic skin
Hematoma	Raised area with underlying blood which occurs in tissue resulting from
	ruptured blood vessels
Herpes simplex virus	Viral skin disease, usually affecting the mouth or genital region
Herpes zoster	Shingles, painful red blisters
Hyperpigmented	Darker than the surrounding skin
Hypopigmented	Light than the surrounding skin
Induration	Hardened area of tissue
Keloid	Hypertrophic or raised scar
Laceration	Cut in the skin due to some type of trauma such as a cut
Lymphadenopathy	Enlargement of a lymph node
Lymphangitis	Inflammation of a lymphatic vessel; appears as red streaking
Macerated	Skin softening breakdown often from being wet for a prolonged period
Maculopapular rash	Rash with a flat red area that also has and raised bumps
Necrotizing fasciitis	Rapidly spreading inflammatory infection located in the deep fascia
Pitting oedema	Skin swollen due to fluid collection
Pallor	Paleness
Papular	Raised bumps
Petechial rash	·
retechiai rash	Red or purple discolorations on the skin that do not blanch on applying
Ditting codess	pressure
Pitting oedema	Edema that retrains an imprint when touched
Pruritic	Itchy

Integumentary and	l Lymphatic continued
Psoriasis	Autoimmune skin disease: dry, scaly, red, itchy patches of skin
Purulent	Containing pus
Serosanguinous	Consisting of serum and blood
Subungual	Beneath nail
Tinea	Fungal infection of the skin
Turgor	Skin elasticity
Urticarial rash	Hives; A red raised, and often itchy rash consistent with allergic reactions
Vesicular rash	Vesicles; fluid-filled blisters
Vitiligo	Depigmentation of patches of skin
Wheals	Urticarial; red, raised rash, consistent with allergic reactions

Aniscoria	Unequal diameter of pupils
Antalgic gait	Limping
Aphasic	Inability to generate or understand language due to damage to the brain. This could be the inability to form words or inability to understand spoken words
Ataxia	Loss of coordination
Absence seizures	Seizure where individuals have a brief episode of loss of consciousness; also known as petit mal seizures
Atonic seizures	Loss of muscle tone; Also known as drop attacks
Babinski sign	The toes flex upward when sole of the foot is stimulated, indicating motor nerve damage
Bell's Palsy	Sudden weakness in the muscles on one half of the face; short term and only lasts a few days
Clonic seizures	Repetitive jerking movements
Clonus	Involuntary muscle contractions and relaxations
Cranial Nerve I	Olfactory; Smell
Cranial Nerve II	Optic; Visual fields and pupillary light reflex
Cranial Nerve III	Oculomotor; Pupil function and extra ocular movements
Cranial Nerve IV	Trochlear nerve, eye movement
Cranial Nerve V	Trigeminal; Sensation of forehead, cheek and chin
Cranial nerve VI	Abducens nerve, eye movement
Cranial nerve VII	Facial
Cranial nerve VIII	Vestibulocochlear; Hearing
Cranial nerve IX	Glossopharyngeal; Gag reflex
Cranial nerve X	Vagus
Cranial nerve XI	Accessory
Cranial nerve XII	Hypoglossal
Decreased rectal tone	Diminished anal sphincter muscle contraction; Usually test in trauma such as MVC or back injuries depending on severity
Deep Tendon Reflexes	DTRs
Dysarthria	Poor mechanical articulation of speech due to abnormal lip, tongue, tongue or cheek motor function

Neurological continued

Dysphagia	Difficulty in neurologically generating or understanding language
EOMI	Extraocular movement intact
EOM palsy	Paralysis of the extraocular movements
Facial asymmetry	Drooping of one side of the face indicating neurological damage
Facial Palsy	Paralysis of the face
Finger-Nose	A test to evaluate function of the cerebellum
Grand Mal seizures	Epileptic attack characterized by convulsions, stupor and temporary loss of consciousness
Hemiparesis	Weakness on one half of the body
Hemiplegia	Paralysis of one half of the body
Moving all extremities	The patient moves their arms and legs normally
Myoclonic seizures	Isolated jerking movement; typically, only one area of the body
Neuralgia	Sharp pain along the course of a nerve or several nerves
Oriented x3	Oriented to person, place and time
Papilloedema	Swelling of the optic nerve sheath
Paresthesia	Abnormal tactile sensation often described as tingling, numbness or pins and needles
Post-ictal	The state of somnolence and decreased responsiveness after a seizure
Pronator drift	Involuntary turning or lowering of forearm when outstretched
Romberg's sign	Falling to one side when standing with feet together and eyes closed; This can indicate abnormal cerebellar function or inner ear dysfunction
Saturday Night Palsy	A permanent localized numbness or weakness to a specific nerve's distal innervation
Status epilepticus	Repetitive seizures without regaining consciousness between them
Strength 5/5	Normal strength of the extremities
Stroke	Blood supply to the brain is restricted or absent due to occlusion or hemorrhage of a vessel resulting in neurologic damage and dysfunction
Syncope	Also known as loss of consciousness or fainting
Tongue deviation	Tongue pointing to one side
Tonic clonic seizures	Description of a Grand-Mal or generalized seizure with stupor and transient LOC
Transient Ischemic	TIA; Transient "mini-stroke", neurologic function is regained completely
Attacks	after a short period of time; can be a warning sign for a CVA
Vasovagal syncope	A sudden drop in heart rate and blood pressure leading to fainting; typically happens when standing up to quickly from sitting or lying down
Vertigo	Condition of feeling the room spinning; dizziness

Psychological

Abnormal judgement	Lack of normal decision making
Affect	The expressed or observed emotional and social responses
Anxiety reaction	Commonly known as an "anxiety attack"
Auditory Hallucinations	Hearing voices, noises, music, or sounds that are not actually real
Delusions	An unshakable theory or belief that something false or impossible
Depressed	Appearing sad, unhappy
Flat affect	Lack of normal interaction, monotone, unemotional
Homicidal ideation	Thoughts of killing another person
Insomnia	Inability to sleep
Non-communicative	Lacking the desire or ability to communicate
Odd affect	Strange interactions, unusual expressions, "weird"
Paranoia	The irrational and persistent feeling that someone is out to get them
Pressured speech	Abnormal rate of speech, speaking quickly and urgently
Suicidal ideation	Thoughts of killing oneself
Tangential thoughts	Thought process that do not follow normal or logical progressions
Visual hallucinations	Seeing objects, people or things that are not there and do not exist
Withdrawn	Uninterested and non-participatory