

Cambridge English for Nursing

GLOSSARY

UNIT 10

Discharge planning

Medical term		Definition	Translation
carotid artery		one of two arteries which carry blood to the brain	
cerebral hemisphere		one of the two structures which make up the largest part of the brain	
CVA		cerebrovascular accident; damage to brain function caused by obstruction to blood flow to the brain, also called <i>stroke</i>	
Circle of Willis		a ring of arteries at the base of the brain from which other arteries branch out	
commode		a chair with a bed pan under the seat	
continent		able to control bladder and/or bowels	
privacy laws (data protection)		laws which protect a person's right to have personal information kept in a confidential manner	
defecation		to eliminate faeces from the bowels	
dosette box		a plastic container with compartments holding up to one week's supply of tablets or capsules	
dysarthria		difficulty in articulating words because of impairment of the muscles in the mouth and tongue	
dysphagia		difficulty swallowing	
dysphasia		impairment of speech and comprehension	
emotional lability		changeable emotional state	
expected date of discharge (EDD)		the date it is anticipated that a patient can leave hospital	
haemorrhagic stroke		stroke caused by a haemorrhage or bleeding in the brain	
hemiparesis		weakness on one side of the body	
hemiplegia		paralysis on one side of the body	
incontinent		unable to control bladder and/or bowels	
in situ		in place	
ischaemia		decrease in blood supply because of an obstruction	
mechanical transfer aid		an piece of equipment used during the manual handling of a patient	