

Cambridge English for Nursing

GLOSSARY

UNIT 5

Medical specimens

Medical term		Definition	Translation
alkaline		having a pH greater than 7.0	
anuria		absence of urine production	
bladder		a membranous sac which holds or stores a secretion	
catheterisation		to introduce a catheter into a person e.g. a urinary catheter	
chaperone		someone who accompanies someone else especially during an intimate procedure	
cortex		hard outer covering	
ESRF		end stage renal failure; complete or near complete failure of the kidneys to function properly to excrete wastes, concentrate urine and balance electrolytes	
erythrocyte		red blood cell	
haematuria		blood in the urine	
kidney		an organ which helps maintain proper water and electrolyte balance and filters out wastes	
leucocyte		white blood cell	
medulla		centre or inner part of an organ	
nephron		filtering unit of the kidney	
oedema		large fluid volume in the spaces between the cells of the body, also called <i>swelling</i>	
oliguria		diminished urine output	
renal		relating to the kidney	
renal failure		condition where the kidney does not function properly and the waste products of the body are not excreted properly	
renal transplant		a surgical procedure to graft a healthy, functioning kidney from a living or deceased donor into a patient with non-functioning kidneys	
ureter		tube through which urine passes from kidney to bladder	
urethra		a tube which transports urine from the bladder to the outside of the body	
urinalysis		the checking of urine for abnormalities as a diagnostic tool	
UTI		urinary tract infection; an infection in the organs concerned with the production and excretion of urine i.e. kidneys, bladder, ureter, urethra	