

**UNIT 3** Caring for  
terminally ill patients

| Medical term      |                                                                                     | Definition                                                                                                   | Translation |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| aching pain       |    | pain which isn't too bad but continues for a long time                                                       |             |
| acupuncture       |    | a way of treating pain by putting fine needles into specific parts of the body                               |             |
| analgesia         |    | pain-relieving medication; also called <i>painkillers</i>                                                    |             |
| antiemetic        |    | a medicine which stops a patient vomiting or feeling sick                                                    |             |
| aromatherapy      |    | using fragrant oils from plants, flowers etc. on the skin, or to breath in to produce a feeling of wellbeing |             |
| breakthrough dose |    | extra medication to relieve severe pain                                                                      |             |
| burning pain      |    | pain which feels hot, like fire                                                                              |             |
| chemotherapy      |   | using chemicals to treat diseases e.g. cancer                                                                |             |
| heat pack         |  | a warm pad put on a part of the body to relieve pain                                                         |             |
| massage           |  | rubbing or pressing parts of the body to relieve stress or pain                                              |             |
| meds              |  | medication, also called <i>drugs</i> or <i>medicine</i>                                                      |             |
| nauseous          |  | an unpleasant feeling of wanting to vomit                                                                    |             |
| Palliative Care   |  | health care which supports a dying patient but does not cure                                                 |             |
| secondaries       |  | tumours that have spread from the first place a cancer started                                               |             |
| sharp pain        |  | sudden, intense pain                                                                                         |             |
| stabbing pain     |  | pain which feels like a knife stuck into you                                                                 |             |
| subcut            |  | abbreviation of <i>subcutaneous</i> ; under the skin                                                         |             |
| syringe driver    |  | a machine which gives a patient a continuous dose of medication                                              |             |
| throbbing pain    |  | pain which feels like it stops/starts in time with your heart                                                |             |
| tingling pain     |  | pain which feels like a lot of sharp points going into you                                                   |             |