

Lay Language for Informed Consent

Term	Definition
acute	new, recent, sudden
adverse effect	negative side effect
assay	lab test
benign	not malignant, usually without serious consequences
bolus	an amount given all at once
carcinogenic	Capable of causing cancer
catheter	a tube for withdrawing or introducing fluids
chronic	continuing for a long time
clinical trial	an experiment with patients
controlled trial	a study in which the experimental procedures are compared to standard (accepted) treatments or procedures
culture	test for infection, or organisms that could cause infection
double blind	study in which neither the investigators nor the subjects know which intervention the subject is receiving
dysplasia	abnormal cells
edema	increased fluid
efficacy	effectiveness
extravasate	to leak outside of a blood vessel
hematoma	a bruise, a black and blue mark
heparin lock	needle placed in the arm with blood thinner to keep the blood from clotting
monitor	check on, keep track of, watch carefully
morbidity	undesired result or complication
mortality	death or death rate
necrosis	death of tissue
oncology	the study of tumors or cancer
percutaneous	through the skin
placebo	a substance of no medical value, an inactive substance
PRN	as needed
protocol	plan of study
random	by chance, like the flip of a coin
relapse	the return of a disease
retrospective	looking back over past experience