complications
a secondary disease or condition which aggravates an existing condition
"She was re-admitted to hospital after complications set in."

convalescent
a person who is recovering after a serious accident or injury
"Convalescents usually prefer to be cared for at home rather than in a hospital."

devise
to create, design or invent a plan
"When devising a treatment plan, take into account the patient’s current symptoms and medical history."

dignity
respect that people have for someone or that someone has for themselves
"Everyone wants to maintain dignity in old age."

dress
to clean a wound and cover it with a piece of cloth
"The nurse cleaned John’s arm carefully and dressed the wound gently but firmly."

evaluate
to study something carefully in order to decide how bad it is
"Before prescribing any medications, evaluate the patient’s symptoms thoroughly."

fill in
to complete information in an official document
"It took her an hour to fill out the report."

hands-on care
tasks such as washing, dressing and feeding, performed by a nurse
"You must be very sensitive to your patient when providing hands-on care."

informed consent
a process of obtaining permission from a patient before conducting a healthcare intervention
"In Pennsylvania, informed consent is required prior to blood transfusion."
inventory
all the things stored or available in a place
"Unfortunately there are no syringes in the inventory."

maintenance
any work done in order to keep a machine in good condition and working order
"This new model requires minimal maintenance."

operation
the way a machine functions
"Don’t touch this device as it gets very hot during operation."

pre-operation care
health care and procedures before a surgical operation
"Pre-operation care is usually provided by a nurse."

rapport
a relationship in which people like, understand and respect each other
"Ms Bragwish is known for developing excellent rapport with her patients."

records
information written on paper or stored on computer to be used later on
"The hospital maintains records about patients’ conditions on the main server."

self-administer
when a patient gives a pharmacological substance to him- or herself
"John found it relatively easy to self-administer anticoagulant injection drugs."

shift
a period of work in a hospital where some people work during the day and some at night
"Does Dr Jones work the day shift tomorrow?"

supplies
medical equipment nurses and doctors need to perform their tasks
"Supplies can be ordered directly from our website."

support
help or encouragement
"Dr Matthews always offers plenty of emotional support to his patients."
workshop
an event in which a group of professionals meet to learn about a certain topic
"The workshop on Endocrinology was really useful to our team."