**UNIT 16 — ENGLISH FOR EMT'S 1**

**apprise**

to provide or give information, to inform

"Please apprise me of the patients' condition if it changes."

**AED (automated external defibrillator)**

portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses cardiac arrhythmia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation

"When the patient was hooked up to the AED it showed an arrhythmia and administered a small shock to correct it."

**CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)**

a first aid technique that can be used if someone is not breathing properly or if their heart has stopped

"A lot of first aiders learn CPR in the event of an emergency."

**cot**

a flat board which is used for carrying patients in a horizontal position

"The paramedics carried the cot to the ambulance."

**disinfect**

to thoroughly clean so as to kill bacteria

"It is important to disinfect all surfaces to stop infection from spreading."

**en-route**

on the way, in the process of travelling to a location

"We are en-route and will be there in less than 5 minutes."

**extricate**

to remove from a situations - often difficult or dangerous

"It took 3 firefighters to extricate the driver from the wreck."

**face-sheet**

a form providing information to the hospital admitting a patient

"The nurse consulted the face-sheet and saw that the paramedic had already administered 5mg of the drug."

**jaundiced**

yellowish in appearance

"Sometimes poor diet can result in a jaundiced appearance, but it could also signal a problem with the kidneys."
LOC (level of consciousness)
any test which is given to establish the mental condition of a patient. e.g. GCS test
"The Glasgow Coma Score is one of the most widely used level of consciousness tests as it provides objective data."

nasogastric intubation
the process of inserting a plastic tube through the nose and into the stomach
"The paramedic had to perform a nasogastric intubation to administer the activated charcoal."

paramedic
an EMT who has passed the 2nd grade of training
"He started as an EMT basic but after training and passing his final exam he is now a paramedic."

prioritize
to give priority, importance to
"It can be emotionally difficult to prioritize patients as each of them need help."

remediate
to correct or make right
"Insulin is used to remediate blood sugar levels."

rig
an ambulance
"Most rigs have a driver and a paramedic."

run-sheet
a list of all events and procedures organized in a temporal order
"Remember to keep all run-sheets safe for future reference."

stabilize
to make steadier, to prevent from changing
"He is losing too much blood. We need to stabilize him before we can move him."

suppress
to curb, reduce, inhibit or stop
"He was given two pain killers to suppress the headache."

ventilation
the process of using a mechanical device to provide air to a patient
"The patient needed ventilation to regulate his breathing."
viable
possible, likely to succeed
"I am not sure if this is a viable course of action."