

## Unit 2 — Medical Equipment



### **bandage**

a long piece of cloth which is wrapped around an injured body part

"I need to wrap the bandage around my ankle, as I suspect I have sprained it."

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### **brace**

an object to support a body part and hold it in the correct position after injury

"If the patient has suffered a severe head injury and there is a risk for a spinal cord injury, he or she will have to wear a neck brace."

### **cast**

a tough cover which protects an injured body part or a broken limb

"A broken bone will be treated with the cast unless it is very small."

### **catheter**

a thin tube inserted into a patient's body in order to remove a liquid, e.g. urine

"As you will be immobilized after the surgery so unable to go to the toilet, you will have a catheter inserted."

### **crutches**

sticks which fit under your arms and are used to walk when your leg or foot is injured or broken

"She's been walking on crutches for 4 weeks now and is really looking forward to the moment when her leg has fully recovered."

### **defibrillator**

a device to correct abnormal heart rate by means of electric shocks

"A defibrillator is commonly used in case of patients with irregular heart beats."

### **diagnostic equipment**

tools and devices used by doctors to examine a patient and form an opinion of what is wrong

"A stethoscope and thermometer are examples of common diagnostic equipment."

### **forceps**

an instrument with two long narrow parts for holding things during medical operations

"Use forceps to close the blood vessel."

### **incubator**

a piece of hospital equipment in which ill or premature babies lie to be kept warm and given treatment

"As my son was born a month before he was due, he had to be placed in an incubator."

**MRI (magnetic resonance imaging)**

a medical imaging technique used to produce images of internal organs

"To produce images of the body, MRI scanners use magnetic fields or radio waves."

**scalpel**

a small sharp knife used by doctors during operations to cut skin & tissue

"Make sure the scalpel is sterile before you begin performing a surgery."

**sling**

a piece of cloth to support your arm in case it's injured

"As I have injured my wrist and have to wear a sling, I'm going to take a few days off work."

**splint**

a metal, plastic or wooden element placed next to a broken bone to immobilize it while it's healing

"Before the doctor put my arm in a cast, he placed a metal splint next to it, so now my arm is so heavy!"

**stethoscope**

a tool which is used for listening to someone's breathing or heart

"When you complain to a GP about acute cough, he or she uses a stethoscope to listen to your chest."

**stretcher**

a type of portable bed used to carry an injured or ill person

"Stretchers are included as standard equipment for ambulances in case paramedics need to carry injured patients."

**syringe**

a tool which is used to inject fluid into the body or withdraw fluid from it

"The majority of doctors surgeries use disposable syringes these days."

**thermometer**

a tool to measure temperature of the body

"Due to the toxicity of mercury, mercury thermometers were banned in EU."

**tongue depressor**

a tool used during examinations of the throat which helps keep the view open

"Now please open your mouth and I will use a tongue depressor to check your throat."

**wheelchair**

a rolling transportation device often used by someone who cannot walk

"She's been in a wheelchair since she had her leg amputated."

**X-ray**

a type of radiation used to produce images that help to diagnose diseases

"He had an X-ray taken and it revealed he had broken a rib"