

English-Italian Glossary of Medical Terms

General Words and Terms

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
health	<i>salute</i>
doctor (medical)	<i>medico/medici</i>
general practitioner (GP)	<i>medico generico</i>
family doctor	<i>medico di famiglia</i>
specialist	<i>specialista</i>
private surgery	<i>studio medico</i>
homoeopathy	<i>omeopatia</i>
hospital	<i>ospedale</i>
health centre	<i>poliambulatorio</i>
first aid, emergency or casualty department/ A&E/ ER	<i>pronto soccorso</i>
National Health Service	<i>Servizio Sanitario Nazionale</i>
health card	<i>tessera sanitaria</i>
medical charge	<i>ticket per prestazioni mediche</i>
prescription	<i>ricetta</i>
prescription charge	<i>ticket sui farmaci</i>
a visit to the doctor	<i>visita ambulatoriale</i>
AIDS	<i>AIDS</i>

Eyes

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
eye specialist	<i>oculista</i>
optician	<i>optometrista</i>
eye	<i>occhio</i>
spectacles/glasses	<i>occhiali</i>

Human Anatomy

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
head	<i>testa</i>
skull	<i>cranio</i>
eye	<i>occhio</i>
nose	<i>naso</i>
ear	<i>orecchio</i>
mouth	<i>bocca</i>
neck	<i>collo</i>
GENERAL TERMS	TERMINI GENERICI
surgery	<i>operazione chirurgica</i>
X-ray	<i>raggi x</i>
surgeon	<i>chirurgo</i>
anaesthesiologist	<i>anestetista</i>
anaesthetic	<i>anestetico</i>
medication	<i>medicazione</i>

blood	<i>sangue</i>
blood vessels arteries and veins	<i>vasi sanguigni arterie e vene</i>
blood test	<i>esame del sangue</i>
on an empty stomach	<i>a stomaco vuoto</i>
a splint	<i>stecca per fratture</i>
to cure	<i>curare</i>
to treat	<i>fare un trattamento</i>

SHOULDER AND ARM	SPALLA E BRACCIO
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shoulder	<i>spalla</i>
shoulder girdle	<i>cintura scapolare</i>
clavicle	<i>clavicola</i>
scapula	<i>scapola</i>
elbow	<i>gomito</i>
arm	<i>braccio</i>
forearm	<i>avambraccio</i>
wrist	<i>polso</i>
hand	<i>mano</i>
fingers	<i>dita</i>

TORSO	TORSO
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thoracic cage	<i>gabbia toracica</i>
ribs	<i>costole</i>
diaphragm	<i>diaframma</i>

abdomen	<i>addome</i>
back	<i>schiena</i>
spine	<i>spina dorsale</i>
vertebral column	<i>colonna vertebrale</i>
pelvis	<i>pelvi</i>
LEG	GAMBA
hip	<i>fianco</i>
thigh	<i>coscia</i>
bottom	<i>sedere</i>
knee	<i>ginocchio</i>
leg	<i>gamba</i>
ankle	<i>caviglia</i>
foot	<i>piede</i>
toes	<i>dita dei piedi</i>
SPECIAL SENSES	ORGANI DI SENSO
smell	<i>odorato</i>
hearing	<i>udito</i>
taste	<i>gusto</i>
balance	<i>equilibrio</i>
sight	<i>vista</i>
touch	<i>tatto</i>

General Problems

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
cancer	<i>cancro</i>
diabetes	<i>diabete</i>
allergies	<i>allergie</i>
bone fractures	<i>fratture ossee</i>
osteoarthritis	<i>osteoartrite</i>
rheumatism	<i>reumatismi</i>
osteoporosis	<i>osteoporosi</i>
arteriosclerosis	<i>arteriosclerosi</i>
whiplash	<i>colpo di frusta</i>
Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI)	<i>sindrome del tunnel carpale</i>
muscular tear	<i>strappo muscolare</i>
inflammation	<i>infiammazione</i>
migraine	<i>emicrania</i>
glaucoma	<i>glaucoma</i>
influenza	<i>influenza</i>
"flu" (to describe "feeling unwell")	<i>indisposizione, malessere</i>
pain	<i>dolore</i>
ache	<i>male</i>
itching	<i>prurito</i>
vertigo	<i>vertigini</i>

fever	<i>febbre</i>
chills	<i>brividi di freddo</i>
swelling	<i>gonfiore</i>
sleeplessness	<i>insonnia</i>
shooting pain	<i>dolore folgorante</i>
pins & needles	<i>formicolio</i>

Respiratory System

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
throat	<i>gola</i>
trachea	<i>trachea</i>
lungs	<i>polmoni</i>
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	
breathlessness	<i>soffocamento</i>
breathless	<i>senza respiro</i>
wheezing	<i>ansimante</i>
cough	<i>tosse</i>
phlegm	<i>muco</i>
asthma	<i>asma</i>
bronchitis	<i>bronchite</i>
collapsed lung	<i>collasso polmonare</i>

Cardiovascular System

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
heart	<i>cuore</i>
lungs	<i>polmoni</i>
artery	<i>arteria</i>
veins	<i>vene</i>
valve(s)	<i>valvola(valvole)</i>
aortic valve	<i>valvola aortica</i>
mitral valve	<i>valvola mitrale</i>
blood group	<i>gruppo sanguigno</i>
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	
angina	<i>angina</i>
mini stroke (transient ischemic attack)	<i>infarto bianco o ischemia</i>
stroke (cerebral vascular accident)	<i>infarto rosso o ictus cerebrale</i>
heart attack	<i>attacco di cuore</i>
swollen legs	<i>gambe gonfie</i>
breathlessness	<i>asfissia</i>
arteriosclerosis	<i>arteriosclerosi</i>
arythmia	<i>aritmia</i>
high blood pressure	<i>pressione sanguigna alta</i>
palpitations	<i>palpitazioni</i>
chest pain	<i>dolore al torace</i>

Digestive System

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
throat	<i>gola</i>
trachea	<i>trachea</i>
larynx	<i>laringe</i>
salivary glands	<i>ghiandole salivari</i>
esophagus	<i>esofago</i>
stomach	<i>stomaco</i>
duodenum	<i>duodeno</i>
small intestine	<i>intestino tenue</i>
large intestine	<i>intestino crasso</i>
gall bladder	<i>cistifellia</i>
pancreas	<i>pancreas</i>
liver	<i>fegato</i>
rectum	<i>retto</i>
faeces	<i>feci</i>
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	
digestion	<i>digestione</i>
bowel movement	<i>transito intestinale</i>
swallowing	<i>deglutizione</i>
vomit (noun)	<i>vomito</i>
vomiting	<i>vomitare</i>

nausea	<i>nausea</i>
constipation	<i>stitichezza</i>
diarrhoea	<i>diarrea</i>
mucus in the stools	<i>muco nelle feci</i>
blood in the stools	<i>sangue nelle feci</i>
ulcer	<i>ulcera</i>
hernia	<i>ernia</i>
gall stones	<i>calcoli biliari</i>
irritable bowel syndrome	<i>sindrome del colon irritabile</i>

Nervous System

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
nerves	<i>nervi</i>
brain	<i>cervello</i>
grey matter	<i>materia grigia</i>
cerebral spinal fluid	<i>liquor cerebrale</i>
spinal cord	<i>spina dorsale</i>
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	SEGNALI E SINTOMI
radiating pain	<i>dolore vagante</i>
shooting pain	<i>dolore folgorante</i>
linear pain	<i>dolore lineare</i>
sudden but fleeting pain	<i>dolore improvviso ma rapido</i>

progressively worse pain	<i>dolore che peggiora progressivamente</i>
a burning pain	<i>dolore intenso</i>
pins and needles	<i>formicolio</i>
epilepsy	<i>epilessia</i>
multiple sclerosis	<i>sclerosi multipla</i>
Parkinson's disease	<i>morbo di Parkinson</i>
dementia	<i>demenza</i>

Urinary System

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
kidney	<i>rene</i>
urethra	<i>uretra</i>
bladder	<i>vescica</i>
urine	<i>urina</i>
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	SEGNALI E SINTOMI
odour	<i>odore</i>
colour	<i>colore</i>
infection	<i>infezione</i>
increase in urine volume	<i>umento del volume dell'urina</i>
decrease in urine volume	<i>diminuzione del volume dell'urina</i>
kidney stones	<i>calcoli renali</i>
urinary incontinence	<i>incontinenza urinaria</i>

increase in thirst

aumento della sete

Hormonal System

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
hypothalamus	<i>ipotalamo</i>
pineal gland	<i>ghiandola pineale, epifisi</i>
pituitary gland	<i>ipofisi, pituitaria</i>
thyroid gland	<i>ghiandola tiroide</i>
parathyroid glands	<i>ghiandole paratiroidi</i>
adrenal glands	<i>ghiandole surrenali</i>
pancreas	<i>pancreas</i>

Reproductive System

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
ovaries	<i>ovarie</i>
testicles	<i>testicoli</i>
penis	<i>pene</i>
sperm	<i>sperma</i>
breasts	<i>seni</i>
vagina	<i>vagina</i>
uterus	<i>utero</i>
menstruation	<i>mestruazioni</i>
fallopian tube	<i>tube di falloppio</i>

pregnancy	<i>gravidanza</i>
egg	<i>uova</i>
paediatrician	<i>pediatra</i>
pill	<i>pillola</i>
morning after pill	<i>pillola del giorno dopo</i>
condoms	<i>preservativi</i>
SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	
infertility	<i>infertilità</i>
loss of erection	<i>perdita di erezione</i>
discharge	<i>secrezione, spurgo</i>
GIVING BIRTH	PARTORIRE
induced labour	<i>doglie indotte</i>
waters broken	<i>le acque si sono rotte</i>
placenta	<i>placenta</i>
episiotomy	<i>episiotomia</i>
epidural	<i>epidurale</i>
Tens machine	<i>Misura pressione</i>
cervix	<i>cervice</i>
newborn	<i>neonato</i>