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MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS

The medical instruments are essential for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of diseases and illnesses to be safe and effective.

Below we will see some examples of instruments and their use.

- ✓ **Cannula:** to create a permanent pathway to a vein (or artery) for the purpose of repeated injections or infusion of intravenous fluids.
- ✓ **Catheter:** to drain and collect urine directly from the bladder (primary use); also to act as a makeshift oxygen tube, etc.
- ✓ **Electrocardiograph machine:** to record the electrical activity of the heart over a period of time.
- ✓ **Endoscope:** to look inside the gastrointestinal tract, used mainly in surgery or by surgical consultants.
- ✓ **Oxygen mask and tubes to deliver gases to the mouth/nostrils:** to assist in oxygen intake or to administer aerosolized or gaseous drugs.
- ✓ **Radiography:** to view internal body structures.
- ✓ **Stethoscope:** to hear sounds from movements within the body like heart beats, intestinal movement, breath sounds, etc.
- ✓ **Tongue depressor:** for use in oral examination
- ✓ **Watch / Stopwatch:** for recording rates like heart rate, respiratory rate, etc.; for certain hearing tests.

SOME PHRASES AND MEDICAL VOCABULARY

- How do you feel?
- I feel sick/ill
- I would like to see a Doctor
- Where does it hurt?
- What seems to be the problem?
- How long have you had the symptoms?
- We need to run some tests
- I am going to prescribe you antibiotics
- I am here for a check up