

Medical Terminology



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National EMS Education Standard Competencies

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Uses foundational anatomical and medical terms and abbreviations in written and oral communication with colleagues and other health care professionals.

Knowledge Objectives

1. Explain the purpose of medical terminology. (p 153)
2. Identify the four components that comprise a medical term. (p 153)
3. Describe the following directional terms: anterior (ventral), posterior (dorsal), right, left, superior, inferior, proximal, distal, medial, lateral, superficial, and deep. (pp 158–161)
4. Describe the prone, supine, Fowler, and semi-Fowler positions of the body. (p 161)
5. Break down the meaning of a medical term based on the components of the term. (p 162)
6. Identify error-prone medical abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols. (p 162)
7. Interpret selected medical abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols. (p 163)

Skills Objectives

There are no skills objectives for this chapter.