
“Doc Talk” – Medical Terminology Game

Directions: Divide into groups of three or four persons and assign one person to the role of recorder. If any of the group has had experience in medical terminology, have that person play the role of recorder and not participate in the word construction.

Part One – 15 minutes

With packet of cards, each with a different word part listed,

- ❑ separate word parts into prefixes, word roots and suffixes
- ❑ combine parts into as many potential medical terms as possible (it is not necessary for you to define the meaning of the term at this point)
- ❑ recorder lists the constructed terms on a sheet of paper

Whichever team scores the highest number of words wins this part of the exercise.

Part Two – 10 minutes

Using a medical dictionary or an internet site, define as many of the terms on the list as possible. Keep a running tally of the number of terms defined. The team with the highest number of correct definitions wins.

Note: This game can be both competitive and fun! Small prizes enhance the competition.

Variations:

- ❑ Take the constructed terms and put them into a Jeopardy type game or Taboo type game.
- ❑ Allow the teams to challenge the definitions given by an opposing team.
- ❑ Give prizes for the most creative term, most comical term, longest word constructed, etc. (i.e. pneumo-cranium – “air-head”, glycos-gluteus – “sweet cheeks”, etc.)