

Unit 2 Lesson 1

Criteria for Medical Asepsis

Vocabulary Word	Definition
1. airborne	carried by air
2. asepsis	the practice to help reduce the number and transfer of pathogens from one place to another
3. bacteria	pathogens that are cause of disease
4. biohazardous waste	items contaminated with blood, body fluids, secretions, and excretions and that may be harmful to others
5. CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	the government agency that monitors diseases and infections
6. clean	free of dirt/germs
7. communicable	passed on easily from one person to another
8. contagious	easily and quickly spreading
9. contamination	when something dirty or diseased has been added to a substance
10. dirty	not clean, covered with dirt and/or germs
11. disease	illness
12. environmental	surroundings affecting a person
13. every	all or each one of

14. exposed	when someone is in a situation where they are not protected from something dangerous or unpleasant
15. germ	microbe causing disease
16. immediately	done at once
17. infection	disease spread through water or air
18. liberally	a generous amount
19. micro-organisms	organisms that are very small and can only be seen using a microscope
20. pathogen	something that causes disease in your body
21. receptacle	container where things may be put
22. sanitizer	substance used to clean surfaces
23. Standard Precautions	rules to follow to prevent the spread of infection
24. sterile	free from living germs
25. surface	top of any object
26. virus	very small microscopic organisms that grow in living cells and cause diseases
27. wrist	joint of the body just above the hand