IELTS VOCABULARY BUILDER

Healthcare and medicine

1 **Complete the following sentences with suitable words. The first letters have been given to help you.**

1 He received t..... for a broken ankle in the C..... Department of the local hospital.
2 Fortunately the passengers suffered only minor i..... in the accident.
3 As yet there is no c..... for AIDS.
4 You need a doctor's p..... to obtain these painkillers.
5 Her doctor arranged for her to see a skin s..... for further tests.

2 **Complete the table by writing the correct branch of medicine in each space.**

Cardiology *Neurology* *Physiotherapy* *Psychiatry*

Branch of medicine	What it deals with
1	Brain and nerves
2	Heart and arteries
3	Exercise and massage of the body
4	Mental illness

Prepositions

3 **Fill in the missing prepositions. Use a dictionary to check your answers.**

1 The human skeletal system is made .... 206 individual bones.
2 The ear canal is about 2.5 cm ..... length.
3 Hormones in the blood can have powerful effects ..... the body's systems.
4 The spinal column consists ..... 26 separate bones called vertebrae.
5 Your brain sends messages ..... a rate of 386 kph.
6 The thickness of the skin varies ..... 5 and 6 millimetres, depending ..... the area of the body.
7 The circulation pumps blood around the body ..... means of the heart.
8 She suffers ..... very severe headaches.

Register

4 **The expressions on the left below are formal or technical. Match them to the non-specialist expressions on the right.**

1 undergo surgery	a) heart attack
2 fracture	b) jab
3 cardiac arrest	c) have an operation
4 injection	d) break

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