

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.

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