

Chapter Eleven

Answers to Terminology Section

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Terminology	Meaning
angiogram	Record (x-ray) of a blood vessel.
angioplasty	Surgical repair of a blood vessel.
aortic stenosis	Narrowing of the aorta.
arteriosclerosis	Hardening of arteries.
arterial anastomosis	Surgical connection between arteries.
arteriography	Process of recording (x-ray) arteries after injecting contrast material.
endarterectomy	Removal of the inner lining of the artery (when it is filled with plaque).
atheroma	Collection of fatty material in an artery.
atherosclerosis	Hardening of arteries with deposit of fatty substance.
atherectomy	Removal of a fatty mass in a vessel.
atrial	Pertaining to an upper chamber of the heart.
atrioventricular	Pertaining to an atrium and ventricle (upper and lower chambers of the heart).
brachial artery	Artery that branches from the aorta to bring blood to the arm.
cardiomegaly	Enlargement of the heart.
cardiomyopathy	Disease of heart muscle.
bradycardia	Condition of slow heartbeat.
tachycardia	Condition of fast heartbeat.
hypercholesterolemia	Condition of excessive cholesterol in the blood.
coronary arteries	Arteries branch from the aorta to bring oxygen-rich blood to the heart muscle.
cyanosis	Abnormal condition of bluish discoloration due to poor oxygenation of blood.
myxoma	Benign tumor of the heart (myx/o = mucus). The tumor is embedded in soft mucoid stromal tissue.
hypoxia	Condition of decreased oxygen in inspired air; as occurs in high altitudes.
pericardiocentesis	Surgical puncture of the membrane surrounding the heart (to remove fluid).
phlebotomy	Incision of a vein.
thrombophlebitis	Inflammation of a vein with clots.
arrhythmia	Arrhythmia and dysrhythmia are used to describe abnormal heart rhythm.
sphygmomanometer	Instrument to measure blood pressure.
stethoscope	Instrument to examine the chest.
thrombolysis	Destruction of clots.
valvuloplasty	Surgical repair of a valve (within the heart).
mitral valvulitis	Inflammation of the mitral valve.
valvotomy	Incision of a valve.
vasoconstriction	Narrowing of vessels.
vasodilation	Widening of vessels.
vascular	Pertaining to blood vessels.
venous	Pertaining to veins.
venipuncture	Incision of a vein for phlebotomy or to start an intravenous infusion.
interventricular septum	The wall separating the ventricles of the heart (lower chambers).