

The Health Care Industry

Malpractice

improper or bad patient care

Negligence

failing to provide proper care to a patient

Liability

state of being responsible for any actions which occur

Autonomy

right of a patient to have control over medical care

Expenditure

total amount of money spent by an entity

Globalization

process of increasing international interaction between people, companies and governments

Medical Tourism

practice of going across international borders to receive a medical treatment

Cataracts

condition where the lens in the eye becomes cloudy, eventually resulting in blindness

Mammography

radiological techniques for locating tumors in the breast

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

progressive disease in the lungs, can be used to describe several different diagnoses

Pathogen

disease-causing microorganism

Holistic Medicine

medical practices which focus on patients as whole and unique beings

Alternative Medicine

therapies which are unconventional treatments which might be used in conjunction with or as an alternative to conventional medicine

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Ayurvedic Practice

treatment which originated in India and focuses on yoga, massage and herbal treatments to maintain harmony in the body

Chi

life presence believed by those who practice Chinese medicine to flow through the body

Homeopathy

medical practice founded on the belief of the body's ability to heal itself and uses drugs made from natural substances like plants and minerals to activate the immune system