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Intermediate (HSK 4-6)

西医 西醫
xīyī Western medicine / a doctor trained in Western medicine

西药 西藥
xīyào Western medicine

> 医生说这种西药饭后吃。
> Yīshēng shuō zhèzhǒng xīyào fàn hòu chī.
> The doctor said to take this Western medicine after meals.

中医 中醫
zhōngyī traditional Chinese medical science / a doctor trained in Chinese medicine

> 中医有几千年的历史。
> Zhōngyī yǒu jǐqiān nián de lìshǐ.
> Traditional Chinese medicine has a history of several thousand years.

医学 醫學
yīxué medicine / medical science / study of medicine

> 医学也解释不了这种怪事。
> Yīxué yě jiěshì bu liǎo zhèzhǒng guàishì.
> Even medical science can't explain this strange thing.

中药 中藥
zhōngyào traditional Chinese medicine

> 中药通常要煮很久。
> Zhōngyào tōngcháng yào zhǔ hěn jiǔ.
> Chinese herbal medicine usually has to be boiled for a long time.

手术 手術
shǒushù operation / surgery

> 你是否同意手术?
> Nǐ shìfǒu tóngyì shǒushù?
> Do you give your consent to the operation?

诊断 診斷
zhěnduàn to diagnose

> 医生诊断他得了感冒。
> Yīshēng zhěnduàn tā dé le gǎnmào.
> The doctor diagnosed him with a cold.

治疗 治療
zhìliáo medical treatment / therapy / to treat (an illness)

> 你必须坚持完成治疗。
> Nǐ bìxū jiānchí wánchéng zhìliáo.
> You must complete the treatment until the end.

药物 藥物
yàowù medicaments / pharmaceuticals / medication / medicine / drug

> 你对任何药物过敏吗?
> Nǐ duì rènhé yàowù guòmǐn ma?
> Are you allergic to any medicine?

研发 研發
yánfā research and development / to develop

> 他们正在研发新的手机。
> Tāmen zhèngzài yánfā xīn de shǒujī.
> They are developing a new phone.

预防 預防
yùfáng to prevent / to take precautions against / to protect / to guard against / precautionary / prophylactic

> 怎么预防食物中毒?
> Zěnme yùfáng shíwùzhòngdú?
> How can you prevent food poisoning?

基因
jīyīn gene (loanword)

> 我们应该对人使用基因编辑吗?
> Wǒmen yīnggāi duì rén shǐyòng jīyīn biānjí ma?
> Should we use genetic engineering on people?

细胞 細胞
xìbāo cell (biology)

> 人的身体由无数细胞组成。
> Rén de shēntǐ yóu wúshù xìbāo zǔchéng.
> The human body is made up of countless cells.

病毒
bìngdú virus

> 经常洗手能防病毒吗?
> Jīngcháng xǐshǒu néng fáng bìngdú ma?
> Can washing your hands often protect against viruses?

细菌 細菌

xìjūn bacterium / germ

> 天气暖和了，细菌就容易繁殖。
> Tiānqì nuǎnhuole, xìjūn jiù róngyì fánzhí.
> When the weather gets warm, bacteria multiply easily.

免疫

miǎnyì immunity (to disease)

> 你对这种病免疫吗？
> Nǐ duì zhèzhǒng bìng miǎnyì ma?
> Are you immune to this illness?

遗传 遺傳

yíchuán heredity / to inherit (a trait) / to pass on (to one's offspring)

> 知识不是遗传的。
> Zhīshi bú shì yíchuán de.
> Knowledge is not heritable.

检测 檢測

jiǎncè to test / to detect

> 出门前要先检测体温。
> Chū ménqián yào xiān jiǎncè tǐwēn.
> You need to check your temperature before going out.

传染 傳染

chuánrǎn to infect / contagious

> 感冒会传染给别人。
> Gǎnmào huì chuánrǎn gěi biéren.
> A cold can be passed on to other people.

隐私 隱私

yǐnsī secrets / private business / privacy

> 上网时要保护好隐私。
> Shàngwǎng shí yào bǎohù hǎo yǐnsī.
> You need to protect your privacy when you go online.

突破

tūpò to break through / to make a breakthrough / to surmount (an obstacle) / to break through the opponent's defense

> 士兵们突破了敌人的防线。
> Shìbīngmen tūpòle dírén de fángxiàn.
> The soldiers broke through the enemy's line of defense.

康复 康復

kāngfù to recuperate / to recover (health) / to convalesce

> 你会很快康复的。
> Nǐ huì hěn kuài kāngfù de.
> You'll get well soon.

医药 醫藥

yīyào medical care and medicines / medicine (drug) / medical / pharmaceutical

> 农村的医药条件还不太好。
> Nóngcūn de yīyào tiáojiàn hái bútàihǎo.
> Medical care and supplies in the countryside are still not very good.

Advanced (HSK 7-9)

针灸 針灸

zhēnjiǔ acupuncture and moxibustion / to give or have acupuncture and moxibustion

> 针灸对失眠有效吗？
> Zhēnjiǔ duì shīmián yǒuxiào ma?
> Is acupuncture effective for insomnia?

疫苗

yìmiáo vaccine

> 你小时候打过疫苗吗？
> Nǐ xiǎoshíhou dǎguò yìmiáo ma?
> Did you get vaccinated when you were little?

疗效 療效

liáoxiào healing efficacy / healing effect

> 新药的疗效怎么样？
> Xīnyào de liáoxiào zěnmeyàng?
> How effective is the new medicine?

副作用

fùzuòyòng side effect

> 这药没有副作用。
> Zhè yào méiyǒu fùzuòyòng.
> This medicine has no side effects.

抗生素

kàngshēngsù antibiotic

> 吃抗生素时不能喝酒。
> Chī kàngshēngsù shí bùnéng hējiǔ.
> You shouldn't drink alcohol while taking antibiotics.

把脉 把脈

bǎmài to feel the pulse / to take sb's pulse

阴阳 陰陽

yīnyáng yin and yang

经络 經絡

jīngluò energy channels / meridian (TCM) / trick / tactic

穴位

xuéwèi acupuncture point / location of a grave

> 按摩时要找准穴位。
> Ànmó shí yào zhǎo zhǔn xuéwèi.
> When giving a massage, you need to find the right acupuncture points.

草药 草藥

cǎoyào herbal medicine

> 山上有很多可以做草药的植物。
> Shānshàng yǒu hěn duō kěyǐ zuò cǎoyào de zhíwù.
> There are many plants on the mountain that can be used as herbal medicine.

调理 調理

tiáolǐ to nurse one's health / to recuperate / to take care of / to look after / to discipline / to educate / to train / to prepare food / to make fun of / to opsonize

> 出院后要在家好好调理。
> Chūyuàn hòu yào zàijiā hǎohǎo tiáolǐ.
> After leaving the hospital, you need to rest and recuperate properly at home.

上火
shànghuǒ to get angry / to suffer from excessive internal heat (TCM)

> 吃太多辣的东西容易上火。
> Chī tài duō là de dōngxi róngyì shànghuǒ.
> Eating too much spicy food easily gives you excess internal heat.

生物技术 生物技術
shēngwùjìshù biotechnology / abbr. to 生技

克隆
kèlóng (loanword) to clone / a clone / to make an identical copy of (a website etc)

> 你觉得人可以被克隆吗?
> Nǐ juéde rén kěyǐ bèi kèlóng ma?
> Do you think humans can be cloned?

移植
yízhí to transplant

> 该游戏尚未移植到电脑上。
> Gāi yóuxì shàngwèi yízhí dào diànnǎo shàng.
> The game hasn't been ported to PC.

器官
qìguān organ / apparatus

> 他决定捐出自己的器官。
> Tā juédìng juān chū zìjǐ de qìguān.
> He decided to donate his organs.

变异 變異
biànyì variation

> 病毒开始变异了。
> Bìngdú kāishǐ biànyì le.
> The virus is starting to mutate.

临床 臨床
línchuáng clinical

> 他有丰富的临床经验。
> Tā yǒu fēngfù de línchuáng jīngyàn.
> He has a wealth of clinical experience.

核酸
hésuān nucleic acid / nucleic acid test (abbr. for 核酸檢測|核酸检测[he2 suan1 jian3 ce4])

> 进医院前要先做核酸。
> Jìn yīyuàn qián yào xiān zuò hésuān.
> You have to get a nucleic acid test before entering the hospital.

抗体 抗體
kàngtǐ antibody

癌症
áizhèng cancer

> 他不是癌症死的。
> Tā bú shì áizhèng sǐ de.
> He did not die of cancer.

肿瘤 腫瘤
zhǒngliú tumor

> 医生说他的肿瘤是恶性的。
> Yīshēng shuō tā de zhǒngliú shì èxìng de.
> The doctor said his tumor is malignant.

化疗 化療
huàliáo chemotherapy

医疗器械 醫療器械
yīliáoqìxiè medical equipment

> 我哥哥在一家医疗器械公司工作。
> Wǒ gēge zài yìjiā yīliáoqìxiè gōngsī gōngzuò.
> My older brother works at a medical device company.

伦理 倫理
lúnlǐ ethics

> 这门课讲的是伦理问题。
> Zhè mén kèjiǎng de shì lúnlǐ wèntí.
> This course is about ethical issues.

试管婴儿 試管嬰兒
shìguǎnyīng'ér test tube baby

> 第一个试管婴儿出生在英国。
> Dì yī gè shìguǎnyīng'ér chūshēng zài Yīngguó.
> The first test-tube baby was born in Britain.

转基因 轉基因
zhuǎnjīyīn genetic modification

> 转基因棉花不容易生虫。
> Zhuǎnjīyīn miánhua bù róngyì shēng chóng.
> Genetically modified cotton is less likely to get pests.

医德 醫德
yīdé medical ethics

攻克
gōngkè to capture / to take / to overcome / to solve

> 军队终于攻克了那座城市。
> Jūnduì zhōngyú gōngkèle nà zuò chéngshì.
> The army finally captured that city.

根治
gēnzhì to bring under permanent control / to effect a radical cure

> 这种病真的能根治吗?
> Zhèzhǒng bìng zhēnde néng gēnzhì ma?
> Can this illness really be cured completely?

并发症 併發症
bìngfāzhèng complications (undesired side-effect of medical procedure)

> 医生说糖尿病的并发症很严重。
> Yīshēng shuō tángniàobìng de bìngfāzhèng hěn yánzhòng.
> The doctor said the complications of diabetes are very serious.

慢性病
mànxìngbìng chronic disease

> 我爷爷有慢性病，每天都要吃药。
> Wǒ yéye yǒu mànxìngbìng, měitiān dōu yào chīyào.
> My grandfather has a chronic disease and has to take medicine every day.

处方 處方

chǔfāng medical prescription / to write out a prescription / recommendation / advice

> 请阅读处方。
> Qǐng yuèdú chǔfāng.
> Please read the prescription.

剂量 劑量

jìliàng dosage / prescribed dose of medicine

> 请按照医生开的剂量吃药。
> Qǐng ànzhào yīshēng kāi de jìliàng chīyào.
> Please take the medicine in the dose the doctor prescribed.

禁忌

jìnjì taboo / contraindication (medicine) / to abstain from

> 在这里谈钱是一种禁忌。
> Zài zhèlǐ tán qián shì yìzhǒng jìnjì.
> Talking about money here is a taboo.

剂 劑

jì small piece of dough cut from a rolled log, used for making mantou (steamed buns) or dumplings / a compound made by mixing ingredients (esp. a medicinal or chemical product) / classifier for a dose of medicine

> 这剂药每天早晚各喝一次。
> Zhè jì yào měitiān zǎowǎn gè hē yícì.
> Drink this dose of medicine once in the morning and once at night.

药材 藥材

yàocái medicinal ingredient

> 药材要放在干燥的地方。
> Yàocái yào fàng zài gānzào de dìfang.
> Medicinal herbs should be kept in a dry place.

丸

wán pill / pellet / ball

> 他把饲料做成小丸喂鱼。
> Tā bǎ sìliào zuò chéng xiǎo wán wèi yú.
> He makes the feed into small pellets to feed the fish.

中草药 中草藥

zhōngcǎoyào Chinese herbal medicine

> 中草药通常需要慢慢煮才有效果。
> Zhōngcǎoyào tōngcháng xūyào mànmàn zhǔ cái yǒu xiàoguǒ.
> Chinese herbal medicine usually has to be simmered slowly to be effective.

免疫系统 免疫系統

miǎnyìxìtǒng immune system

> 生病时免疫系统在工作。
> Shēngbìng shí miǎnyìxìtǒng zài gōngzuò.
> When you are sick, your immune system is hard at work.

生物工程

shēngwùgōngchéng bioengineering / genetic engineering

Outside HSK

气血 氣血

qìxuè qi and blood (two basic bodily fluids of Chinese medicine)

> 红枣能补气血吗?
> Hóngzǎo néng bǔ qìxuè ma?
> Can red dates replenish qi and blood?

拔罐

báguàn cupping glass / fire cupping (acupressure technique of Chinese medicine, with fired vacuum cup applied to the skin) / ventouse (vacuum method used in obstetrics)

> 你敢不敢试试拔罐?
> Nǐ gǎn bùgǎn shì shì báguàn?
> Do you dare to try cupping?

推拿

tuīná tui na (form of Chinese manual therapy)

> 推拿师傅的手劲真大!
> Tuīná shīfu de shǒujìn zhēn dà!
> The tuina practitioner's hands are really strong!

中西医结合 中西醫結合

zhōngxīyījiéhé to combine traditional Chinese and Western medicine

> 什么是中西医结合?
> Shénme shì Zhōngxīyījiéhé?
> What is integrated Chinese and Western medicine?

干细胞 幹細胞

gànxìbāo stem cell

> 科学家正在研究干细胞。
> Kēxuéjiā zhèngzài yánjiū gànxìbāo.
> Scientists are studying stem cells.

试剂 試劑

shìjì reagent

> 试剂用完了，请再订一些。
> Shìjì yòng wánle, qǐng zài dìng yìxiē.
> We've run out of reagent, so please order some more.

病原体 病原體

bìngyuántǐ pathogen

放疗 放療

fàngliáo radiotherapy (abbr. for 放射療法|放射疗法[fang4 she4 liao2 fa3]) / to treat by radiotherapy

靶向药 靶向藥

bǎxiàngyào targeted drug

微创 微創

wēichuāng (of surgery, treatment etc) minimally invasive

核磁共振

hécígòngzhèn nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR)

安乐死 安樂死

ānlèsǐ euthanasia

知情同意

zhīqíngtóngyì informed consent

代孕
dàiyùn to serve as a surrogate mother / surrogacy

抗药性 抗藥性
kàngyàoxìng drug resistance (medicine)

基因组 基因組
jīyīnzǔ genome

> 人类的基因组已经被破译了。
> Rénlèi de jīyīnzǔ yǐjīng bèi pòyìle.
> The human genome has already been decoded.

安慰剂 安慰劑
ānwèijì placebo

> 一半病人吃的是安慰剂。
> Yíbàn bìngrén chī de shì ānwèijì.
> Half of the patients were given a placebo.