


Term	Definition
Medical Procedures	
Immunotherapy (IM-yoo-noh-thair-ah-pee)	Giving a patient an injection of immunoglobulins or antibodies in order to treat a disease. The antibodies may be produced by another person or animal (for example a snake). More recent developments include treatments to boost the activity of the immune system, especially to treat cancer and AIDS
Vaccination (vak-sih-NAY-shun) 	Exposure to a weakened pathogen that stimulates the immune response and antibody production in order to confer protection against the full-blown disease. Also called an immunization
Surgical Procedures	
Adenoidectomy (add-eh-noyd-EK-toh-mee)	Surgical removal of the adenoids
Lymphadenectomy (lim-fad-eh-NEK-toh-mee)	Removal of a lymph node. This is usually done to test for malignancy
Splendectomy (splee-NEK-toh-mee)	Surgical removal of the spleen
Thymectomy (thigh-MEK-toh-mee)	Surgical removal of the thymus gland
Tonsillectomy (ton-sih-LEK-toh-mee)	Surgical removal of the tonsils