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## PRAGMALINGUISTIC PECULIARITIES OF MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

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**ABSTRACT:** This article gives information about pragmatic aspects of medical terminology, giving full definitions of the medical terms that are used among specialists of medical staff and providing their equivalents in the daily communications of patients. Additionally, brief information is provided on the term pragma linguistic and its importance in the medical field.

**KEYWORDS:** Terminology, pragma linguistics, medicine, pragma, context, communicative interaction, human society, lexical meanings of words.

### INTRODUCTION

Pragma linguistics is one of the most dynamically developing directions in modern linguistics. It is an inter-sectoral branch that encompasses a wide range of logical-philosophical, sociological, psychological, ethnographic, and even cybernetic trends, along with all aspects of linguistics. Its subject is language in use, and it is studied as a means of "use within itself, not for itself". Although pragmatics is not yet fully formulated as a science, its presence is research-oriented, and its general theoretical objectives include the development of cognitive modeling, memory modeling, the model of communicative interaction, and models of language use in specific socio-cultural situations, including any other fields, such as medicine, economics, and pedagogics.

According to Y.D. Apresyan, pragmatics is the speaker's true nature, the content of the communication, and the written convention of the addressee in any language unit (lexeme, affix, grammatical syntax). The definitions of linguistic pragmatics in the scientific literature can be grouped into four categories:

- 1) explanations that overpass human factors;
- 2) the definitions of the functional aspect of linguopragmatic research, and their contextual condition: "science of language use", "language in context";
- 3) definitions that focus on studying the effectiveness of language interaction in the context of communicative interaction;
- 4) definitions that distinguish an interpretive aspect of the speech that is reflected in any communicative context. The interpretation here is the pragmatic meaning of the word.

Semiotics is a science discipline that studies the structure and use of various character systems in the storage and delivery of information. It includes systems that relate to human society, nature, or human beings. The knowledge of language is based on its system structure, i.e. acquisition of grammatical rules, understanding of the lexical meaning of words, and ability to compose

sentences based on syntax. This is a requirement for traditional linguistics. However, pragmatics puts human factors first in linguistic research. It begins with semiotics, and its ultimate goal is to develop a deeper understanding of language use in specific contexts.

For example, the word phrase “a resting house” has semantically the same meaning as a place where we can rest and enjoy. However, according to pragmatics, its social meaning can be changed slightly. For instance, when uttered in a medical consultation, it has some relevance to a medical problem. Pragmatically, the doctor, by talking about a resting house to the patient, means in this case that he or she has a problem related to a serious illness and has to stay in a rest home for a certain time. Therefore, a rest home is a place where patients are taken care of as at the hospital. The term “pragmatics” was introduced by Charles Moms, and is understood as the relationship between the use of language, the language user, and the context. Here are some examples of the medical-pragmatic meaning of the term “rest home”.

Tanaka had survived colorectal cancer and was living in a rest home.

—NBC News, 25 Apr. 2022

The title sleuth is a delightful 83-year-old widower enlisted by a private detective to go undercover in a rest home to find out if a client’s mother is being mistreated.

—Peter Keough, BostonGlobe.com, 18 Mar. 2021

Dora was having a hard time dealing with the loneliness of sheltering at home during the pandemic and not being able to visit her husband, who is in a rest home.

—Diane Bell Columnist, San Diego Union-Tribune, 14 Aug. 2020

Doctors around the state still worry that the virus could get a foothold in rest homes, prisons, or among the teeming homeless population in places like Los Angeles’ Skid Row.

—James Rainey, Los Angeles Times, 10 Apr. 2020

It is important to recognize that medical terms can have varying definitions, depending on the context and the audience. For example, while the medical term hepatitis refers to a liver-related illness, patients may use alternative terms, such as "Sariq kasal" in the Uzbek language, to describe the yellowing of the skin associated with this condition. Similarly, hematoma pertains to a condition related to blood, stomatitis to an oral condition, dermatitis to a skin condition, cardio to a heart condition, and gastritis to a condition related to the stomach. It is essential to understand these nuances in order to facilitate effective communication between healthcare professionals and patients, and to ensure accurate diagnosis and treatment.

Hepatitis	liver
Hematoma	blood
Stomatitis	mouth
Dermatitis	skin
Cardio	stomach
Dental	teeth

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Ophthalmic	eye
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When it comes to language communication, we can categorize intentions into two types: the speaker's intended approach, and a situation that may arise later on. It is important to note that intentions are not set in stone and can be altered depending on the circumstances. Understanding the adaptable nature of intentions is key to effective communication.

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