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Glossary of Terms

A

anaesthetist – a doctor who administers sedation

B

barium enema – lower gastrointestinal x-ray

barium swallow – oesophageal x-ray after drinking a barium and water solution

biopsy – tissue samples for pathology

C

cannula – needle to inject sedation

D

diagnostic – the gathering of information to evaluate disease

diathermy – electric current used to cut & cauterize bleeding

dilatation – widening or stretching beyond normal dimensions

diverticulitis – inflammation of a diverticulae (pockets in the bowel)

G

gastrointestinal – stomach or intestines

H

haemorrhoids – vascular structure in the anal canal

I

indigo carmine – dye used to enhance visualisation in colonoscopies

P

pathology – the study of the disease through analysis of tissue and cells

perforation – a tear or small hole

polyp – an abnormal growth of tissue or stalk-like protrusion

polypectomy – removal of a polyp

R

reflux – when stomach acid or, occasionally, stomach content, flows back into the food pipe (oesophagus), irritating the lining of the oesophagus