Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases

What are Communicable Diseases?

A communicable disease is a disease that can be spread to a person from another person, an animal or an object. Examples of communicable diseases are: common cold and mononucleosis.

What are Non-Communicable Diseases?

A non-communicable disease is a disease that can't be spread to a person from another person, an animal or an object. Examples of non-communicable diseases are: cancer and heart disease.

What is a Disease?

A disease is any condition that interferes with the proper functioning of the body or the mind.

What are Pathogens?

Pathogens are disease-causing organisms that are mostly so small that they can only be seen through a microscope.

Examples of Pathogens

Virus: Ebola, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
Bacteria: Pneumonia, Tuberculosis
Fungi: Athlete's Foot, Ring Worm
Protists: Malaria
Worms: Tapeworm

What is an Infection?

An infection is a condition that occurs when pathogens enter the body, multiply and cause harm.