

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**.