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medicine

medical /'medɪk(ə)l/ *adj* relating to illness or injury and their treatment or prevention: *medical care*

medical /'medɪk(ə)l/ *n* [U] examination of the body prior to taking up a new job (also **medical examination**)

medically /'medɪkli/ *adv* in a way approved by medicine or a medical doctor: *The signed form is proof this person is fit for work, medically speaking.*

medicate /'medɪkeɪt/ *v* [T] to give a patient medication, especially a drug that might affect their behaviour (also **self-medicate**)

medication /,medɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *n* [U] [C] form of medicine or drug taken to prevent or treat an illness: *Are you on any medication for your arthritis? Cold medications are available over the counter.*

medicinal /mə'dɪsɪn(ə)l/ *adj* useful in the process of healing or treating illnesses: *medicinal herbs, medicinal properties*

medicine /'medsn/ /'medɪsn/ *n* 1. [U] the study and treatment of illness and injuries: *Radiology is a branch of medicine.* 2. [U] [C] a substance, usually a liquid, that is swallowed to cure an illness