

# Vocabulary

## Theme 3 - Preventative Health

### allergies (n)

- a damaging immune response by the body to a substance to which it has become hypersensitive

### annual (adj)

- occurring once every year

### contraception (n)

- the deliberate use of artificial methods or other techniques to prevent pregnancy as a consequence of sexual intercourse

### dental hygienist (n)

- a dental worker specializing in scaling and polishing teeth and giving advice on teeth cleaning

### detection (n)

- the action or process of identifying the presence of something concealed

### effectiveness (n)

*related: effective (adj)*

- the degree to which something is successful in producing a desired result; success

### immunization (n)

- the action of making a person or animal resistant to a particular infectious disease or pathogen, typically by vaccination

### intervention (n)

- the act of coming between so as to prevent or alter a result or course of events

### power of attorney (n)

- the authority to act for another person in specified or all legal or financial matters

### prenatal (adj)

- before birth; during or relating to pregnancy

### preventive / preventative (adj)

- designed to keep something undesirable such as illness, harm, or accidents from occurring

### reduction (n)

- the action or fact of making a specified thing smaller or less in amount, degree, or size

risk (n)

- a situation involving exposure to danger

screenings (n)

- the evaluation or investigation of something as part of a methodical survey

side effect (n)

- a secondary, typically undesirable effect of a drug or medical treatment

wellness (n)

- the state of being in good health, especially as an actively pursued goal