Quizlet LTCE-List05: Respiratory System

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- airway: the passage by which air reaches a person's lungs
- 2. **anthracosis:** accumulation of carbon in the lungs from inhaled smoke or coal dust. Also called miner's lung.
- 3. asthma: a respiratory condition marked by spasms in the bronchi of the lungs, causing difficulty in breathing. It usually results from an allergic reaction or other forms of hypersensitivity
- 4. **atelectasis:** partial or complete collapse of the lung
- 5. auscultation: the action of listening to sounds from the heart, lungs, or other organs, typically with a stethoscope, as a part of medical diagnosis
- 6. **blow:** to produce or emit a current of air, as with the mouth
- 7. Bodily Fluids: ...
- 8. **breathing difficulty:** shortness of breath
- 9. bronch(i)-: bronchus
- 10. **bronchogenic carcinoma:** lung cancer
- II. bronchoscopy: direct visual inspection of the insides of the air tubes (bronchi), either through a hollow metal tube or by means of a fiber optic endoscope
- 12. **bronchus:** either of the two main branches of the trachea
- 13. -centesis: surgical puncture for aspiration (e.g., amniocentesis, thoracentesis)
- 14. **chest x-ray:** imaging test that uses certain electromagnetic waves to create pictures of the structures in and around the chest
- 15. chill(s): an episode of shivering along with paleness and feeling cold
- 16. **chronic bronchitis:** an inflammation or irritation of the lungs' airways that causes a cough lasting 3 months or longer
- 17. chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD): a group of progressive lung diseases that block airflow and make it difficult to breathe
- 18. **coin rubbing:** rubbing heated oil on the skin, most commonly the chest, back, or shoulders, and then strongly rubbing a coin over the area in a linear fashion until a red mark is seen
- 19. **congestion:** presence of an abnormal amount of fluid in the vessels or passages of a part or organ; especially; an obstruction to outflow
- 20. croup: acute obstruction of upper airway in infants and children characterized by a barking cough with difficult and noisy respiration
- 21. CT Scan: a noninvasive method of diagnosing disorders of the body, esp. of the soft tissues, including the brain: it uses a computerized combination of many tomograms to form an image
- 22. **cystic fibrosis:** a progressive disease that causes a thick, buildup of mucus in the lungs, pancreas and other organs. In the lungs, the mucus clogs the airways and traps bacteria leading to infections, extensive lung damage and eventually, respiratory failure

- 23. **emphysema:** a long-term, progressive disease of the lungs that primarily causes shortness of breath due to over-inflation of the alveoli (air sacs in the lung)
- 24. endo-: [prefix] denotes something as 'inside' or 'within' (e.g., endoscopy)
- 25. **endotracheal intubation:** the passage of a tube through the nose or mouth into the trachea for maintenance of the airway, as during the administration of anesthesia
- 26. **expectorant:** a medicine that promotes the secretion of sputum by the air passages, used especially to treat coughs
- 27. hydrothorax: the condition of having fluid in the pleural cavity (the space between the two thin membranes that line the lung)
- 28. inhale: to draw (breath) into the lungs; breathe in
- 29. **laryngitis:** inflammation of the mucous membrane of the larynx
- 30. laryng(o)-: [root] of or pertaining to the larynx (e.g., laryngoscopy, laryngitis)
- 31. **laryngoscopy:** inspection of the larynx by means of the laryngoscope
- 32. larynx: the top part of the passage that leads from your throat to your lungs and contains your vocal cords
- 33. **lung:** the two organs inside your chest which fill with air when you breathe in
- 34. **lung scan:** a type of nuclear scanning test that is most often used to find a pulmonary embolism
- 35. nostrils: two openings at the end of the nose
- 36. -osis: [suffix] denoting a condition, disease or increase (e.g., pneumoconiosis, fibrosis)
- 37. **perspiration:** the fluid, consisting of water with small amounts of urea and salts, that is excreted through the pores of the skin by the sweat glands; (see sweat)
- 38. **pertussis:** (whooping cough) a highly contagious infectious disease of the respiratory mucous membrane, characterized by a series of short, convulsive coughs followed by a deep inspiration accompanied by a whooping sound
- 39. **phlegm:** the thick mucus secreted in the respiratory passages and discharged through the mouth, especially that occurring in the lungs and throat passages, as during a cold
- 40. **pleural effusion:** sometimes referred to as "water on the lungs," is the build-up of excess fluid between the layers of the pleura (thin membranes that line the lungs and the inside of the chest cavity and act to lubricate and facilitate breathing)
- 41. **pleural rub:** a friction (grating) sound heard by a stethoscope during inspiration and expiration in patients with pleuritis, due to the rubbing of the visceral and parietal pleurae.
- 42. **pleurisy / pleuritis:** Inflammation of the tissues that line the lungs and chest cavity
- 43. **pneumo-:** [root] related to the lungs (e.g., pneumonia, pneumococcal)
- 44. **pneumoconiosis:** any chronic lung disease caused by the inhalation of particles of coal, asbestos, silica, or similar substances and leading to fibrosis and loss of lung function

- 45. **pneumonia:** infection that inflames air sacs in one or both lungs, which may fill with fluid.
- 46. **pneumothorax:** a collapsed lung due to air leaking into the space between the lung and chest wall
- 47. **pulmonary abscess:** (lung abscess) a bacterial infection that occurs in the lung tissue, causing tissue to die, and pus collects in that space
- 48. **pulmonary angiography:** an angiogram of the blood vessels of the lungs; the procedure is done with a special contrast dye injected into the body's blood vessels
- 49. **pulmonary edema**: abnormal accumulation of fluid in the lungs often caused by congestive heart failure
- 50. **pulmonary embolism:** (same as Pulmonary infraction) obstruction of pulmonary arteries, usually by detached fragments of a clot from a leg or pelvic vein
- 51. **pulmonary function tests:** broad range of tests that measure how well the lungs take in and exhale air and how efficiently they transfer oxygen into the blood
- 52. **pulmonary infraction:** (same as Pulmonary Embolism) obstruction of pulmonary arteries, usually by detached fragments of a clot from a leg or pelvic vein
- 53. **pulmonologist:** a medical specialist who diagnoses and treats lung diseases
- 54. **pulmon-, pulmo-:** [root] related to the lungs (e.g., pulmonary infraction, pulmonologist)
- 55. rales (crackles): an abnormal sound, as rattling or bubbling, accompanying the normal sound of breathing, and usually indicating a diseased condition of the lungs or bronchi
- respiration: breathing; the process in living organisms of taking in oxygen from the surroundings and giving out carbon dioxide
- 57. **Respiratory System:** the set of organs that allows a person to breathe and exchange oxygen and carbon dioxide throughout the body
- 58. rhonchi (wheezes): rattling or whistling respiratory sounds resembling snoring, caused by secretions in the trachea or bronchi
- 59. **saliva:** the watery liquid secreted into the mouth by the salivary glands that forms in your mouth and helps you to chew and digest food
- ${\it 60.}$ salivation: an abnormally abundant flow of saliva
- 61. **shiver:** to shake or tremble, as from cold or fear
- 62. **silicosis:** general term for lung disease caused by inhalation of mineral dust
- 63. sinus: the spaces in the bone behind your nose
- 64. **spell:** any period during which an individual is in a particular state—e.g., spell of hospitalization (hospital stay is widely preferred in the US), spell (bout or period) of sickness.
- 65. sputum: saliva ejected from the mouth mixed with mucus or pus exuded from the respiratory passages, as in bronchitis or bronchiectasis
- 66. **stitch:** (v) To unite two surfaces by sewing; (n) The seam so formed, a surgical suture
- 67. **stridor:** a high-pitched whistling sound made during respiration, caused by obstruction of the air passages

- 68. **suffocation:** the stoppage of breathing; called also asphyxiation
- 69. **sweat:** moisture exuded through the pores of the skin, typically in profuse quantities as a reaction to heat, physical exertion, fever, or fear (see perspiration)
- 70. thoracentesis: a procedure in which a needle is inserted into the pleural space between the lungs and the chest wall. This procedure is done to remove excess fluid, known as a pleural effusion
- 71. **throat:** the back of the mouth and the top part of the tubes that go down into the stomach and the lungs
- 72. **trachea:** the tube in humans extending from the larynx to the bronchi, serving as the principal passage for conveying air to and from the lungs; the windpipe
- 73. **tracheostomy:** an incision in the windpipe made to relieve an obstruction to breathing
- 74. tuberculosis: an infectious bacterial disease characterized by the growth of nodules (tubercles) in the tissues, especially the lungs
- 75. **vocal cords:** the part of your throat that vibrates when you speak; either of the two pairs of folds of mucous membrane projecting into the cavity of the larynx