

## Worksheet 1 – Nan Medical Words

*Nan* is mostly a personal story about someone who suffered what is a very common condition. Because modern medicine has become so complex and rich, there are now many words in English which describe medical or biological conditions. Here are some words from the story, as well as other common ones. Can you define them?

Alzheimer's Disease

arrhythmia

asphyxia

cardiovascular

endocrine

gastrointestinal

genetics

incontinence

medication

MRI

neurosis

obesity

ophthalmology

palliative care

paranoia

paraplegia

pharmacological

psychosis

rehabilitation

respiratory

**Task 1:** Research words for medical conditions. The list above is only the beginning of what is a huge vocabulary of technical terms. See if you can find up to 50 terms. You may wish to use a medical or online dictionary to help. Make sure you add a definition for each term.

**Task 2:** Find out as much as you can about someone who works in the medical field. It might be a friend, or someone you know through your family. Now answer these questions: Why did they choose the field? How did they train? What does their daily work involve? What are the problems? What are the rewards?