

These are most key vocabulary words that you will need to know to succeed in lesson. Watch out for when these words occur as you do your reading, and record their definitions in your course journal.

- **Chronic lower respiratory disease (CLRD)** - A group of diseases that limit air flow, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis (all diseases of the respiratory system).
- **Alcoholism** - Disease in which an individual loses control over drinking alcoholic beverages.
- **Synergistic action** - The effect of mixing two or more drugs, the effects of which can be much greater than the sum of two or more drugs acting by themselves.
- **Cirrhosis** - A disease characterized by scarring of the liver.
- **Cardiomyopathy** - A disease affecting the heart muscle.
- **Sexually transmitted infections (STIs)** - Communicable infections spread through sexual contact.
- **Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)** - End stage of HIV infection manifested by any of a number of diseases that arise when the body's immune system is compromised by HIV.
- **Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)** - Virus that leads to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).
- **Opportunistic infections** - Diseases that arise in the absence of a healthy immune system that would fight them off in healthy people.