

## Unit 6 — Diseases and Illness



### **AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome)**

a severe immunological disorder caused by the retrovirus HIV

"AIDS is commonly spread through sexual contact or sharing a needle with an infected person."

### **anemia**

a pathological deficiency in the oxygen-carrying component of the blood

"Blood loss or iron deficiency are common causes of anemia."

### **bacterium**

a small organism, usually shaped like a sphere, rod, or spiral, that can cause infection in some cases

"Most hospitals have anti-bacterial gel for visitors to use to wash their hands."

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