The “Tools” of Medicine

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Down
1. King or queen
2. Kitchen spread
3. Deformed digits
4. Cal Ripken Jr’s team
5. Tchaikovsky’s home
6. Structures seen with an otoscope (abbr)
7. Beat very fast
8. Wide open space, to an Athenian
9. Type of caviar
10. Mirror-image chemical forms
11. Former ruler of 5-Down
12. Perform again
13. Citation indicating an unknown author (abbr)
19. Up and about
21. Command by a doctor holding a tongue blade
24. “My Country, ’Tis of ___”
25. Muslim who has gone on a pilgrimage to Mecca
26. Players who bat but don’t field (abbr)
28. Underwent an examination (3 words)
29. Commerce
32. Objective for 26-Down (abbr)
33. Mythologic character who always had a bad hair day
35. Former spouses
38. Drug ___
41. Group of conspirators
42. Airport runways
44. Measure of fuel consumption, familiarly
46. Suffix indicating carbon dioxide
48. Buddha-like
50. Drinks no alcohol (2 words)
51. Flat, rounded structures
53. Former spouses
55. Vitality
57. Pre-seizure sensation
58. Exam taken by HS sophomores or juniors (abbr)
60. ___absorption syndrome

Across
1. In epidemiology, a group of individuals with a common characteristic
7. Isidor Isaac ___ Nobel Prize winner in Physics 1944
11. ___-la
14. Warning signal (archaic)
15. Grows older
16. ___ and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance
17. Slow to perform a duty
18. Mountainous KP region
20. Major-___, chief stewards to sovereigns
21. Blood test that measures an essential mineral
22. Actor Wallach
23. Time-honored sayings
24. Dangerously weak, as a pulse
27. “Give it ___!” (2 words)
30. Surgical caps, essentially
31. “First, do no ___”
34. Catch adeptly
36. Tokyo, formerly
37. Type of sword
39. Ear contents
40. Banish a player to the clubhouse
43. Animal skin
44. “Have it ___”
45. Father of Jacob
47. Potential benefits, modern style
49. Twists together
52. Band that recorded Discovery and Eldorado
53. Hazardous condition of late pregnancy
56. Summarize
59. KP Northwest President Allan ___ and others
60. Opening, as of the urethra
61. Santa’s helper, for instance
62. Removal of the foreskin, familiarly
63. Type of wool
64. “___ what I mean?”
65. Vocalizes
66. Look provocatively toward (2 words)

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