

# At the Hospital

## Vocabulary

- ◆ Nurse
- ◆ ER (Emergency Room)
- ◆ ICU (Intensive Care Unit)
- ◆ Outpatient
- ◆ Inpatient
- ◆ Pharmacy
- ◆ Pharmacist
- ◆ Physician
- ◆ Surgeon
- ◆ Surgery
- ◆ Ward
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- ◆ Recovery
- ◆ Neonatal
- ◆ Prescription
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- ◆ Diagnosis
- ◆ A Sprained Ankle
- ◆ Fracture
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- ◆ Acupuncture
- ◆ Herbal Medicine
- ◆ Infection
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- ◆ Eye Drops
- ◆ Ointment
- ◆ Asthma
- ◆ Clinic
- ◆ Injury
- ◆ Quarantine

## Vocabulary

1. **Nurse [n.]** *a person whose job is to take care of sick or injured people, usually in a hospital*
2. **ER (Emergency Room) [n.]** *the part of a hospital where people who need urgent treatment are taken*
3. **ICU (Intensive Care Unit) [n.]** *the part of a hospital that provides intensive care*
4. **Outpatient [n.]** *a person who goes to a hospital for treatment but does not stay there*
5. **Inpatient [n.]** *a person who stays in a hospital while receiving treatment*
6. **Pharmacy [n.]** =drugstore
7. **Pharmacist [n.]** *a person whose job is to prepare medicines and sell or give them to the public in a store or in a hospital*
8. **Physician [n.]** *a doctor, especially one who is a specialist in general medicine and not surgery*
9. **Surgeon [n.]** *a doctor who is trained to perform surgery (= medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body)*
10. **Surgery [n.] = operation** : *medical treatment of injuries or diseases that involves cutting open a person's body and often removing or replacing some parts; the branch of medicine connected with this treatment*
11. **Ward [n.]** *a separate room or area in a hospital for people with the same type of medical condition*
12. **Department [n.]** *a section of a large organization such as a government, business, university, etc.*
13. **Check-up [n.]** *an examination of something, especially a medical one to make sure that you are healthy*  
ex. to go for/to have a check-up
14. **Recovery [n.]** *the process of becoming well again after an illness or injury*  
ex. My father made a full recovery from the operation.
  - ◆ **Recover [v.]** *to get well again after being sick, hurt, etc.*  
ex. He's still **recovering from** his operation.

15. **Neonatal [adj.]** *connected with a child that has just been born*

ex. the hospital's neonatal unit

16. **Prescription [n.]** *an official piece of paper on which a doctor writes the type of medicine you should have, and that enables you to get it from a pharmacy*

ex. The doctor gave me a prescription for antibiotics.

◆ **Prescribe [v.]** *to tell somebody to take a particular medicine or have a particular treatment; to write a prescription for a particular medicine, etc.*

ex. I've been prescribed painkillers.

17. **IV [n.] =drip** : *a piece of equipment that passes liquid food, medicine, or blood very slowly through a tube into a patient's vein*

18. **Disease [n.]** *an illness affecting humans, animals, or plants, often caused by infection*

ex. an **infectious/contagious disease** (= one that can be passed to someone very easily)



19. **Treatment [n.]** *something that is done to cure an illness or injury, or to make someone look and feel good*

◆ **Treat [v.]** *to give medical care or attention to a person, an illness, an injury, etc.*

ex. She was treated for sunstroke.

20. **Therapy [n.]** *the treatment of a physical problem or an illness*

ex. Most leukemia patients undergo some sort of **drug therapy** (= treatment using drugs).

21. **Cure [v.]** *to make a person or an animal healthy again after an illness*

ex. Will you be able to cure him, doctor?

22. **Heal [v.]** *to become healthy again; to make something healthy again*

ex. It took a long time for the wounds to heal.

23. **Diagnose [v.]** *to say exactly what an illness or the cause of a problem is*

ex. She was **diagnosed with/as having** diabetes.

**24. Diagnosis [n.]** *the act of discovering or identifying the exact cause of an illness or a problem*  
ex. "What was the diagnosis?" "Arthritis in both joints."

**25. A Sprained Ankle [n. phr.]** *a twisted ankle*  
ex. I stumbled and sprained my ankle.

**26. Fracture [n.] [v.]** *a break in a bone or other hard material*  
ex. He **suffered multiple fractures** in a motorcycle accident.

**27. Sterilize [v.]** *to make something completely clean and free from bacteria*  
ex. All equipment must be sterilized before use.

**28. Acupuncture [n.]** *a Chinese method of treating pain and illness using special thin needles that are pushed into the skin in particular parts of the body*



**29. Herbal Medicine [n.]** *medicine made from herbs*

**30. Infection [n.]** *the act or process of causing or getting a disease*  
ex. an **ear infection**



◆ **infected [adj]** *containing harmful bacteria*  
ex. The wound from the dog bite became infected.

**31. Injection [n.] = shot :** *an act of injecting someone with a drug or other substance*  
ex. to **give someone an injection**

◆ **Inject [v.]**  
ex. Phil's a diabetic and has to inject himself with insulin every day.

**32. Antibiotics [n.]** *a medicine or chemical that can destroy harmful bacteria in the body or limit their growth*

ex. I'm taking antibiotics for a throat infection.



33. **Eye Drops [n.]** *liquid medicine that can be put into the eyes*

34. **Ointment [n.]** : *a thick oily substance, usually containing medicine, which is put on the skin where it is sore or where there is an injury, in order to cure it*



35. **Asthma [n.]** *a medical condition of the chest that makes breathing difficult*

36. **Clinic [n.]** *a private hospital or one that treats health problems of a particular kind*

37. **Injury [n.]** *harm done to a person's or an animal's body, for example in an accident*  
ex. There were **no injuries** in the crash (= no people injured).

**Injured [adj.]** *physically hurt; having an injury*

ex. Luckily, she isn't injured.

38. **Quarantine [ n.]** *a period of time when an animal or a person that has or may have a disease is kept away from others in order to prevent the disease from spreading*

ex. The dog was kept **in quarantine** for six months.

## Dialogues

### Sentence Pattern I

#### *Making an Appointment*

**A:** Hello, how may I help you?

**B:** I would like to make an appointment with Dr. Smith, please.

**A:** What would you like to see him for?

**B:** I need my annual physical and also have a shoulder problem. It is aching.

**A:** Dr. Smith has openings next week. Are you free on Monday or Tuesday?

**B:** I am free on Tuesday afternoon.

**A:** We will schedule you for next week Tuesday at 3pm.

#### *Seeing the Doctor*

**A:** Hi, doctor. I came today because I need a flu shot and to get a checkup.

**B:** Okay. Have you had a flu shot in the past year?

**A:** No, not in the last few years. My knee hurts as well. I have been running a lot more and think it is injured.

**B:** When did the pain start and does it still hurt now?

**A:** About 2 weeks ago and yes, it still hurts.

**B:** I suggest you ice it and I will prescribe you some pain medication.

**A:** Thank you, Doctor!

## *Visiting a Patient*

**A:** Hello, I am here to visit my sister.

**B:** What is your sister's name?

**A:** Her name is Annette Simmons. She is going to have a baby.

**B:** Oh, congratulations! Yes, I see here Ms. Simmons is in the maternity ward. Do you need directions?

**A:** Yes, please.

**B:** She is in the east wing. Take this elevator to the 3rd floor and walk down the hall then make a right turn. She is in room 304.

## *Seeking Help*

**A:** May I help you, sir?

**B:** Yes, My child is running a fever and we need help immediately.

**A:** How long has he had a fever?

**B:** He has had a fever for the last few hours and will not eat. I am afraid he is sick.

**A:** Have a seat and we will get a doctor to see you right away.

Sample Conversation:  
Visit to the Doctor

A = Doctor B= Patient

A: Hi. Come on in and have a seat.  
Now what seems to be the problem?

B: I have a rash on my arm.

A: How long have you had the rash?

B: It's been about a week.

A: Are you taking anything for it?

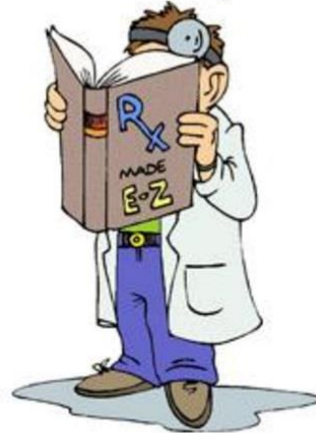
B: I put some cream on it but it doesn't seem to be helping.

A: I see. Are you allergic to any medications?

B: Not that I know of.

A: I'm going to give you a prescription for some ointment. I want you to apply it three times a day. You should also avoid scratching your skin. And it's important to use as little soap as possible. Make an appointment to see me next week if it doesn't get better over the next few days.

Doctor's Activity Sheet



# A Doctor's Visit

You are a doctor and patients are going to come into your office. Ask them about their condition, prescribe some medicine, and give them some advice.

Name	Medical Condition	Duration	Prior Medication	Allergic to Medication? Y/N
Mary	rash	1 week	cream	No