

Unit 1

Admitting a patient



a Look at the picture (right). In pairs, discuss the following questions.

- 1 What is happening in the picture?
- 2 What information might a patient give when they arrive at a hospital?

b Now read the text (right). What is *QuickForm*?

c Read the text again. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 The nurse fills in the admission form.
- 2 The digital pen contains an infrared camera.
- 3 The pen is placed directly into the computer to download the data.
- 4 There is no back up if data is lost.

Filling in a Hospital Admission Form with *QuickForm*

Patients fill in their admission form using a digital pen which contains an infrared camera. The forms are printed with special dot patterns so the pen can read what is being written.

The pen is then docked in a USB port which checks that the information is correct through the hospital database. The system has automatic backup.

d In pairs, make a list of advantages and disadvantages of this method of admitting a patient. Then share your answers with the class.

Advantages	Disadvantages
• <i>easy to use</i>	• <i>some patients may need assistance writing</i>

Share your knowledge

- 1 Would you like to use this technology for admitting a patient? Why?
- 2 What other new technology/innovations can you use when admitting a patient?