

Unit 1 Receiving the patient

Vocabulary from the book

address an issue
anxious
apprehensive
bother someone
confused
consultant
disturb someone
get it checked out
get someone down
give someone trouble
have/take time off work
locum
nervous
notice improvement
play someone up
pressing agenda
registrar
relaxed
relieved
routine check-up
surgery
tell me in your own words
throw up
(un)concerned
ward

Additional vocabulary

be sick
bring round
calm
clinicians
GP
health visitor
midwife
mole
paramedic
pass out
pharmacy
resolve
sick note
sister
theatre nurse
vomit

Exercise 1

Match the words in the two columns to make a common useful phrase from the unit.

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| 1 routine | a note |
| 2 get it | b me up |
| 3 getting me | c off work |
| 4 notice | d your own words |
| 5 playing | e an issue |
| 6 pressing | f improvement |
| 7 tell me in | g check-up |
| 8 address | h agenda |
| 9 have time | i down |
| 10 sick | j checked out |

Exercise 2

Match the jobs with the definitions.

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| 1 locum | a a nurse with additional training who primarily provides care to families with new-born babies and children under five |
| 2 theatre nurse | b a general term for doctors, nurses and other professionals working directly with patients in all parts of the health service |
| 3 sister | c a nurse who assists a surgeon during operations |
| 4 health visitor | d a doctor who is trained in general medicine and provides primary and continuing medical care for patients in a particular area or town |
| 5 GP | e a trained non-medical member of the ambulance service who can provide immediate care in an emergency |
| 6 paramedic | f a nurse who specialises in the delivery of babies |
| 7 clinicians | g a doctor who has finished his or her training but is of a lower rank than a consultant (in British hospitals) |
| 8 midwife | h a doctor of a very high rank who has a lot of knowledge about a particular area of medicine (in British hospitals) |
| 9 registrar | i a doctor who does the work of another doctor while he or she is away |
| 10 consultant | j a senior nurse |

Exercise 3

Put the following adjectives into the correct column.

relaxed calm apprehensive relieved anxious confused nervous unconcerned

negative feelings	positive/neutral feelings

Exercise 4

Identify which one out of the following groups of words is the odd one out.

1	anxious	apprehensive	concerned	relieved
2	to resolve	to bother	to trouble	to disturb
3	anxious	relaxed	relieved	unconcerned
4	throw up	pass out	be sick	vomit
5	pharmacy	midwife	locum	registrar
6	get someone down	play someone up	give someone trouble	bring someone round
7	surgery	paramedic	ward	pharmacy

Exercise 5

Fill the gaps with suitable words or phrases from the unit.

- 1 **Doctor:** Well, Mr Jones, it really does seem as if your back is causing you a lot of pain and I really think you're going to have to rest it for a while. I want you to _____ two weeks _____ work. I'll give you a _____ that you can give to your manager.
- 2 **Receptionist:** I'm afraid you won't be able to see Dr Ford this week as he's on leave. I can make you an appointment to see the _____, Dr Roy, who is with us while Dr Ford is away.
- 3 **Husband:** I'm sure this mole on my arm has got bigger over the last few months.
Wife: Well, make an appointment to see the doctor and _____ it _____; better safe than sorry!
- 4 **Jane:** You know what job I'd really love to do? A _____; it must be wonderful to share the joys of childbirth every day as part of your work.
Sarah: Yeah, I know what you mean, but I think I would prefer to be a _____ because you can save lives. Also, it must be really exciting driving along and not really knowing what awaits you when you arrive.
- 5 **Doctor:** Ah, Mr Jerome, how did you get on with that cream that I prescribed for your eczema?
Patient: To be honest Doctor, I haven't _____ any _____ at all. It's still just as bad and it's really starting to _____ me _____.
- 6 **Hospital receptionist:** Ah yes, Mrs Spicer, she was admitted late last night. Let's see, yes, she is on _____ C3. It is quite easy to find: go straight down and
- 7 **Patient:** Well, doctor, it's my right knee again; it's really _____ me _____ again.

If you are having difficulty, here are the words or phrases for the exercise. Make sure you use the correct tense form.

sick note notice improvement locum paramedic get (someone) down play (somebody) up get (something) checked out midwife take (time) off ward
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