BODY, HEALTH AND MIND

Going to hospital

EVA: when I was eight, I was _____ by a bike outside my house. Of course, I

_____ - it was mainly the shock, but I'd cut my knee badly and my arm was

starting to swell. People _____, trying to help. Fortunately, a doctor was **passing**

by and he sent me to hospital to get **checked over**. When I got there, the nurse

_____, and they cleaned and _____ the cut. Back at home,

Mum **took care of** me and gave me ice cream. After a day or two, the pain _____ and

the swelling **went down**. They **took** the stitches **out** a week later.

FRANCISCO: Not long ago, I had to go to hospital to **have** my wisdom teeth **out**. I hate

injections _____, but on this occasion, when they tried to give me an

anaesthetic, I just _____. I felt stupid when I _____.

at the best of times = used to say that sth is difficult or unpleasant, even when the
circumstances are good.

black out = lose consciousness
pass out = lose consciousness

burst into tears = start crying suddenly
calm sb down = make sb feel more relaxed and less anxious or emotional
check sb/sth over= examine sb/sth to see if there is anything wrong with them/it

come around/round = become conscious again
come to = become conscious again

crowd around/round (sb/sth) = gather in large numbers around sb/sth

ease off = if sth unpleasant, e.g. pain, eases off, it gets better or becomes less
go down (of swelling) = become less

have sth out =have a tooth removed from your mouth, or an organ, e.g. an appendix, removed
from your body.
take sth out = remove from sb's body
stitch sb/sth up = join sb's skin together after it has been cut
knock sb over/down = hit sb with a vehicle so that they fall and are injured or killed

look after sth/sb = so the necessary things for sb who needs help
take care of sb = do the necessary things for sb who needs help

pass by (sb/sth) = go past. A person who goes past is a passer-by (N)