MIXED CONDITIONALS

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HYPOTHETICAL OR UNREAL SITUATIONS

PAST CONDITION
(=3RD CONDITIONAL)

If clause (condition)	comma	main clause (result)
If a condition [had existed]	,	the result [would be] true.

PRESENT RESULT
(=2ND CONDITIONAL)

past perfect (simple and continuous)

would/could/might + infinitive

If I [had won] the lottery, I [would be] rich.

PRESENT CONDITION
(=2ND CONDITIONAL)

If clause (condition)	comma	main clause (result)
If a condition [existed]	,	the result [would have been] true.

PAST RESULT
(=3RD CONDITIONAL)

past (simple and continuous)

would/could/might + have + past participle

If I [were] a man, they [would have given] me the job.

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Identify the past and present segments:

1. If the patient had followed the prescribed diet, PAST/PRESENT
   he wouldn't be experiencing such severe hypertension now. PAST/PRESENT
2. If she weren't allergic to penicillin, PAST/PRESENT
   the doctor would have prescribed it for her infection last week. PAST/PRESENT
3. If the surgeon had double-checked the medical records, PAST/PRESENT
   the wrong procedure wouldn't be being questioned now. PAST/PRESENT
4. If he didn't have a history of heart disease, PAST/PRESENT
   he might have been considered for the clinical trial last year. PAST/PRESENT
5. If the vaccine had been administered on time, PAST/PRESENT
   the outbreak might not be spreading so rapidly. PAST/PRESENT

Only one option is correct. Which one?

1. If the patient hadn't ignored the early symptoms, she (wouldn't be suffering / wouldn't have suffered) from advanced cancer now.
2. If the hospital had invested in better equipment, the diagnostics (would be / would have been) more accurate today.
3. If the nurse had reported the error immediately, the patient's condition (wouldn't have deteriorated / wouldn't be deteriorating) so rapidly last week.
4. If he were more diligent about taking his medication, he (would have avoided / would avoid) last month's complications.