

22.1 Complete the conversation based on the case history in B opposite.

Doctor: What seems to be the problem?

Patient: I've been getting (1)

Doctor: How long have you had them?

Patient: For about six months. But I've had heart problems for years, with tiredness and (2) of (3) In the end I couldn't walk more than a hundred metres without having to stop. I had to sleep on three (4) I had a (5) replacement three years ago, and that improved things for a while.

22.2 Make word combinations using a word from each box. Two words can be used twice. Look at B and C opposite to help you.

at
atrial
cardiac
heart
on
pitting
premature

output
failure
oedema
fibrillation
beats
effort
rest

22.3 Write the words a patient would use to describe the symptoms below. Look at A, B and C opposite to help you.

- 1 dyspnoea
- 2 arrhythmia
- 3 orthopnoea
- 4 oedema

22.4 Complete the case report. Look at A, B and C opposite to help you.

Case 13

A 60-year-old woman attended her GP's surgery complaining of breathlessness on (1) This had been increasing over the previous eight months until it was producing problems at around 500 metres walking on the level. There was no history of chest pain. She had had several (2) of fast (3) which lasted 20–30 minutes and were associated with some (4) of breath. She had noticed some (5) of her ankles by the end of the day. This disappeared overnight.

Over to you



How would you manage the treatment of the woman in 22.4 above?