Verbs: active/passive

Change the sentences below from active to passive tense. For example:

Active: *The GP referred the patient to a consultant.*

Passive: *The patient was referred to a consultant by the GP.*

Remember that it is not always necessary to mention the subject in a passive sentence. For example:

Active: *We have identified the cause of this outbreak of dysentery.*

Passive: *The cause of this outbreak of dysentery has been identified.*

1. The nurse noticed a rise in the patient's pulse rate.
   Passive:.....

2. The consultant is allowing him to watch the operation.
   Passive:.....

3. All chemists sell the tablets.
   Passive:.....

4. The doctor diagnosed appendicitis.
   Passive:.....

5. The paramedics comforted the injured person until the ambulance arrived.
   Passive:.....

6. The midwife delivered the twins.
   Passive:.....

7. The gland was producing an excess of hormones.
   Passive:.....

8. They looked after him very well in hospital.
   Passive:.....

9. We examined the tissue under the microscope.
   Passive:.....

10. The doctor gave me an unpleasant mixture to drink.
    Passive:.....

11. You cannot take the lotion orally.
    Passive:.....

12. Toxic fumes poisoned the workers.
    Passive:.....

13. Doctors are predicting a rise in cases of whooping cough.
    Passive:.....

14. The drug suppresses the body's natural instinct to reject the transplanted tissue.
    Passive:.....

For reference see A & C Black *Dictionary of Medical Terms* (0 7136 7603 5).

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