



X-ray



scan



operation



patient

## Going into hospital

- You go to your doctor feeling very **unwell**.
- She **examines** you, and **arranges** for you to see a **consultant**.
- You may have **tests**, **X-rays**<sup>1</sup>, or **scans**<sup>2</sup> and the nurses may take blood **samples**.
- The consultant decides how to **treat** you.
- You may **have an operation**<sup>3</sup> immediately if it is an **emergency**.
- The consultant explains the **benefits** and **risks** to you, the **patient**<sup>4</sup>.
- After the operation, nurses **care for** you while you **recover**.
- The operation is **successful**.
- When you are **well enough**, you can go home to recover completely.

**go into hospital** go for treatment and stay there for a night or more

**go to (the) hospital** go there for treatment, but not stay in

**go to the hospital** go as a visitor

**unwell** not well; ill

**examine** look carefully at sb or sth to see if there is anything wrong

**arrange** organize or plan sth

**consultant** a senior doctor in a hospital who knows a lot about a particular medical subject

**test** a medical examination on part of your body, e.g. an **eye test**, a **blood test**

**sample** a small amount of sth that is looked at, tested, examined, etc. to find out what the rest is like

**treat** give medical help to make sb better  
**treatment** *n*

**operation** In an **operation**, the doctor cuts open the body (**operates**) to take out or repair a damaged part.

**emergency** a sudden dangerous situation when sb needs help quickly

**benefit** sth that has a good or helpful result

**risk** a danger that sth bad may happen

**care for sb** look after sb **SYN take care of sb**  
**recover from sth** become well after you have been ill **SYN get over sth**

**successful** If sth is **successful**, it has gone well.

### SPOTLIGHT *enough*

You can use **enough** after adjectives and adverbs. It means as much or as many as you need. In negative sentences, it means less than you need.

■ He's **strong enough** to get up. = He has the strength he needs to get up.

■ She's **not well enough** to go out. = She needs to feel better before she can go out.

You can also use **enough** before uncountable and plural nouns.

■ I've got **enough** money. = I've got all the money I need.

■ There **aren't enough** doctors. = We need more doctors.



- 1 Complete the table with the words below according to their stress patterns. Use the  to help you. Practise saying the words.

recover ✓ sample	treatment arrange	benefit successful	unwell hospital	get over consultant	operate enough	patient take care of
decide	doctor	remember	personal			
.....	.....	▶ recover	.....	.....	.....	.....
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- 2 Circle the correct answer.

- ▶ The patient / nurse has the operation.
- The consultant / patient goes into hospital.
  - The consultant / patient arranges the tests.
  - The consultant / patient may have to have an X-ray.
  - The nurse / patient may take a blood sample.
  - The doctor / patient may need treatment as an emergency.
  - The doctor / patient explains the benefits of the treatment.
  - The patient / nurse cares for the person after the operation.
  - The consultant / patient gets over the operation.
  - The nurse / patient is strong enough to leave hospital.

- 3 Which words are being defined?

- ▶ a person who is ill and having medical treatment patient
- give sb medical help to make them better
  - a danger that sth bad might happen
  - sth that has a good or helpful result
  - look after sb, especially if they are ill
  - a small amount of sth that shows what the rest is like
  - a sudden situation where sb needs help
  - ill
  - photos or pictures of the inside of a body
  - cut sb's body open to repair sth or take out a part
  - getting the result you want

- 4 Complete the words in the text.

- A Hi, Safieh. How are you?
- B Well, I'm a bit worried, actually. I've just been to the ▶ hospital to see a consultant about my eye. He (1) e..... me to see what was wrong, and then arranged for some (2) t..... too. I've got a problem at the back of my eye, and I need to have an (3) o.....
- A Oh, dear. Is it (4) an e.....?
- B Yes, I have to have it done immediately – in fact, I've got to go (5) i..... hospital tomorrow.
- A And are there any (6) r..... with the treatment?
- B I don't think so. It's quite a simple operation, and it's usually very (7) s..... : 98% of people can see better afterwards.
- A And when will you be well (8) e..... to start work again?
- B He said I'll need a week to (9) g..... o..... the operation. My sister is going to (10) t..... c..... of me at home.
- A Well, good luck! I hope it goes well.

- 5 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- When did you last go to hospital, and why? .....
- Have you ever been into hospital for a few days or longer? When? .....
- In your country, when patients are in hospital, do the nurses take care of them, or does the family look after them too? .....
- Can you see a consultant immediately in your country, or do you have to wait? .....
- Do you have to see your doctor first before you go and see a consultant? .....
- Where do patients usually go to recover after an operation? .....



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