

Idioms in Context: Ailments, Symptoms & Injuries

Instructions:

Read each sentence carefully and choose the correct meaning of the idiom in bold.

Each question has four possible answers, but only one is correct.

1. After Carlos saw the hospital bill for his broken leg, he said it cost an arm and a leg.
2. Maria finally got something off her chest after weeks of feeling anxious about her health.
3. The nurse gave a hand to the patient who was struggling to walk after surgery.
4. While the doctor was explaining the treatment, John had his head in the clouds.
5. The nurse asked the family to keep an eye on the patient's temperature.
6. The doctor told the students to learn by heart the list of emergency symptoms.

7. After a long, stressful week at the hospital, the nurses went out to let their hair down.

8. When the patient asked about his test results, the doctor said, "My lips are sealed."

9. It makes my blood boil when people don't follow hygiene rules at the clinic.

10. A rule of thumb is to drink plenty of water when you have a fever.

11. When the doctor said I needed surgery, I went completely cold feet.

12. Luis passed his first aid exam by the skin of his teeth.

13. After staying up all night with a fever, I was all ears when the nurse gave me advice.

14. After the accident, the man refused treatment, saying he would handle it over his dead body.

15. During training, nurses must know by heart all the emergency codes.

16. When the medical team finished the long surgery, the supervisor gave them a pat on the back.

17. When the nurse told me I had to get another shot, I thought she was pulling my leg.

18. The dentist told me I had a sweet tooth and should eat less candy.

19. The doctor and patient didn't see eye to eye about the treatment plan.

20. After so many missed appointments, the clinic decided to wash its hands of the irresponsible patient.

