

Join up with a partner from the other group and (1) using information you noted, complete the gaps in this case study of a woman with a heart problem.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

A.L., a 68-year old woman, retired(1), was admitted to hospital with _____ pain, _____ of breath, fainting and nausea(2). She had taken three sublingual _____ of nitroglycerine in 10 minutes without any significant relief before calling the _____ (3). The patient scores the pain as “7” on the scale of 1-10. It _____ to her left _____, neck and jaw(4). The patient also admits the condition started by unexpected short _____ beating periods(5). She denies any previous chest pain.

A month ago she had a stress test done which suggested cardiac disease. She admits to avoiding the prescribed medication as she felt good.

Her family history was significant for cardiovascular _____ (6). Her father and mother died of acute myocardial _____. Patient’s older sister died from a ruptured aortic aneurysm. Her ECG on admission presented tachycardia. Her _____ colour was dark and blue on her lips and fingertips. Her diagnosis was possible coronary artery disease or acute myocardial infarction. Cardiac catheterization and angiography was recommended.

She has been taking a daily dose of hormonal tablets for her osteoporosis for the last two years and daily medication for her hypertension and recurrent migraines(7). She denies taking any other _____. The patient _____ half a pack of cigarettes a day and has been doing this since her husband passed away 6 months ago. She drinks _____ occasionally (8). She is allergic to pollen (9) and slightly obese. She also admits feeling _____ recently as her daughter with three children has lost her job and she has been missing her husband (10)

(2) Make questions to ask about the information placed before each number in the text. Write the questions down.