

# Admissions

In Britain, most people who fall ill are treated at home by their family doctors. Not all illnesses can be treated at home; however, so many people are admitted to hospital at some time during their lives. They are admitted either as arranged admissions or as emergency admissions.

## Arranged Admissions

A patient who goes into hospital as an arranged admission has previously attended an out-patients' clinic to which he has been sent by his family doctor. At the clinic he is examined, his previous history is taken and all the necessary investigations are carried out. If admission is recommended, his name is put on a waiting list and when a bed in an appropriate ward becomes vacant, he is sent a letter which tells him when to report to the hospital for admission. With this letter, most hospitals enclose a leaflet telling the patient what he will need while he is in hospital. The leaflet also outlines the general ward routine and gives details of visiting hours.

## Emergency Admissions

Nowadays, many people go into hospital as a result of accidents or sudden illnesses. These patients are called emergency admissions. They are often seriously ill and in need of immediate care and attention. Unlike arranged admissions, little or nothing is known about emergency admissions or their previous histories. They are usually taken to the casualty and emergency department by ambulance. They are often unconscious. Sometimes they are accompanied by friends or relatives who are able to supply at least their personal particulars. In the casualty department, they are examined and the necessary emergency treatment is carried out. If possible their previous histories are taken. The appropriate ward is notified that a patient is being sent up so that the necessary preparations can be made.

### I. Read through the text and answer the following questions with complete sentences

- 1 Why are most people admitted to hospital at some time during their lives?
- 2 What sort of clinic has an arranged admission previously attended?
- 3 What is done if admission is recommended?
- 4 What is the patient sent by the hospital?
- 5 What does the leaflet sent by the hospital tell the patient?
- 6 Why are patients admitted as emergencies?
- 7 What is known about emergency admissions?
- 8 What information can the friends and relatives of emergency admission give?
- 9 What happens to an emergency admission in the casualty department?
- 10 Why is the ward notified that a patient is being sent up?

### II. Complete the following sentences by supplying the correct form of the verb.

- 1 He (be) ill with pneumonia since June.
- 2 I (have) a pain before I came to the clinic but it (go) now.
- 3 When the telephone rang, I (do) the TPRs.
- 4 While sister (phone) for the doctor I (give) mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
- 5 Dead tissues (remove) by the surgeon.
- 6 The patient (tell) the police that he (hit) by a car an hour ago.
- 7 He (give) a pre-med ten minutes ago.
- 8 His headache (not, get) better until he (take) an Aspirin.
- 9 He (come) to work when he had a heart attack.
- 10 These patients (catheterize) last night.

### III. Here is a conversation between a patient and a nurse at an arranged admission. Fill in the gaps.

*Patient* Excuse me, nurse. Is this Dixon ward?

*Sister* Yes, this is Dixon.

*Patient* Well, I'm Peter McLeod. You sent me a letter telling me to report here at half past two.

*Sister* That's right, Mr. McLeod. Would you come in and sit down, please? We have to \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ in an admission card.

*Patient* Thank you.

*Sister* Now, your surname is McLeod-would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ it, please?

*Patient* M C capital L E O D.

*Sister* Thank you. And your Christian names?

*Patient* Peter John.

*Sister* Where do you live?

*Patient* 26 Greenend, Waterbeach.

*Sister* Are you on the \_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_?

*Patient* Yes. Waterbeach 234.

*Sister* And when were you \_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_?

*Patient* 21st December 1934.

*Sister* Are you married?

*Patient* Yes, I am.

*Sister* And what's your \_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_?

*Patient* I'm a carpenter.

*Sister* What's your \_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_?

*Patient* Church of England.

*Sister* It says here, 'Name and address of next of \_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_'. Who is your nearest relation?

*Patient* My wife, Mary.

*Sister* And you live at the same \_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_?

*Patient* Yes, of course.

*Sister* Now, who is your family doctor?

*Patient* Dr Beale.

*Sister* And his address?

*Patient* The Oaks, High Street, Landbeach.

*Sister* Do you know which doctor is in \_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_ of your case?

*Patient* Er.. I believe it's Dr Thorpe.

*Sister* Ah yes. Mr Thorpe-he's a surgeon, you see., Well, thank you, Mr. McLeod. If you would **just** wait here for a few minutes, I'll get a nurse to come and take \_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_ of you.

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*IV. Make questions.*

Surname

First name

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Date/Place of Birth

Marital Status

Religion

Occupation

Next of kin

Family doctor

Doctor in charge of your case

*V. Interview your partner.*

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