

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

A.L., a 68-year old woman, retired (1), was admitted to hospital with **chest/sharp** pain, **shortness/lack/shortage** of breath, fainting and nausea (2). She had taken three sublingual **tablets/pills/drops** of nitroglycerine in 10 minutes without any significant relief before calling the **ambulance/emergency/doctor (3)**. The patient scores the pain as “7” on the scale of 1-10. It **radiates/shoots (informal)/spreads** to her left **arm/shoulder**, neck and jaw(4). The patient also admits the condition started by unexpected short **rapid/quick/fast/heart** 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. (6)

Her family history was significant for cardiovascular **disease/diseases**. Her father and mother died of acute **myocardial failure/infarction**. Patient’s older sister died from a ruptured aortic aneurysm. Her ECG on admission presented tachycardia.(7) Her **skin** 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(8). She denies taking any other **medication/medicines/pills/tablets**.(9) The patient **smokes/has been smoking** half a pack of cigarettes a day and has been doing this since her husband passed away 6 months ago. She drinks **alcohol** occasionally. (10) She is allergic **to** pollen (11) and slightly obese. She also admits feeling **stressed/stressed out/depressed/sad/bad/lonely/down/miserable** recently as her daughter with three kids has lost her job and she has been missing her husband (12).

(2) Make question using the unfinished prompts. Write the questions down.

Present Illness

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| 1) What/do/for you? | 2) What/seem/the problem? |
| 3) How/it/start? | 4) How long/ <u>troubling</u> you? |
| 5) Where/hurt? | 6) What/the pain/like? |
| 7) How long/feeling/like this? | 8) What/cause/the pain? |
| 9) There/anything/the pain/make worse? | |
| 10) There/anything/the pain/make better? | |
| 11) You/experience/it/before? | |

Family History

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| 12) Your parents/alive? | 13) it/run/your family/in? |
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