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General Expressions and Vocabulary in EMP (English for Medical Purposes)

Here is a list of some common expressions that you -as future doctors- might say to your patient :

What might the doctor say or ask his/her patient?

- So, what can I do for you?

- So, how can I help?

- How long have you been experiencing…?

- When did your … first start?

- I'd like to examine your … = to look at

- We may need to run a few tests = do some tests

- Could you take a nice deep breath = breathe all the way in and then out

- Could you please take off your…?

- Does it hurt when I touch … = cause pain

- I'm going to prescribe some painkillers = give you a note for some painkillers which you cannot buy without the doctors' permission

- This should ease the pain = help reduce the pain

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It is helpful to know basic health-related vocabulary to talk about health and healthcare.

Some Medical Treatment

Terms	Examples
Bandage	This bandage is used to stop the bleeding
Check-up	I have a check-up next month.
Drugs	The doctor can prescribe drugs if necessary
Injection	Some medicine is given by injection
Medicine	Regularly take the medicine and you should have no problems
Operation	Ahmed has a serious operation on Monday
Pill	Take one pill before you go to bed
Dose (of medicine)	Make sure to take your dose of medicine at ten o'clock.

People in Healthcare

- Doctor
- General Practitioner
- Midwife
- Nurse
- Patient
- Specialist
- Surgeon