

# Case history

## Pre-task:

Make a list of all illnesses and treatments you ever had in your life. Look up their names in a medical dictionary, e.g. <u>Merriam Webster</u>, and collate the definitions.



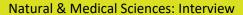
Image 1

# Task 1:

Take on the role of the doctor or patient. The patient describes current symptoms and answers the doctor's questions. The doctor takes the patient's case history.

Patient	Doctor						
I have pain in	What can I help you with?						
I am feeling tired/sick/low.	How long have you had these						
I have a cough/fever/cramp.	pains/cramps/this fever?						
I have always been healthy.	Have you had this before?						
	How is your health otherwise?						
I am taking (name of pill/medicine)	Do you take any medication?						
I have an implant/artificial	Do you smoke?  Are you allergic?  Have you been vaccinated against?  When was your last top-up vaccination/flu jab?						
My hearing/sight/ is impaired.							
As a child, I frequently suffered with							
When I was years old, I had an operation on my							
My most recent stay in hospital was years ago.	Have you ever been admitted to hospital before? Why?						
	Have you ever had an operation?						
I am now fully recovered.	Does anyone else in your family suffer from the same condition?						
There is no history of (name of illness) in my							

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family.	Are	there	any	hereditary	diseases	in	your	
	fami	ly?						
My mother suffers from								
My father has suffered from, since he was								
My sister is diabetic.								

### Task 2:

Watch an episode from a popular doctor/hospital TV series and take notes how the doctors take the history of their patients. Also note down surprise events. Then discuss: could they have done better?

Examples of TV series:

Germany: ARD/Das Erste: In aller Freundschaft; In aller Freundschaft - die jungen Ärzte

ZDF: Bettys Diagnose

United Kingdom: BBC: Doctors; Casualty

## Sources

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