

Lesson 54: At the Hospital

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Yukio: Hello, Dr. Jones. I'm a relative of the patient named Akiko. How is she?

Dr. Jones: I checked her vital signs and everything is normal. I have just ordered the nurse to take a blood sample.

Yukio: So, why did she collapse like that?

Dr. Jones: According to her, she's been working for ten hours straight and hasn't had a decent meal today. I think she was just exhausted and hungry.

Yukio: Oh, thank goodness for that. I was so scared that something bad might have happened. How long will she be in hospital?

Dr. Jones: I don't think it's serious but let's wait for the blood test results. She can go home after **ruling out** viral causes.

Yukio: I see. Thank you, doc. Can I give her some food now?

Dr. Jones: Sure, you can. You have to remind her to eat. There's no point in being skinny if you're weak.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. The doctor has already **ruled out** malaria as the cause of Jack's symptoms.
2. I had to have a chest x-ray to **rule out** pneumonia.
3. Although her death looks like a suicide, the police haven't **ruled out** murder yet.

* rule out ... / ... (の可能性) を除外する、排除する

3. Your Task

You hit your head badly and it has left you with a bleeding gash. You now head to the hospital emergency room to be treated. A nurse (=your tutor) will ask for your name, age and if you're allergic to any substance. He/she will also ask you how you got your head wound.

4. Let's Talk

Have you ever been hospitalized? If yes, what was your illness?
If not, when was the last time you saw a doctor? When you visit someone in the hospital, is it customary in Japan to bring food or flowers? Tell your tutor about this Japanese practice.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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