

PHRASAL VERBS FOR NURSES

PART 1 – Lead-in

Explain the meaning of the underlined phrasal verbs in your own words.

1. The nurse looked after the patient overnight.

→ _____

2. The patient passed out during the examination.

→ _____

3. The doctor carried out several tests.

→ _____

4. We've completely run out of gloves.

→ _____

5. The patient came down with a high fever.

→ _____

PART 2 – Gap-fill: Clinical context

Complete the sentences with the correct phrasal verb in the correct form.

(look after, carry out, check in, pass out, come down with, run out of, put on, take off, wake up, calm down)

1. Patients must _____ at reception before seeing a doctor.

2. The nurse helped the patient _____ after the operation.

3. Please _____ this hospital gown before the examination.

4. The patient _____ suddenly due to low blood pressure.

5. We are about to _____ painkillers in the ward.

6. The nurse _____ the patient until the doctor arrived.

7. The doctor will _____ several tests this afternoon.

8. The patient was anxious, so the nurse told him to _____.

9. She believes she has _____ a viral infection.

10. Please _____ your shoes before entering the room.

PART 3 – Error correction

Each sentence contains ONE mistake. Find it and correct it.

1. The nurse carried on a blood test.

→ _____

2. The patient passed away during the examination.

→ _____

3. We ran out from syringes last night.

→ _____

4. She came down the flu last week.

→ _____

5. The nurse looked the patient after.

→ _____

PART 4 – Multiple choice

If a nurse calms a patient down, she:

- a) ignores them
- b) reassures them
- c) sedates them

To carry out a procedure sounds:

- a) informal
- b) incorrect
- c) professional

A patient who comes round:

- a) loses consciousness
- b) gets worse
- c) regains consciousness

If staff run short of supplies, they:

- a) have none left
- b) have fewer than needed
- c) have too many

If painkillers wear off, they:

- a) become stronger
- b) stop working
- c) are replaced

If a nurse brings a patient around, she:

- a) moves them

- b) helps them regain consciousness
- c) discharges them

If doctors rule out a diagnosis, they:

- a) confirm it
- b) exclude it
- c) delay it

PART 5

A) Match the phrasal verbs with their meanings:

1. break out
2. wear off
3. rule out
4. bring around
5. follow up
6. settle down
7. pick up
8. deal with

- a) regain consciousness
- b) exclude as a possibility
- c) check progress later
- d) start suddenly (rash, infection)
- e) stop having an effect
- f) become calmer
- g) improve or recover
- h) handle a situation

B) Sentence transformation:

1. The doctor excluded a heart attack.
→ The doctor _____ a heart attack.
2. The medication stopped working after two hours.
→ The medication _____ after two hours.
3. The nurse helped the patient regain consciousness.
→ The nurse _____ the patient.
4. A rash appeared suddenly on the patient's arms.

→ A rash _____ on the patient's arms.

5. The nurse contacted the patient later to check progress.

→ The nurse _____ the patient later.

6. The patient became calmer after reassurance.

→ The patient _____ after reassurance.

7. The patient's condition improved quickly.

→ The patient _____ quickly.

8. The nurse handled the emergency professionally.

→ The nurse _____ the emergency professionally.