

What If I Don't Understand?

Role Play #1

Patient: Doctor, what is my main problem?

Doctor: Your body's ability to convert the by-product of the beta cells into energy is impaired. Either your pancreas is failing to produce sufficient quantities of this by-product or what is being produced is defective.

Patient: _____

Doctor: That means you have diabetes. Your body is not working well with the glucose, or sugar, in your blood.

Role Play #2

Patient: Doctor, what is my main problem?

Doctor: You have an infectious disease caused by RNA viruses of the family Orthomyxoviridae, that affects birds and mammals.

Patient: _____

Doctor: You have the influenza virus.

Role Play #3

Patient: Doctor, what is my main problem?

Doctor: Your eustachian tubes have become swollen and fluid has begun to build up.

Patient: _____

Doctor: You have an ear infection.

Role Play #4

Patient: Doctor, what is my main problem?

Doctor: I believe you have a type of pharyngitis caused by a group A streptococcal infection.

Patient: _____

Doctor: You have strep throat.

Role Play #5

Patient: Doctor, what is my main problem?

Doctor: The force of the blood pushing against the walls of your arteries is excessive.

Patient: _____

Doctor: That means you have high blood pressure.

Patient: Oh. What do I need to do?

Doctor: You need to ensure that your body mass index is within the range of normal. You should keep fit with a cardiovascular regimen and partake of provisions that are low in fat and sodium.

Patient: _____

Doctor: That means you should lose weight. Try to exercise and eat healthy food, with little fat and salt.

Patient: Oh. I see. Why is it important that I do this?

Doctor: An individual that suffers from hypertension is at an elevated risk for a variety of serious, chronic conditions.

Patient: _____

Doctor: If you have high blood pressure, you have more risk to have a heart attack, a stroke and kidney disease.

Patient: Oh. I understand. Thank you for explaining.