

Patient Problems

STORY A: Charlie

I recently went to my doctor's because I had an **accident**. I was cutting some potatoes and I cut the end of my finger off! I live right next to the doctor's so I went round and they stopped the bleeding then put a big **bandage** on it. They gave me some **painkillers** and some other **medicine** as there was a danger of **infection**. After, I went to the hospital where a specialist **stitched** my finger back together again. It hurt so much for a few days and it's starting to **bruise** now, but it's OK and I'm recovering.

STORY B: Julia

Yesterday, I had a health check with the **nurse**. First, she **took my blood**. I'm scared of **injections** so I hate having my blood taken but I need to have it done because my sugar levels are always changing and the doctor needs to **check** them. If they are too high it could become very **dangerous** for me! This is going to be sent to the **lab technician** for analysis. After, the nurse used a **stethoscope** to hear my heartbeat and everything was regular, then they took my **blood pressure** and **measured my temperature** using a **thermometer**. Now, I'm waiting for the results.

STORY C: Richard

My grandmother had a heart attack, so we needed to call an **ambulance**. I tried feeling for her **pulse**, but I couldn't find anything. She is usually very **fit** and healthy and she eats all the right food, but she still had a heart attack. She was rushed to hospital and luckily she had **surgery** from a world-class **surgeon** that **saved her life**. Now, she's **resting** in the hospital where they are looking after her. We are so happy she survived this heart attack and she is now allowed **visitors** so I'm going to see her later. Sadly my grandfather had a heart attack a few years ago and he **passed away** from it.

STORY D: Michael

My daughter had **chickenpox**, so she was so **itchy**! It was very difficult to stop her! I was given a special **ointment** by the **pediatrician** to put on the spots but my daughter was allergic to it. She said she felt very **dizzy**, she started **vomiting**, and the area with the ointment was very **inflamed**. We rushed her to hospital, she was put on a **stretcher** immediately and luckily they gave her some medication that made her better. **It was a close call!**

STORY E: Lily

I fell down the stairs and my ankle **was killing me!** I thought I had broken it so I asked my partner to drive me to the hospital, where they immediately put me in a **wheelchair**, gave me an X-ray and confirmed it was broken. I had a **cast** on for 12 weeks! I was so tired using **crutches** all day to walk around so I ended up **lying down** for most of the day! Luckily it's all OK now!