

Medical English – case report

Exercise 1

Insert the words and phrases into the appropriate blank space. You may use each item once only.

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| a) On auscultation | i) pulse |
| b) the year before | j) iliac fossa |
| c) prior to the telephone call | k) guarding |
| d) two weeks previously | l) over the period |
| e) lasting five hours | m) abdomen |
| f) respiratory rate | n) A&E |
| g) The evening before | o) On examination |
| h) 15 years | |

A 35 year-old woman, Mrs Bentley telephoned _____1_____ at 3am complaining of severe vomiting _____2_____. She had had very loose motions several times _____3_____ and she had had some cramping pains in the central and lower abdomen. These started about six hours _____4_____. She did not smoke and was teetotal. _____5_____ she had some egg mayonnaise sandwiches on the way home from work.

There was no dysuria. Her periods were regular and her last menstrual period was _____6_____. She had an appendicectomy _____7_____ before. She was nullipara.

_____8_____, her temperature was 38.1C. She did not look anaemic. Her _____9_____ was 101/min and regular. The blood pressure was 110/70. Her _____10_____ was 19/min. Her tongue was dry. She had some tenderness in the centre of her abdomen and in the left _____11_____. There was no _____12_____. _____13_____ of her abdomen, her bowel sounds were prominent. There was no lymphadenopathy.

Exercise 2

Insert the words and phrases into an appropriate place in the text. Several have been done for you.

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| a) On auscultation | i) pulse |
| b) the year before | j) iliac fossa |
| c) prior to the telephone call | k) guarding |
| d) two weeks previously | l) over the period |
| e) lasting five hours | m) abdomen |
| f) respiratory rate | n) A&E |
| g) The evening before | o) On examination |
| h) 15 years | |

A 35 year-old woman, Mrs Bentley telephoned at 3am complaining of severe vomiting. She had had very loose motions several times and she had had some cramping pains in the central and lower abdomen. These started about six hours. She did not smoke and was teetotal. she had some egg mayonnaise sandwiches on the way home from work.

There was no dysuria. Her periods were regular and her last menstrual period was. She had an appendectomy before. She was nullipara.

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Exercise 3

In each line below there is one word missing. Add an appropriate word.

A 35 year-old woman, Mrs Bentley telephoned A &E at 3am of severe vomiting lasting five hours. She had had very loose several times over the period and she had had some cramping in the central and lower abdomen. These started about six hours to the telephone call. She does not smoke and is teetotal. The evening she had some egg mayonnaise sandwiches on the way home work.

There was no dysuria. Her periods regular and her last menstrual period was two weeks ago. She had appendicectomy 15 years before and She nullipara.

On, her temperature was 38.1C. She did not look anaemic. Her pulse was 110/70/min and regular. The blood pressure was 108/82. Her rate was 19/min. Her tongue was dry. She had some tenderness in the of her abdomen and in the left iliac fossa. There was no guarding. On , her bowel sounds were prominent. There no lymphadenopathy.

Exercise 4

Use the notes below to write out a case report. Remember to divide the notes in sentences.

35 year-old woman Mrs Bentley telephoned A&E - 3am c/o severe vomiting - five hours duration - very loose motions several times - same period - some cramping pains – central/ lower abdomen - started about six hours prior - call. - smoke and alcohol no -previous evening egg mayonnaise sandwiches -way home from work.

no dysuria - periods regular - last menstrual period two weeks ago - appendicectomy 15 years before - nullipara.

examination - temperature 38.1C- not anaemic -pulse 110/70/min/ regular - blood pressure 108/82 - respiratory rate 19/min - tongue dry - some tenderness centre abdomen/left iliac fossa -no guarding -auscultation bowel sounds prominent no lymphadenopathy

Exercise 5

Put the jumbled sections of text into the correct order to create a case report.

Paragraph 1

- A. on the way home from work.
- B. Mrs Bentley telephoned A &E at
- C. A 35 year-old woman,
- D. mayonnaise sandwiches
- E. pains in the central and lower
- F. motions several times over the
- G. 3am complaining of severe vomiting lasting
- H. abdomen. These started about six hours prior
- I. to the telephone call. She
- J. previous evening she had some egg
- K. period and she had had some cramping
- L. does not smoke and is teetotal.
- M. The
- N. five hours. She had had
- O. very loose

Paragraph 2

- A. were
- B. two weeks ago. She had an appendicectomy
- C. regular and
- D. There was
- E. her last menstrual period was
- F. before. She was
- G. 15 years
- H. no dysuria. Her periods
- I. nullipara.

Paragraph 3

- A. pulse was 110/70/min
- B. her temperature was
- C. prominent . There
- D. not look anaemic. Her
- E. 38.1C. She did
- F. and regular. The
- G. auscultation, her bowel
- H. respiratory rate was 19/min. Her
- I. tongue was dry. She had some
- J. tenderness in the centre of
- K. On examination,
- L. her abdomen and in the
- M. was no lymphadenopathy
- N. guarding. On
- O. blood pressure was 108/82. Her
- P. left iliac fossa. There was no
- Q. sounds were

Exercise 6

Write out the complete text.

A 35 year-old woman, Mrs Bentley telephoned A &E at 3am complaining of severe vomiting lasting five hours. She had had very loose motions several times over the period and she had had some cramping pains in the central and lower abdomen. These started about six hours prior to the telephone call. She does not smoke and is teetotal. The previous evening she had some egg mayonnaise sandwiches on the way home from work.

There was no dysuria. Her periods were regular and her last menstrual period was two weeks ago. She had an appendectomy 15 years before and She was nullipara.

On examination, her temperature was 38.1C. She did not look anaemic. Her pulse was 110/70/min and regular. The blood pressure was 108/82. Her respiratory rate was 19/min. Her tongue was dry. She had some tenderness in the centre of her abdomen and in the left iliac fossa. There was no guarding. On auscultation, her bowel sounds were prominent. There was no lymphadenopathy

Exercise 7

(i) In the questions below there are seven mistakes. Can you find them?

- a) What's your name?
- b) What age are you?
- c) What seem to be the problem?
- d) Can you tell me a little bit more about this?
- e) Can you tell me when started the vomiting?
- f) What about your bowel motions?
- g) Have you been in pain?
- h) Are you in pain at the moment?
- i) Can you tell me when did the pain start?
- j) Where do you get the pain?
- k) Can you tell me what the pain looks like?
- l) Are you aware of anything that might have caused the vomiting and diarrhoea?
- m) What did you have eat yesterday?
- n) What about your waterwork? Are they ok?
- o) Your appetite generally okay?
- p) When was your last period?
- q) Have you had operations?
- r) When did you have the operation?
- s) Have you had any children?

Exercise 8: making short questions


(i) Using the questions below, make short questions for taking the general history. The first one has been done for you

- A. Are your bowels okay? → [Your] bowels okay?
- B. Are your waterworks okay?
- C. Are your eating okay?
- A. Have you been eating okay?
- D. Is your appetite okay?
- E. Are your sleeping okay?
- F. Have you been sleeping okay?
- G. Are you passing water a lot?
- H. Are your periods okay?
- I. Is your tummy okay?

(ii) Now practise the full history with a partner.

Exercise 9

Match the colloquial words and phrases on the left with the medical term on the right. One has been done for you.

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| a) the trots/the runs | I. calcaneus |
| b) swelling | II. varicella |
| c) tummy | III. haemorrhoids |
| d) back bone | IV. oedema |
| e) shoulder blade | V. vesicle |
| f) belly button | VI. suture |
| g) heel | VII. sputum |
| h) afterbirth | VIII. placenta |
| i) the change | IX. menopause |
| j) chest bone | X. abdomen |
| k) stitch | XI. diarrhoea |
| l) knee-cap | XII. umbilicus |
| m) blister | XIII. sternum |
| n) phlegm | XIV. clavicle |
| o) chickenpox | XV. patella |
| p) piles | XVI. spine |
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Exercise 10

Insert the words and phrases in the column in the right in an appropriate place in the sentences below. One has been done for you as an example.

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| 1. The patient was admitted to hospital at 2 am. | |
| 2. She was hospital three days later | |
| 3. Mrs Jones was pain in the lower abdomen. | |
| 4. The pain was cold weather. | i.exacerbated by |
| 5. The pain was the new drugs. | ii.booked for |
| 6. There is anecdotal evidence that some people
homeopathic medicine in this case. | iii.be elicited |
| 7. The pain was not paracetamol. | iv.manifested by |
| 8. He was hypotension. | v.admitted to |
| 9. The family history also needs to in this case. | vi.discharged from |
| 10.He was having Parkinson's disease. | vii.benefit from |
| 11.The effects of the syndrome can be medical
care. | viii.alleviated by |
| 12.The patient was as soon as possible after the
operation. | ix.diagnosed as |
| 13.The patient was three days ago. | x.mitigated by |
| 14.The boy was the operation immediately he
came in. | xi.operated on |
| 15.The disease is a number of signs. | xii.suffering from |
| | xiii.hospitalized with |
| | xiv.ameliorated by |
| | xv.mobilized |

Exercise 11

Insert the items in the column below in an appropriate place in the sentences below. One has been done for you as an example.

1. The patient was admitted to hospital at 2 am.
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4. The pain was _____ cold weather.
5. The pain was _____ the new drugs.
6. There is anecdotal evidence that some people homeopathic _____ medicine in this case.
7. The pain was not _____ paracetmol.
8. He was _____ hypotension.
9. The family history also needs to _____ in this case.
10. He was _____ having Parkinson's disease.
11. The effects of the syndrome can be _____ medical care.
12. The patient was _____ as soon as possible after the operation.
13. The patient was _____ three days ago.
14. The boy was _____ the operation immediately he came in.
15. The disease is _____ a number of signs,

- a) exacerbated by
- b) booked for
- c) be elicited
- d) manifested by
- e) admitted to
- f) discharged from
- g) benefit from
- h) alleviated by
- i) diagnosed as
- j) mitigated by
- k) operated on
- l) suffering from
- m) hospitalized with
- n) ameliorated by
- o) mobilized

Key to Exercises 1- 6

The complete text is below.

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There was no dysuria. Her periods were regular and her last menstrual period was two weeks ago. She had an appendectomy 15 years before and She was nullipara.

On examination, her temperature was 38.1C. She did not look anaemic. Her pulse was 110/70/min and regular. The blood pressure was 108/82. Her respiratory rate was 19/min. Her tongue was dry. She had some tenderness in the centre of her abdomen and in the left iliac fossa. There was no guarding. On auscultation, her bowel sounds were prominent. There was no lymphadenopathy

Exercise 7

Find the corrected sentences below.

- a) What's your name?
- b) What age are you?
- c) What seems to be the problem?
- d) Can you tell me a little bit more about this?
- e) Can you tell me when the vomiting started?
- f) What about your bowel motions?
- g) Have you been in pain?
- h) Are you in pain at the moment?
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- j) Where do you get the pain?
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- m) What did you have to eat yesterday?
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- q) Have you had any operations?
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Exercise 8

B. Are your bowels okay?	→ [Your] bowels okay?
C. Are your waterworks okay?	[Your] waterworks okay?
D. Are your eating okay?	Eating okay?
E. Have you been eating okay?	Been eating okay?
F. Is your appetite okay?	Appetite okay?
G. Are your sleeping okay?	Sleeping okay?
H. Have you been sleeping okay?	Been sleeping okay?
I. Are you passing water a lot?	Passing water a lot?
J. Are your periods okay?	[Your] periods okay?
K. Is your tummy okay?	[Your] tummy okay?

Exercise 9

a) the trots/the runs - diarrhoea	i) the change - menopause
b) swelling - oedema	j) chest bone - sternum
c) tummy - abdomen	k) stitch - suture
d) back bone - spine	l) knee-cap - patella
e) shoulder blade - clavicle	m) blister - vesicle
f) belly button - umbilicus	n) phlegm - sputum
g) heel - calcaneus	o) chickenpox - varicella
h) afterbirth - placenta	p) piles - haemorrhoids

Exercise 10 and 11

- The patient was admitted to hospital at 2 am.
- She was discharged from hospital three days later
- Mrs Jones was suffering from pain in the lower abdomen.
- The pain was exacerbated by cold weather.
- The pain was ameliorated by the new drugs.
- There is anecdotal evidence that some people benefit from homeopathic medicine in this case.
- The pain was not alleviated by paracetamol.
- He was hospitalized with hypotension.
- The family history also needs to be elicited in this case.
- He was diagnosed as having Parkinson's disease.
- The effects of the syndrome can be mitigated by medical care.
- The patient was mobilized as soon as possible after the operation.
- The patient was operated on three days ago.
- The boy was booked for the operation immediately he came in.
- The disease is manifested by a number of signs,