

# ENGLISH FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

Taking a history from a patient

Exercise 1: questions relating to pain

Below is a list of types of the main questions (1-10) relating to pain. Match each one with one or more questions (A-M) in the right-hand column.

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| 1. Time of onset        | A. Can you tell me what the pain is like?             |
| 2. Duration             | B. Have you had it before?                            |
| 3. Site                 | C. Can you show me where you get the pain?            |
| 4. Nature of onset      | D. When did it start?                                 |
| 5. Radiation            | E. Does anything relieve it?                          |
| 6. Nature of the pain   | F. Did it come on slowly or suddenly?                 |
| 7. Aggravating factors  | G. Does it spread anywhere else?                      |
| 8. Alleviating features | H. Are you aware of anything that brings the pain on? |
| 9. Previous episodes    | I. How long have you had the pain?                    |
| 10. Triggering factors  | J. Does anything make it better?                      |
|                         | K. Where do you get the pain?                         |
|                         | L. Does anything special bring it on?                 |
|                         | M. Does anything make it worse?                       |