

Vocabulary

Talking About Patients

ALL THESE SENTENCES describe patients and their conditions. Complete the sentences using the past tense verbs in the box.

Past Tense Verbs

*adapted aggravated broke burnt controlled developed exacerbated fractured
overcame picked up prolonged rebuilt received recovered required strained
suffered trembled underwent weakened*

1. He must have _____ the disease when he was travelling in Africa.
2. He _____ a new kidney from his brother.
3. He _____ his back lifting the table.
4. She _____ from her concussion in a few days.
5. The doctors decided that her condition _____ surgery.
6. She _____ her disabilities and now leads a normal life.
7. She _____ from poor circulation, which made her feel the cold.
8. After the accident her pelvis was completely _____ .
9. She _____ several operations.
10. She _____ well to her new diet.
11. She fell off a wall and _____ her leg.
12. She _____ her hand on the hot frying pan.
13. He _____ his asthma with a bronchodilator.
14. The sore throat _____ into an attack of meningitis.
15. The cold damp weather _____ his chest condition.
16. His tibia _____ in two places.
17. He was _____ by the disease and could not resist further infection.
18. The treatment _____ her life by three years.
19. Playing football only _____ his knee injury.
20. His hands _____ with the cold.

Instruments & Equipment

List of instruments & equipment

bandage; catheter; curette; drain; forceps; gag; hook; pipette; probe; scalpel; sling; splint; stethoscope; stretcher; syringe; thermometer; tourniquet; ~~wheelchair~~

1. wheelchair = a chair with wheels in which an invalid can sit and move around
2. = a small, sharp pointed knife used in surgery
3. = an instrument used to explore inside a cavity or wound
4. = an instrument similar to a pair of scissors, used for holding and pulling
5. = a long spoon, used for scraping the inside of an organ
6. = a thin glass tube used for taking and measuring samples of liquids
7. = a device used to constrict an artery and reduce the flow of blood
8. = an instrument with a bent end, used for holding structures apart
9. = a tube used to remove liquid from the body or the site of an operation
10. = an instrument which is placed between a patient's teeth to stop him closing his mouth
11. = a tube with a plunger which slides inside it, forcing the contents out through a needle
12. = a tube which is passed into the body along one of the passages
13. = a piece of cloth which is wrapped round a wound or injured limb
14. = a triangular piece of cloth attached around the neck, used to support a broken arm
15. = a folding bed, with handles, on which an injured person can be carried by two people
16. = a stiff support attached to a limb to prevent a broken bone from moving
17. = two earpieces connected to a tube and a metal disc, used to listen to sounds inside the body
18. = a device used for measuring temperature