

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
**OET Writing – Articles in Medical Language**

**Starter**

Look at these sentences and correct any mistakes you find:

1. We give **the** patient **the** metformin 500mg daily.
2. **The** Medical staff should listen to **the patient** / **patients** when they are talking.
3. **The** Mr Banerjee underwent **a** surgery on **the** 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
4. Mrs Arap had **an** MRI scan and then commenced **a** physiotherapy.

**Activity:**

For each column, think of five example nouns or noun phrases  
Can we use 'a/an' or not?

Treatment	Conditions	Injuries	Equipment	Symptoms	Medication
Countable or Uncountable?	Countable or Uncountable?	Countable or Uncountable?	Countable or Uncountable?	Countable or Uncountable?	Countable or Uncountable?
Physiotherapy	Diabetes	A bruise	An MRI scan	A cough	Painkillers (A painkiller)
Chemotherapy	Hypertension	Bruising	An ultrasound	Coughing	Amoxicillin
A physiotherapy session	Asthma	A fracture	An endoscopy	A headache	Metformin
(An) exercise (general – uncountable) (specific – countable)	Cancer	(A) concussion Concussion to the head	An X-ray	A seizure	Contrast agents (A contrast agent)
A cold compress	An episode of asthma	A sprained ankle	A microscopy	A sneeze Sneezing	Antibiotics (An antibiotic)
A healthy diet	An asthma attack	Bleeding	An inhaler	(A) pain	Paracetamol
A laparoscopy	A (cancerous) tumour	A nosebleed	A thermometer	Shortness of breath	Ibuprofen
Surgery		An abrasion	An oxygen mask	Wheezing	Statins (A statin)
An operation		A wound	A pacemaker	Dizziness	A tablet
A procedure			A syringe	Tinnitus	A pill
			Scissors A pair of scissors	Nausea	An IV line
			A crutch	A runny nose	An injection
					Oral suspension

Mrs Smith was advised to attend physiotherapy. **The** physiotherapy was scheduled for once a week.

Mrs Smith was given **a** tablet of medication. **The** tablet was taken with water.