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OET Reading – Vocabulary

Starter:

Read the questions below and consider your answer.

You may be asked to answer verbally:

1. What things do you think you need to **factor in** when you are preparing for the OET test?
2. In your opinion, which procedures are **notoriously** difficult to carry out while caring for a patient?
3. A parent is very unhappy because they have been waiting for their child to be seen by a medical professional for a long time: how do you **mitigate** this situation?

Look at the text below and try to understand the meaning of the highlighted words by using the context:

Today, I would like to discuss a dermatology patient. This patient presented with an **offensive** smell emanating from a wound on their foot and pain **ascending** up the lower leg. Despite **superior** means of wound care being employed, the patient was experiencing **stinging** sensations around the site. The healthcare team was initially **in doubt** about the aetiology of the odour, suspecting a possible infection. However, upon examination, it was found that a foreign body was **in situ** within the wound, thereby exacerbating the discomfort.

It was decided that the **sole** method to address the issue was to allow additional time to **elapse** for the wound to heal, with **residual** symptoms expected during the recovery process. **In collaboration with** wound care specialists, the patient's treatment plan was adjusted to include **jointly** administered antibiotics and **timely** wound debridement. The healthcare team worked **in liaison with** the patient to ensure proper wound care at home and scheduled regular follow-up appointments to monitor progress.

Despite these efforts, it was determined that the foreign body had **irreparably** damaged surrounding tissue. As a result, the decision was made to **summon** the patient for surgical removal of the foreign object. Following the procedure, the wound was **shut off** from further contamination, and the patient was provided with appropriate post-operative care to promote healing and prevent complications.

Now match the highlighted words from the text to the definitions below:

- a) In contact or coordination with someone else, especially for the purpose of exchanging information or coordinating activities. **In collaboration with / in liaison with / jointly**
- b) To close or block access to something; to isolate or disconnect from a source or external influence. **Shut off**
- c) Being the only one; singular or exclusive. **Sole**
- d) Moving or progressing upward, usually in a gradual or incremental manner. **Ascending**
- e) Describing a strong, unpleasant, or disagreeable odour. **Offensive**
- f) Remaining or left behind after the removal, loss, or decay of something else. **Residual**
- g) Feeling uncertain or unsure about something. **In doubt**
- h) To pass by or go by, especially in reference to time. **Elapse**
- i) Together or collectively with others. **Jointly**
- j) To call upon or request the presence or attendance of someone, typically through an authoritative or formal request. **Summon**
- k) Referring to a condition or state where something is located or situated in its natural or original position within the body. **In situ**
- l) Occurring at the appropriate or opportune moment; done or happening at the right time. **Timely**
- m) Referring to methods, techniques, or resources that are of a higher quality, effectiveness, or capability compared to others. **Superior**
- n) In a manner that cannot be repaired, restored, or corrected; beyond the point of being fixable or remedied. **Irreparably**
- o) Describing a sharp, piercing, or prickling feeling, often accompanied by pain or discomfort. **Stinging**
- p) Working together with others, typically towards a common goal or objective; cooperating or coordinating efforts with others. **In collaboration with**