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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 advice would you give to a patient who had **stabbing** pain in their foot?
2. When we ask a patient to tell us about their condition or symptoms, what things should we **take into account**?
3. In your opinion, what developments in medicine and science have had a **demonstrable** impact on patient-centred care?

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 liaison with / In collaboration with**
- 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. **Elope**
- i) Together or collectively with others. **Jointly / In collaboration with**
- 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. **Jointly / In collaboration with**