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Scrub up

diarrhoea	numbness	bruising
nausea	aching	tiredness
cough		

Listening 1 – Symptoms

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NURSE How does it feel? A little deformed, isn't it?

Patient Yes, there's a huge lump just above the ankle. And there's quite a lot of bruising. And just here, it's very swollen.

NURSE Is it painful when you move it?

Patient Yes, *very*.

NURSE Can you move your toes?

Patient It's difficult, they're numb – I can't feel them at all.

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NURSE How are you feeling?

Patient I feel so hot. What does the thermometer say?

NURSE Yes, you do have fever. Your temperature is a little over 38. Have you got a sore throat?

Patient Yes, it hurts when I talk.

NURSE I can see spots. Any redness?

Patient Yes, my chest and back are all red.

NURSE And do you feel tired?

Patient Yes, constant tiredness. And my legs feel achy, too.

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NURSE How's it going?

Patient I'll be glad when this is over. Doing anything is really tiring.

NURSE Oh dear. Do you feel dizzy at all?

Patient Yes, some days I feel dizzy and sometimes sick.

NURSE When do you feel sick, mostly?

Patient In the mornings. And I'm very constipated – haven't been to the toilet for three days. Sorry to moan.

NURSE That's all right. We all need a good moan sometimes. What about pain?

Patient No. No pain.