Lesson 54:   At the Hospital

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Jack, the Medical Intern: What do we have here? (looking at a patient with a bloody cut on her hand)

Azumi: Hello. I had a little accident while chopping vegetables. The cut's pretty deep, though.

Jack: Let me see that. I need to make sure that your tendons were not damaged. I need to do a thorough checking before I patch you up.

Azumi: Is it going to be painful?

Jack: I'm going to give you some anesthetic so you won't feel anything while I examine it.

Azumi: That'll be great. How many stitches does it need?

Jack: I think three stitches will do. I promise it'll be quick and painless.

Azumi: Okay. Let's get right to it.

Jack: Are you allergic to any kind of medication?

Azumi: I remember having a skin test for the tetanus shot last year. It tested positive. So, please note that I can't have the anti-tetanus injection.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. My cut looked pretty bad but the doctor did a good job of patching me up.
2. Your wound is almost healed now. The doctor patched you up well.
3. As a show of gratitude, I sent a basket of fruit to the doctor who patched me up.

* patch someone up / （人を）治療する

3. Your Task

You have taken your friend to the hospital because she's not feeling well. She's been vomiting and having stomach pains. Your friend can't speak English well. You will be answering the nurse's (=your tutor) questions. The nurse would like to know what the symptoms are, when the sickness started, the last meal your friend had and if your friend is allergic to anything.

4. Let's Talk

Have you ever been hospitalized? If yes, what was your illness? If not, when was the last time you saw a doctor? When you visit someone in the hospital, is it customary in Japan to bring food or flowers? Tell your tutor about this Japanese practice.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

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