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Setting Suburban General Practice

Your role: PATIENT
You are a new patient at this practice. You have had a week of epigastric pain (stomach/abdominal area). Your doctor ordered a barium meal test, and you are returning today to get the results.

Patient Information

- Health History:** You had a similar episode of pain five years ago. You were prescribed anti-ulcer tablets but only took them for two weeks.
- Current Concerns:** You are extremely worried that the pain might be a sign of cancer.
- Attitude:** You are very anxious and find it difficult to be reassured by general statements.
- Knowledge Gap:** You have heard of a "gastroscopy" but you don't know the details of it and are hesitant to undergo the procedure.

Your Task

- Express Anxiety:** Tell the doctor how worried you are, ask if you could have answered this by holding your medicine five years ago.
- Ask Clarify:** Ask an overview of possible causes of the pain, specifically mentioning your fear of malignancy (cancer) or other serious causes.
- Open the floor:** Ask the doctor to know exactly what a gastroscopy involves. Show your discomfort and ask for the idea.
- Be Difficult to Reassure:** Do not say "I am feeling better" easily. You want a thorough explanation of all risks and possibilities.

Useful Words

- Speak slowly
- Use short sentences
- Say one idea at a time
- Speak clearly & firmly

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Setting Suburban General Practice

Your role: DOCTOR
You are a doctor in a new patient returns to your practice to discuss the results of a barium meal test following a week of epigastric pain (stomach/abdominal area).

Patient Information

- The patient has a recurrence of epigastric pain.
- The barium meal shows an ulcer on the lesser curve of the stomach.
- The results indicate the ulcer may be malignant.
- The patient had a similar episode five years ago but only took medication for two weeks.
- The patient is very anxious, worried about cancer, and hesitant about further invasive procedures.

Your Task

- Explain the findings:** Discuss the barium meal results and honestly mention the possibility of malignancy.
- Investigate History:** Question the patient about their previous episode of epigastric pain and treatment.
- Refer for Gastroscopy:** Advise an urgent referral for a gastroscopy for a definite diagnosis. Explain the procedure clearly to ease their fears.
- Reassure & Reveal:** Address the patient's specific concerns. Reveal other non-malignant causes (e.g., simple ulcer) in addition to possible cancer.

Useful Words

- Speak slowly
- Use short sentences
- Say one idea at a time
- Be gentle and calm

Read the attached cue cards and be my conversational partner. You take a role as a patient. I will be a doctor. Make sure your questions are in line with the patient's task in the cue card. Can we start?"



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Great! I have read both cue cards carefully. I will take the role of the patient with epigastric pain and anxiety about the test results and procedures. You will be the doctor explaining the barium meal results and answering my questions.

Let's start the role-play. You can begin as the doctor when you are ready.



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Hello, good morning. I am Dr. Anindya. May I know what's your name?



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Good morning, Doctor. My name is Mr. Santoso. I have been feeling some pain in my upper stomach area.



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Good morning, Doctor. My name is Mr. Santoso. I have been feeling some pain in my upper stomach area.



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Good morning, Santo So. Thank you for coming in today. I am sorry to hear that. So have been experiencing pain in your upper stomach. Can you tell me when the pain started?



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The pain started about three days ago. It has been uncomfortable, especially after eating.



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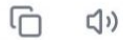
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I see. Thank you for explaining that example. Before we discuss further, I'd like to ask you a few more questions.



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Of course, Mr. Santoso. Please go ahead with your questions. I am here to help.



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First, have you ever experienced this kind of stomach pain before, perhaps a few years ago?



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I understand your concern, Santoso. Let me explain the result clearly. The barium meal test is an X-ray test that helps us see the shape of your stomach. During the test, you drank a liquid called barium, which coats the stomach and makes it easier to see on the X-ray.



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Thank you for explaining, doctor. Is the test safe? Are there any risks or side effects I should know about?



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You're welcome, Santoso. That's a very good question. The gastroscopy is generally a very safe and common procedure. It is performed regularly to examine the stomach and diagnose problems like ulcers.



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Thank you for explaining, doctor. What should I expect during the gastroscopy procedure? Will it be painful?



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painful?



You're welcome, Santoso. Let me explain what will happen during the gastroscopy. Before the procedure, we will ask you not to eat or drink for several hours so that your stomach is empty. During the test, you will lie on your side and we will spray a local anesthesia in your throat to reduce discomfort. Sometimes, we also give a mild sedative to help you feel more relaxed.



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Thank you for explaining the procedure, doctor. Will I be awake during the gastroscopy? And how long does the test usually take?



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Yes, you will usually be awake during the gastroscopy, but we will give you a local anesthesia spray in your throat to make the area numb and more comfortable.



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Thank you, doctor. How long will I need to stay in the hospital after the gastroscopy? Will I need special care or rest?



Gastroscopy is usually a short, outpatient procedure, so in most cases you do not need to stay in the hospital overnight. After the test, we will ask you to rest for about 30 minutes to 1 hour, especially if you received a sedative.



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