

At The Doctor's

“THE TRANSPLANT WAS A SUCCESS. THERE WERE NO COMPLICATIONS.”

A **transplant** is when one person (the **donor**) gives an organ to another person (the **recipient**). Some transplants, such as a kidney transplant, can be done when the donor is still alive. Others, such as heart and lung transplants, are done when the donor has recently died. When the donation is of blood, it is called a **transfusion**.

If there are **complications** during surgery, it means that things went wrong or unexpected things happened to make it more difficult. After a transplant, the recipient usually needs to take **anti-rejection medication** so that their body doesn't reject the transplanted organ.



“I'D LIKE TO KEEP YOU HERE OVERNIGHT FOR OBSERVATION.”

The doctor will say this if it's necessary for you to stay in the hospital for a little while, so that the doctors and nurses can observe you and make sure you are OK. They might use a machine to **monitor your vital signs** – observe the rhythm of your heartbeat and breathing.



“WE HAVEN’T MADE A DIAGNOSIS YET, BUT WE’VE RULED OUT CANCER.”

A **diagnosis** is the identification of the specific health problem. To **rule out** something means to eliminate it from consideration.



“I HAVE A RASH ON MY ARM, AND IT’S VERY ITCHY.”

A **rash** is a red, irritated area on the surface of your skin. If it's **itchy**, it means you feel an annoying sensation that makes you want to scratch it with your nails.



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“I FEEL A SHARP PAIN WHEN I BEND MY KNEE.”

A **sharp pain** is a strong, sudden pain. The opposite is a **dull pain** – a feeling that is weaker and more continuous.



“MY STOMACH HURTS AND I’VE LOST MY APPETITE.”

To describe the pain you’re feeling, you can say “My + [body part] hurts.” If you’ve **lost your appetite**, it means you have no desire to eat.



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“I’D LIKE TO GET A SECOND OPINION.”

A **second opinion** is when you talk to a different doctor to see if he has a different opinion about your health problem or treatment options.



“THAT’S A RELIEF!”

You can say this when the doctor gives you some good news! A **relief** is something that makes you happy after you were worried about it.



“MY NECK IS STIFF AND SORE. I THINK I’VE PULLED A MUSCLE.”

If a body part is **stiff**, it means that it has less ability to move than normal. The word **sore** means that it’s continuously painful, usually when you’ve used a muscle too much. We usually use “sore” for muscles and for a **sore throat**. To **pull a muscle** means to extend a muscle beyond the normal point, and injure it.



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