

Vocabulary

When writing, it is important to use a variety of expressions and different vocabulary items. The following phrases are in the simple present tense, but many of them can be changed to “**may**” or “**can,**” depending on the information in the outline.

Causes	The cause of X is ... / X is caused by ...
	The causes of X include ...
	X results from ... / is a result of ... / arises from ...
	X is due to ...
	... results in / leads to / brings about X.
	X occurs / develops when ...
Risk	... increases a person’s chance of developing X.
Factors	
	A person’s chance of disease X is increased by / with ...
	... contributes to the development X.
	... is at greater risk of developing X.
	... has a greater chance of developing disease X.
	... is more susceptible to disease X.
	... is a trigger of X. / X is triggered by ...
Symptoms	The symptoms of X are / include ...
	X is characterized by / with ... (<i>symptoms that typically occur</i>).
	... is associated with X. / X is associated with ...
	... occurs / develops in patients with X.
	The patient with X experiences ... / ... is experienced by patients with X.
	The patient with X suffers from ... (<i>a symptom or condition that is unpleasant or severe</i>).
	The patient with X exhibits... / ... is exhibited by patients with X. (<i>a symptom that can be seen, felt, or measured</i>)

Symptoms (<i>cont.</i>)	In patients with X, (<i>a visible symptom</i>) appears.
	The patient with X has ...
	The patient with X feels ... / ... is felt by patients with X.
	The patient with X contracts ... / ... is contracted by patients with X. (<i>an infection or contagious disease</i>)
	X leads to / results in / brings about ...

Affects / Occurs in / Afflicts

A disease / condition affects or occurs in a person or a certain group of people.

A disease / condition afflicts someone when it causes great mental, emotional, or physical suffering.

Practice: Which of the following can afflict people?

- a) cancer
- b) mild symptoms
- c) lung problems
- d) nightmares
- e) genetic tendency
- f) genetic disease
- g) hospital patients
- h) migraine headaches

Diagnosis	The diagnosis of X is based on ... / X is diagnosed based on ...
	X is diagnosed by / on the basis of ...
	The diagnosis of X is made by ...
	The diagnosis of X involves / includes ...
	The doctor orders ... / ... be ordered .
	... are performed / used / carried out / completed / conducted .
	The doctor performs / uses / carries out / completes / conducts ...
	... is necessary / required / needed for diagnosing X.
	The diagnosis of X requires ...
	diagnostic tests / options / methods / procedures / tools ...

Diagnosis <i>(cont.)</i>	methods for diagnosing / methods of diagnosing / methods of diagnosis
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Treatment	includes / consists of ...
	X is treated with / by ...
	... is prescribed / given / administered / used.
	The doctor prescribes / gives / administers / uses ...
	The patient with X takes ... / ... is taken.
	... is performed / used / carried out / completed conducted.
	The patient with X undergoes ...
	... is recommended. / The doctor recommends ...
	The doctor advises the patient to ... / The patient with X is advised to ...
	The patient must / should ...
	treatment options / methods
	methods of treatment
All Paragraphs	Another (cause / risk factor / symptom / diagnostic test / treatment) is ...
	Other (causes / risk factors / symptoms / diagnostic tests / treatment methods) are ...
	the patient with X / patients with X
	the X patient / X patients
	a person with / people with
	the sufferer of / sufferers of
	a person diagnosed with / people diagnosed with