

DVD Script 3: Taking a medical history [3 minutes 41 seconds]

Doctor: Ok that's fine thank you very much Ted. What I want to do now if it's alright is ask you a little bit more detail about your past ah health and your health in general is that ok?

Ted: Yeah yeah no problem.

Doctor: What I'll do first is ask you about past medical problems. Have you had any problems with your health in the past?

Ted: Um, [pause] well just the usual coughs and colds I had a bit of bronchitis once but you know.

Doctor: Ok so you've not had any major illnesses, accidents that sort of thing?

Ted: Oh accidents [pause] I've been to A&E a few times cause I've [laugh] I'm doing the DIY bang the thumb...

Doctor: Right [laugh]!

Ted: I took a bit off me shin once you know but that's all.

Doctor: Ok so you've not had any operations or anything like that?

Ted: No no no.

Doctor: No no ok that's fine. Err and can I just ask you about the the the medicines that you take, do you take any tablets or medicines at the moment?

Ted: Um just the Rennies uh.

Doctor: Yeah you told me about that.

Ted: Well I take paracetamol if I'm if I've got a bit of a headache or you know.

Doctor: Ok.

Ted: Bad cold or something but that's all.

Doctor: And nothing else?

Ted: No no.

Doctor: And are you allergic to anything that you're aware of?

Ted: Um oh I don't like penicillin.

Doctor: Ok.

Ted: Oh I had a nasty reaction to that once.

Doctor: Did you?

Ted: Yeah.

Doctor: So so you're allergic to penicillin anything else that ah you're allergic to?

Ted: No no.

Doctor: Any medicines you're allergic to apart from penicillin?

Ted: No no.

Doctor: That's fine. And what about your your vaccinations are you up to date with all your vaccinations?

Ted: Um [pause] well I've had tetanus. [laugh]

Doctor: [mumbled]

Ted: I've had those yeah um oh um er well the missus arranged it cause we went on holiday to Tunisia the other year.

Doctor: Oh yeah.

Ted: So I had to have what you have um...

Doctor: Hepatitis?

Ted: Yeah I had one of them I don't I don't know which one it was for.

Doctor: You don't remember which one?

Ted: No she just says you know we've got an appointment go down we're going down Tuesday so I go down Tuesday you know?

Doctor: [laugh] Ok.

Ted: Yeah.

Doctor: Alright and if I can just ask a little about your family is there any any diseases that you know that run in your family particularly?

Ted: Well me dad died he had a heart attack

Doctor: Ok.

Ted: And my granddad I think yeah.

Doctor: Right.

Ted: Um, my brother um had trouble with his liver um. Excessive drinking really.

Doctor: Oh right.

Ted: Yeah died last year.

Doctor: So ah that must have been very distressing for you.

Ted: Well you know he brought it on himself really didn't he? But it did make me think about me own me own, you know, drinking.

Doctor: Can I just ask you a bit about that? Do you do you drink any alcohol at all?

Ted: Well I do but I I gotta be careful of course cause of the driving you know so I can only drink if I know I'm not driving the next day you know.

Doctor: Ok.

Ted: So...

Doctor: So how much alcohol would you drink in an average week do you think?

Ted: Oh probably about 6 pints I should think...

Doctor: 6 pints?

Ted: But they may be in one night.

Doctor: Right ok [laugh]. And can I just ask if you smoke?

Ted: No no no don't smoke.

Doctor: You don't?

Ted: Cause I can't in the cab anyway so I had to give that up yeah.

Doctor: So you used to smoke in the past?

Ted: Yeah yeah but yeah a while ago now.

Doctor: When did you stop?

Ted: Oh goodness knows um I've been a cabbie for 15 years.

Doctor: Right.

Ted: So I guess around then yeah.

Doctor: So about 15 years?

Ted: Yeah.

Doctor: Ok that's helpful thank you very much. Can I just summarise what you've told me about that? You've not had any serious illnesses in the past you've had the occasional attack of bronchitis and a few ah accidents with your DIY that have ended up in in in casualty.

Ted: Yeah.

Doctor: You stopped smoking about 15 years ago and you drink about 6 pints of beer a week, something like that.

Ted: Yeah that sounds right.

Doctor: Ok thank you. Is that a fair summary of what we've discussed so far?

Ted: Yeah yeah.

Doctor: Good. What I'd like to do now if it's alright is just to examine your stomach...