

**DVD Script 4: Examining a patient [3 minutes 32 seconds]**

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

Ted: Right.

Doctor: And I'm gonna get you lying up on the couch and I'm gonna press quite hard on your stomach.

Ted: Yeah.

Doctor: So you might feel more comfortable if you've got an empty bladder do you need to to have a pee first?

Ted: No no it's alright I had a ... I went before I come in here.

Doctor: You're ok.

Ted: It's alright.

Doctor: Well if I can I ask you to slip your shoes off and then we'll get you lying up on the couch and I'm just going to wash my hands.

[Long pause – doctor washes hands]

Ted: Do you want me to undo me shirt doc?

Doctor: Yes please if you just undo your waistband and undo your shirt and lie back on the couch that would be great.

Ted: Ok.

[Long pause – patient undresses]

Ted: There you go.

Doctor: Great if you lie yourself back I'll just cover you up with this blanket.

Ted: Thank you.

Doctor: Alright are you comfortable like that Ted?

Ted: Yeah that's fine.

Doctor: I'm just going to start by having a look at your hands if that's alright.

Ted: Oh alright.

Doctor: Seems an odd thing to do doesn't it?

[pause]

Ted: You'll see my skull soon.

Doctor: [laugh] And I'd just like to look at the other side as well. Thank you. That's great I'm just gonna have a look in your eyes now.

Ted: Why my eyes? What do you...

Doctor: It's amazing what you can tell by looking in your eyes you can see if you've got any jaundice or any anaemia.

Ted: Oh right.

Doctor: So if you just look up at the ceiling for me.

Ted: Yeah.

Doctor: That's great, if you could stick your tongue out for me now, and pop it back in again and now I'm just gonna feel for any glands at the base of your neck. [short pause] That's fine.

Ted: What you mean you didn't find any?

Doctor: There are none there no I can't feel anything so that's fine.

Ted: Oh.

Doctor: What I'd like to do now is just to examine your stomach ok? Can you tell me whereabouts it hurts?

Ted: It's right in there Doc.

Doctor: Alright so I'll be especially careful when I'm pressing on there.

Ted: Yeah.

Doctor: What I'm gonna do is press around gently could you tell me if it hurts at all?

Ted: Yeah. [long pause] Yes.

Doctor: That's quite tender is it.

Ted: Yeah.

[pause]

Doctor: I'm going to press a little bit now harder so again tell me if it's too uncomfortable.

[pause]

Ted: That's fine. [long pause] Ooh!

Doctor: That's quite painful I'm sorry. [pause] But alright over here?

Ted: Yeah.

[long pause]

Doctor: That's good what I'd like you to do now is just take some deep breaths for me in and out?

Ted: Yeah.

[pause – patient breaths in and out]

Doctor: And out? [pause] That's great and the same on the other side.

[pause – patient breaths in and out]

Doctor: And just once more. That's great I'm just gonna go and get my stethoscope so I can have a listen to your tummy. [long pause] It might be a little bit cold I'm afraid.

Ted: [laugh] Oh yeah!

Doctor: That's great. Ok I've finished now so you can get dressed back up again and come and sit down and then we'll have a talk about what to do next alright?

Ted: Yeah.

Doctor: I'm just going to write some notes up and when you've come and sat back down we'll have a talk about what I've found so far and what I think we ought to do next alright ok.

Ted: Yeah.