

Case: F/30, Sore Throat (and fatigue)

Doctor: Hello Ms. Bullock, what brought you here today?

Patient: I have sore throat and I feel very weak

Doctor: I'm sorry to hear that. When did it start?

Patient: It started 2 to 3 weeks ago.

Doctor: Is it consistent or intermittent?

Patient: It happens all the time.

Doctor: Any other symptoms like fever, chills, night sweats or weight loss?

Patient: I had on and off fever.

Doctor: I see. What about headache, cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, stomach ache or diarrhea?

Patient: I have dry cough.

Doctor: Have you ever had similar episodes before?

Patient: No

Doctor: Are you taking any medications?

Patient: No

Doctor: Do you have food, medication or environmental allergy?

Patient: No

Doctor: Have you had cold-like symptoms recently?

Patient: Yes

Doctor: Do you have problems with you lungs, heart, liver or kidneys?

Patient: No

Doctor: Do you have hypertension or diabetes?

Patient: No

Doctor: Have you had any surgeries in the past?

Patient: No

Doctor: Is there anyone in your house or in your office who's sick?

Patient: I don't think so.

Doctor: Is there anybody in your family who has major illness like cancer?

Patient: No

Doctor: Alright. Thank you for answering my questions Ms. Bullock. I will now do a physical assessment for us to get an accurate diagnosis. Okay?

Patient: Okay

Doctor: Thank you

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- What was the conversation all about?
- What do you think caused the sore throat?
- Using a similar case, pretend to be the doctor and interview a patient using your own dialogues.