

Exercise 2

Fill in the blanks

Listen to the dialogue and complete the following sentences.

J : Mr. Jenkins, a 30-year-old English teacher from Australia

M : Dr. Morikawa, a dentist

Mr. Jenkins has a severe toothache. A local dental clinic diagnosed pulpitis (painful inflammation of the pulp) and referred him to the Ochanomizu Dental Center. Today he is scheduled to have his lower left wisdom tooth extracted.

At the dental center

M : Good morning, Mr. Jenkins. How're you feeling today?

J : Good morning, Dr. Morikawa. To be honest, I feel really nervous every time I sit in a dentist's chair.

M : It's normal to feel _____. You can't see what's happening during treatment, which leads to _____. Actually, even I get butterflies in my stomach when I go to the dentist.

J : I guess we're in the same boat, then!

M : Exactly. Even patients without _____ illnesses can experience shock from the anxiety and fear of dental treatment. Above all, patients with _____ need to pay extra attention to their health.

J : I have hypertension and take a blood pressure pill after breakfast every morning.

M : Did you take your medicine today?

J : Yes, I did. I hope today's tooth extraction will go smoothly.

M : Let me check your blood pressure. It's 180/105, which is pretty high. If your blood pressure is high for too long, it can cause serious damage to blood _____, which can lead to various complications. Take a moment to relax, and I'll check your blood pressure in a little while.

Dr. Morikawa checks Mr. Jenkin's blood pressure two more times, but it remains high.

M : Well, Mr. Jenkins, it's been one hour since your first blood pressure reading, and your blood pressure is still 170/95. I'm sorry, but we'll have to postpone surgery today to _____ serious complications such as stroke.

J : I see. I've been trying to relax, but my body seems to react to the anxiety and fear of surgery.

M : I completely understand. I'd like you to come back to the hospital for the extraction. Next time, with the _____ of a dental anesthesiologist, we're going to give you intravenous (IV) sedation. IV sedation is when a drug is given into a _____ during dental treatment, to relax the patient. The _____ will end within an hour.

J : I understand. Thanks, doctor. Can I drive on the day of the surgery?

M : No. Unfortunately, you can't drive for 24 hours after receiving intravenous sedation.

J : I see. OK.

