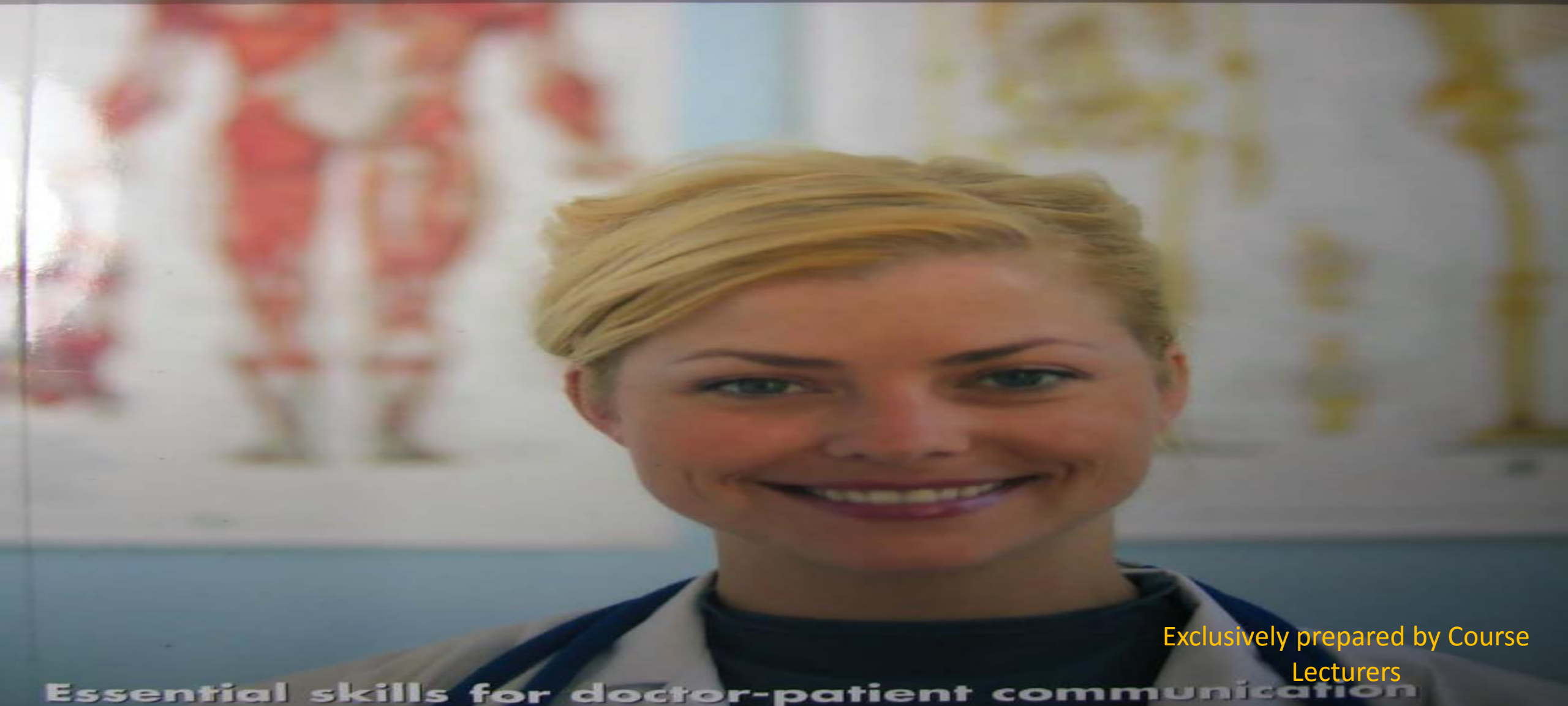


MEDICINE ①

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Presenting complaints

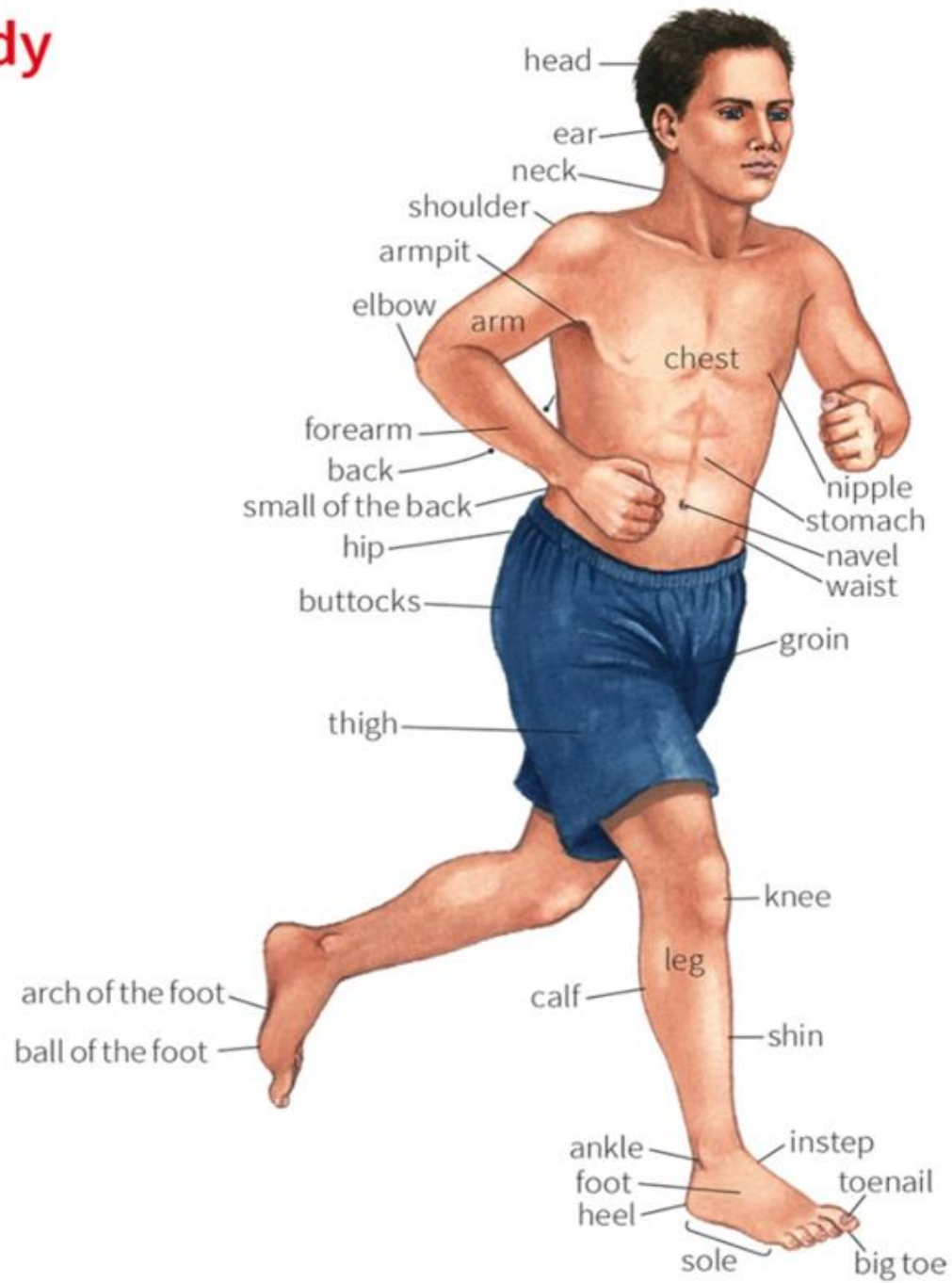
1 Work in pairs. What do you think each patient in pictures a–h might be complaining of?

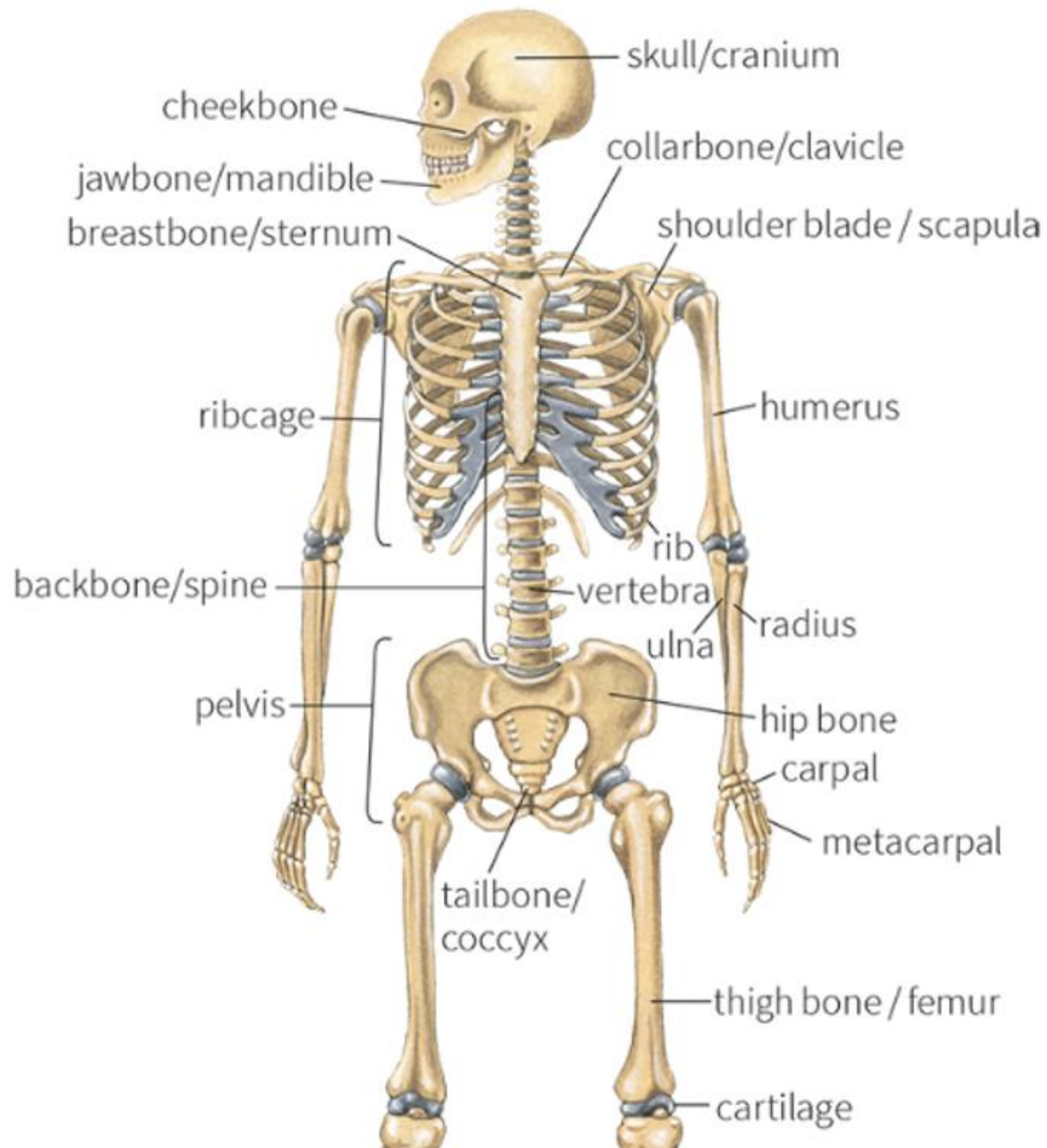


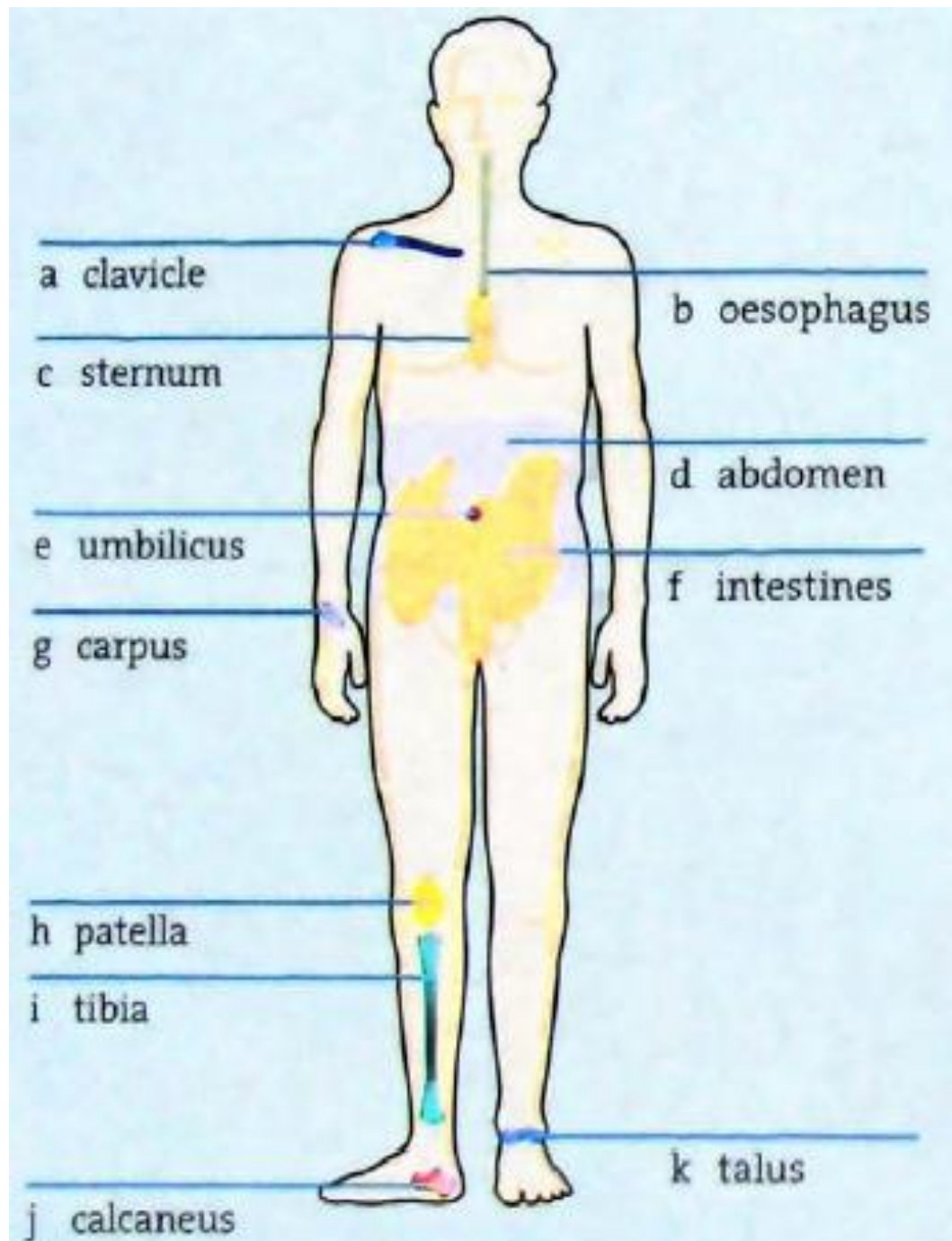
3  Listen again. What three questions are used by the doctor to ask about the presenting complaint (PC)?

- 1 What's brought you here _____ ?
- 2 Can you tell me what seems to be bothering you _____ ?
- 3 What can we do for you _____ ?

body











Pronunciation

Medical terms: word stress

1		<u>sternum</u>	,	<u>talus</u>	,	<u>carpus</u>
2		<u>clavicle</u>	,	<u>abdomen</u>	,	<u>tibia</u>
3		<u>patella</u>	,	<u>intestines</u>		
4		<u>umbilicus</u>	,	<u>calcaneus</u>	,	<u>oesophagus</u>

4 Try not to look at 1 and 2. Work in pairs. Take turns reading the sentences below by adding the correct words that match the stress pattern.

a Mrs Evans can't walk properly.

She's got a pain in her calcaneus

b He's very tender here on the right side of the abdomen near his kidneys.

c Ahmed's oesophagus feels as if it's on fire when he swallows.

d He damaged his patella when he fell on the pavement.

e James has got a crushing pain around the sternum but nothing in his arms or legs.

f I think there is a fracture in the carpus in the right hand.

g The pain radiates from around the umbilicus to the back.

Vocabulary

Describing pain

1 Work in pairs. Which descriptions 1–10 do you associate with the conditions a–j? In some cases, there may be more than one answer.

- 1 piercing / boring
- 2 extremely severe / intense
- 3 aching
- 4 scalding / burning
- 5 like a tight band around my head
- 6 dull / persistent / vague
- 7 excruciating / thunderclap
- 8 shooting
- 9 spasmodic
- 10 crushing / gripping

- a sciatica
- b ureteric colic
- c acute pancreatitis
- d appendicitis
- e degenerative arthritis
- f cluster headache
- g cystitis
- h tension headache
- i sub-arachnoid haemorrhage
- j angina pectoris

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Thanks for your attention. I
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studying on these slides.