

Grammar – Phrasal Verbs

100 Medical English Phrasal Verbs with Examples – Part 1 (1-50)

Learn 100 English phrasal verbs that are common in the medical professions. Whether you're a doctor, nurse, GP, surgeon, or otherwise involved in treating patients, these are the everyday medical phrasal verbs you need!

Note: *sth* = something, *yr* = your

Phrasal Verb:

Definition:

Example:

1. attend to	<i>treat / tend</i>
2. bend down	<i>bend to the ground</i>
3. bend over	<i>bend at the waist</i>
4. black out	<i>become unconscious / faint</i>
5. block up	<i>obstruct</i>
6. break down	<i>digest / stop functioning</i>
7. break out in	<i>suddenly be covered in sth</i>
8. breathe in / out	<i>inhale / exhale</i>
9. bring up	<i>regurgitate / mention</i>
10. build up	<i>accumulate</i>
11. burn out	<i>become exhausted</i>
12. burn up	<i>consume, e.g. calories</i>
13. calm down	<i>become calmer / pacify</i>
14. care for	<i>treat / tend</i>
15. carry out	<i>perform, e.g. a procedure</i>
16. check on	<i>monitor</i>
17. chill out	<i>unwind</i>
18. clear up	<i>disappear</i>
19. clog up	<i>become blocked</i>
20. come down with	<i>develop, e.g. an illness</i>
21. come on	<i>start, e.g. a cold</i>
22. come round / to	<i>become conscious</i>
23. conk out	<i>fall asleep</i>
24. cough up	<i>expectorate</i>
25. cut out	<i>eliminate, e.g. sugar</i>
26. dose up	<i>give / take medication</i>
27. drop off	<i>fall asleep</i>
28. eat away at	<i>erode</i>
29. ebb away	<i>get weaker gradually</i>
30. fall apart	<i>break into pieces</i>
31. fall down	<i>collapse</i>
32. fall over	<i>stumble / trip</i>
33. fatten up	<i>increase weight</i>
34. fight off	<i>battle</i>
35. fill up	<i>become full</i>
36. flare up	<i>return</i>
37. follow up on	<i>take further action</i>
38. get around	<i>move / be mobile</i>
39. get over	<i>recover / overcome</i>
40. get up	<i>rise</i>
41. give up	<i>quit</i>
42. go away	<i>disappear</i>
43. go through	<i>experience / suffer</i>
44. grow up	<i>become an adult</i>
45. gulp down	<i>swallow quickly</i>
46. hold out	<i>offer, e.g. yr hand</i>
47. hook up	<i>connect</i>
48. keel over	<i>collapse / fall down suddenly</i>
49. kneel down	<i>go down on one or both knees</i>
50. knock out	<i>become unconscious</i>

The nurse **attended to** Mr Jones by adjusting his drip. Paula **bent down** and picked up the stethoscope. Could you **bend over** and then straighten up, please? Roger **blacked out** and collapsed into his armchair. His arteries had **blocked up**, inhibiting blood flow. She was having difficulty **breaking down** solid food. Alan **broke out in** a rash due to an allergy. **Breathe in** slowly, hold it, then **breathe out**. I've been **bringing up** phlegm all morning. You must **build up** immunity by eating healthily. Jason **burnt out** due to his excessive work schedule. How many calories have you **burnt up** today? You need to **calm down** and listen to the doctor. My dad **cares for** his wife, who has Alzheimer's. They'll **carry out** the tests first thing in the morning. I'll be back in an hour to **check on** your progress. Just **chill out** for a few days and try to get some rest. I'm so glad your rash is **clearing up**. Her pores are **clogged up** with dead skin. Alan **came down with** the flu last week. Amy could feel that a cold was **coming on**. Let me know when grandma **comes round**. Look – Jenny's conked out. She must've been exhausted. My father has been **coughing up** blood for a while now. You need to **cut out** sugar as far as you possibly can. Oliver is in bed **dosed up** on painkillers. Your daughter **dropped off** at about eight o'clock. Yes, the cancer has been **eating away at** your bones. His life is slowly **ebbing away** before our very eyes. Since dad died my life has **fallen apart**. Uncle Jim **fell down** and broke his back. I was jogging, then I **fell over** and landed on my hand. We need to **fatten you up** before you leave hospital. Theresa is currently **fighting off** leukaemia. We'll have to **fill up** two test tubes with your blood. It appears that her eczema has **flared up** badly again. Call back next week so we can **follow up on** your results. Grandpa is finding it hard to **get around** at the moment. Fantastic that you have managed to **get over** your illness! Can you **get up** and walk to the wall and back, please. Don't **give up**! You've nearly finished your treatment. I was really hoping it would **go away** without medication. It's a shame she had to **go through** such pain, isn't it? When I **grow up** I want to be a surgeon, like you! If you **gulp down** the medicine quickly, you won't taste it. **Hold out** your hand and try to grab the rail. They **hooked** dad **up** to the life support machine. All of a sudden Alison **keeled over** and hit the floor. Auntie was **kneeling down** but couldn't get up again. The combination of pills **knocked him out** completely.