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Grammar – Phrasal Verbs

100 Medical English Phrasal Verbs

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: sby = *somebody, sth* = *something, yr* = *your*

Phrasal Verb:	Definition:	Phrasal Verbs:	Definition:
1. attend to	treat / tend	51. lay up	have to stay in bed / confine
2. bend down	bend to the ground	52. let off	fart / break wind / expel gas
3. bend over	bend at the waist	53. lie down	recline
4. black out	become unconscious / faint	54. lift up	raise / elevate
5. block up	obstruct	55. liven up	galvanise / excite
6. break down	digest / stop functioning	56. loaf around	idle / do nothing
7. break out in	suddenly be covered in sth	57. look after	protect / mind
8. breathe in / out	inhale / exhale	58. look at	examine
9. bring up	regurgitate / mention	59. look down	lower yr head/eyes
10. build up	accumulate	60. look for	search / hunt
11. burn out	become exhausted	61. look over	check / review
12. burn up	consume, e.g. calories	62. look round	turn yr head
13. calm down	become calmer / pacify	63. look up	raise yr head/eyes / research
14. care for	treat / tend	64. minister to	treat / tend
15. carry out	perform, e.g. a procedure	65. nod off	fall asleep, especially unintentionally
16. check on	monitor	66. open up	make an opening / become more open
17. chill out	unwind	67. pack up	stop functioning
18. clear up	disappear	68. pass away	die (euphemism)
19. clog up	become blocked	69. pass out	become unconscious / faint
20. come down with	develop, e.g. an illness	70. patch up	repair temporarily
21. come on	start, e.g. a cold	71. perk up	improve condition
22. come round / to	become conscious	72. pick up	contract / improve / lift
23. conk out	fall asleep	73. prop up	support / help sby to sit up
24. cough up	expectorate	74. pull through	recover (after a bad illness)
25. cut out	eliminate, e.g. sugar	75. put on	fake sth, e.g. an illness / wear
26. dose up	give / take medication	76. rub down	massage / dry
27. drop off	fall asleep	77. run around	run in different directions
28. eat away at	erode	78. seize up	become stiff suddenly / freeze
29. ebb away	get weaker gradually	79. sew up	suture, e.g. a wound
30. fall apart	break into pieces	80. shake off	get rid of, e.g. an infection
31. fall down	collapse	81. shut down	stop functioning
32. fall over	stumble / trip	82. shut up	be quiet
33. fatten up	increase weight	83. sit down	be seated
34. fight off	battle	84. sit up	sit with a straight back
35. fill up	become full	85. slim down	reduce weight
36. flare up	return	86. stand up	rise / get to yr feet
37. follow up on	take further action	87. stress out	worry / aggravate
38. get around	move / be mobile	88. strip down to	remove some clothing
39. get over	recover / overcome	89. strip off	remove clothing
40. get up	rise quit	90. swell up 91. take off	become swollen / expand
41. give up	disappear	92. tend to	remove, e.g. clothing
42. go away 43. go through	experience / suffer	93. throw up	treat / usually be/do vomit
44. grow up	become an adult	94. turn over	change position to the opposite side
45. gulp down	swallow quickly	95. turn round	move to face the opposite way
46. hold out	offer, e.g. yr hand	96. wake up	become conscious
47. hook up	connect	97. waste away	deteriorate
48. keel over	collapse / fall down suddenly	98. watch over	guard / hold a vigil for sby
49. kneel down	go down on one or both knees	99. work out	exercise / resolve
50. knock out	become unconscious	100. wrap around	enfold