



133. Medical care

W: Hello Sarah! How's your cold?

Sarah: Hey Wentworth. Not so good actually. I had to consult a doctor to do a check-up.

W: Really? What did he diagnose?

Sarah: Nothing for the moment, we're still in the process of detecting what's wrong with me. I had to do a lung X-ray because of the bad cough I have.

W: That must be hard to wait for the results, isn't it?

Sarah: yes, especially when you're phobic about medical care...

W: Are you? What are the manifestations of this phobia?

Sarah: Well, for instance I faint most of the time when I see a needle, or I have to have an injection, a blood test or a vaccine. I'm also claustrophobic if I have a scan or an MRI scan. I hate taking medication whatever it is: it can be a tablet, a pill or even syrup I'm unable to swallow it.

W: Oh, that must be annoying. What will you do then if the doctor prescribes you an antibiotic? Because you cannot recover if you don't take your treatment!

Sarah: don't even talk about that...I must take a tranquillizer before or I'll have a nervous breakdown.

W: Have you ever thought about alternative medicine?

Sarah: not really. Do you know about it?

W: Yes, I have a few contacts to share with you; I'll have a look and come back to you shortly with numbers.

Sarah: Great! You're saving my life!



GLOSSARY:

Medical care: les soins médicaux	A blood test : une prise de sang
To consult : consulter	A vaccine : un vaccin
To diagnose : diagnostiquer	A scan : un scanner
To detect : dépister	A MRI(magnetic resonance imaging) scan : un IRM
To be phobic : être phobique	Medication : les médicaments
To faint : s'évanouir	A tablet : un cachet
To swallow : avaler	A pill : une pilule
To prescribe : prescrire	Syrup : du sirop
To recover : se rétablir	An antibiotic : un antibiotique
To share : partager	A treatment : un traitement
To have a look : jeter un coup d'oeil	A tranquilizer: un tranquillisant
To come back to someone: revenir vers quelqu'un	A nervous breakdown: une dépression nerveuse
To save one's life: sauver la vie de quelqu'un	Alternative medicine : les médecines douces
A cold : un rhume	Claustrophobic : claustrophobe
A doctor : un docteur	Annoying : ennuyeux
A check-up : un bilan de santé	Shortly : rapidement
The process : le processus, la phase	Don't even talk about that : ne m'en parle pas
Lung : le poumon	You're saving my life : tu me sauves la vie
An X-ray : une radiographie	What's wrong with me : ce qui ne va pas chez moi
A bad cough : une mauvaise toux	Especially : surtout
The results : les résultats	Whatever it is : quelle <i>qu'elle/ qu'il/ soit</i>
The manifestations : les manifestations	
A phobia : une phobie	
A needle : une aiguille	
An injection : une piqûre	

To examine : examiner	A surgeon : un chirurgien
A stethoscope : un stéthoscope	To anaesthetize : anesthésier
An antiseptic : un antiseptique	A stitch : un point de suture
A bandage : un bandage, un pansement	Physical therapy : la rééducation
To heal : cicatriser	The recovery room : la salle de réanimation
A nurse : une infirmière	Palliative care : les soins palliatifs