

Medical Specialists



haematologist
/hi:mə'tələdʒɪst/

disorders of the blood and bone marrow

obstetrician
/ɒbstə'triʃn/

specializes in pregnancy, childbirth, and the care of women giving birth

paediatrician
/pi:diə'triʃn/

specializes in the medical care and treatment of babies, children, and adolescents

anaesthetist
/ə'ni:sθətɪst/

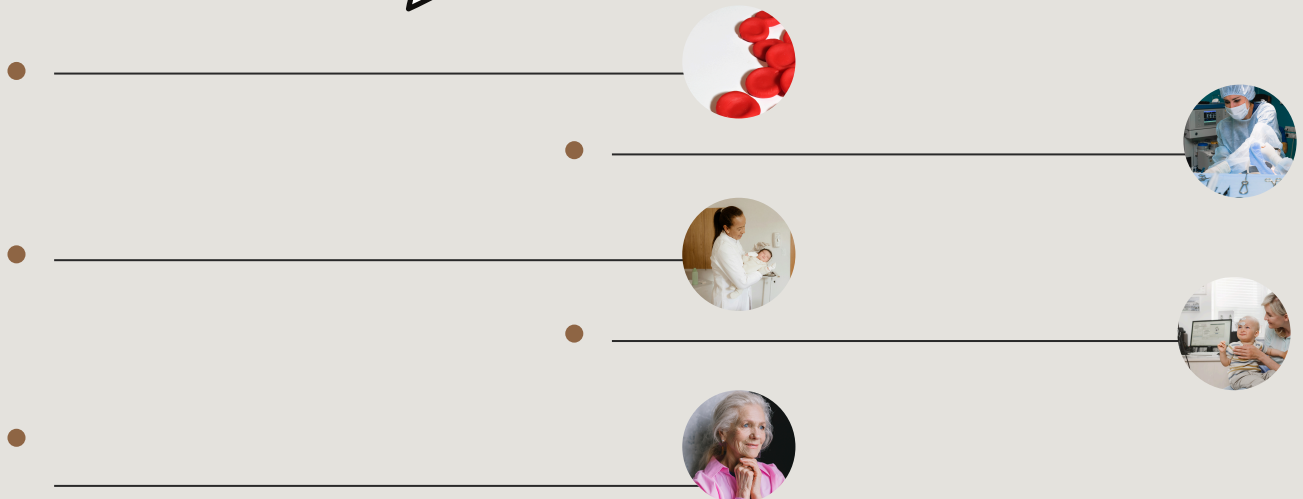
gives anaesthetics to stop pain during operations

geriatrician
/dʒɛriə'triʃn/

illnesses of older people

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Exercise 1. Look at the pictures and/or definitions, and write the correct name of the specialist.



Exercise 2. Read the short descriptions of people's problems and write the name of the specialist they should see.

I keep feeling exhausted. My blood tests are all over the place.

Ann

I recommend seeing a

_____.

I've developed a red rash on my arms and it won't go away.

Paul

It would be a good idea to see a

_____.

I get terrible stomach cramps after eating and sometimes feel really nauseous.

Nick

It might be worth getting checked by a

_____.

My knees and elbows ache all the time, and they feel very stiff in the morning.

Patricia

I think you need to see a

_____.

I'm pregnant and need regular check-ups and advice about labour and delivery.

Olivia

Why don't you make an appointment with a

_____.

My baby has a high temperature and cough that won't go away.

Rosie

You should see a

_____.

I get out of breath just walking up the stairs and sometimes wheeze at night.

Luke

You'd better book an appointment with a

_____.

I've been having chest pains and palpitations when I exercise.

Mark

You should get a referral to a

_____.

I can't see clearly in the evening, and reading small print is difficult.

Andy

If I were you, I'd see a

_____.

3. Role-play

At the GP's

Student A is the patient who describes their symptoms. Student B is the GP (family doctor). Listen to the symptoms and say which specialist the patient should see.



*- I've had a terrible cough for weeks and I can't breathe properly.
- You should see a respiratory physician.*

OVER TO YOU

Exercise 4. Discuss.

1. In your country, which specialists can you see **without a referral**?
2. Have you ever been **referred to a specialist**? Which one? What for?
3. Which specialist do you think people visit most often? Why?
4. Which doctor would you be most nervous to see?
5. Imagine you want to be a doctor in the future. Which speciality would you choose? Why?
6. When was the last time you **had a blood test**? Did you want to check your general health, or find out if symptoms you're having are caused by certain conditions?
7. In your opinion, which specialist has the most difficult job?

