

Upper-Intermediate - Emergency Room (D0046)

A: Help! Are you a doctor? My poor little Frankie has stopped breathing! Oh my gosh, Help me! I tried to perform CPR, but I just don't know if I could get any air into his lungs! Oh, Frankie!

B: Ellen, get him hooked up to a monitor! Someone page Dr. Howser. Get the patient to hold still, I can't get a pulse! Okay, he's on the monitor. His BP is falling! He's flatlining!

A: NOOOOOOO! Frankie! Nurse! Do something!

B: Someone get her out of here! Get me the defibrillator. Okay, clear! Again! Clear! Come on! dammit! I'm not letting you go! Clear! I've got a pulse!

C: Okay, what's happening?

B: The patient is in acute respiratory failure, I think we're going to have to intubate!

C: Alright! Tube's in! Bag him! Someone give him 10 cc's of adrenaline! Let's go, people move, move!

A: Doctor, oh, thank god! How is he?

B: We managed to stabilize Frankie, but he's not out of the woods yet; he's still in critical condition. We're moving him to intensive care, but...

A: Doctor, just do whatever it takes. I just want my little Frankie to be okay. I couldn't imagine life without my little hamster!

Key Vocabulary

intensive care

*common
noun, sin-
gular*

place in the hospital
where very ill patients
are treated

critical condition	<i>Adjective</i>	state where a person is very sick or injured, and has a risk of dying
	<i>phrase</i>	out trouble or danger,
stabilize	<i>verb</i>	stop a patient from getting worse
intubate	<i>verb</i>	place a plastic tube in a persons mouth to facilitate breathing
	<i>common noun, singular</i>	condition in which a person stops breathing
	<i>common noun, singular</i>	electric machine that shocks the heart and makes it start working again
BP	<i>common noun, singular</i>	blood pressure
flatline	<i>verb</i>	condition where the heart stops working

pulse	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	the number of times your heart beats per minute
hold still	<i>phrase</i>	not move
hook up	<i>phrase</i>	connect someone or something to a ma- chine
CPR	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	procedure in which air is blown into another persons lungs though their mouth

Supplementary Vocabulary

chest com- pressions	<i>common noun, plu- ral</i>	act of pushing on some- one's chest to restart their heart
resuscitate	<i>verb</i>	make someone who stopped breathing start breathing again
defibrillator	<i>common noun, sin- gular</i>	machine that uses elec- tricity to shock and restart the heart

ER

phrase

Emergency Room;
place in the hospital
where you bring sick
or injured people in an
emergency

ICU

phrase

Intensive Care Unit;
place in the hospital
where very sick or
severely injured people
are taken care of