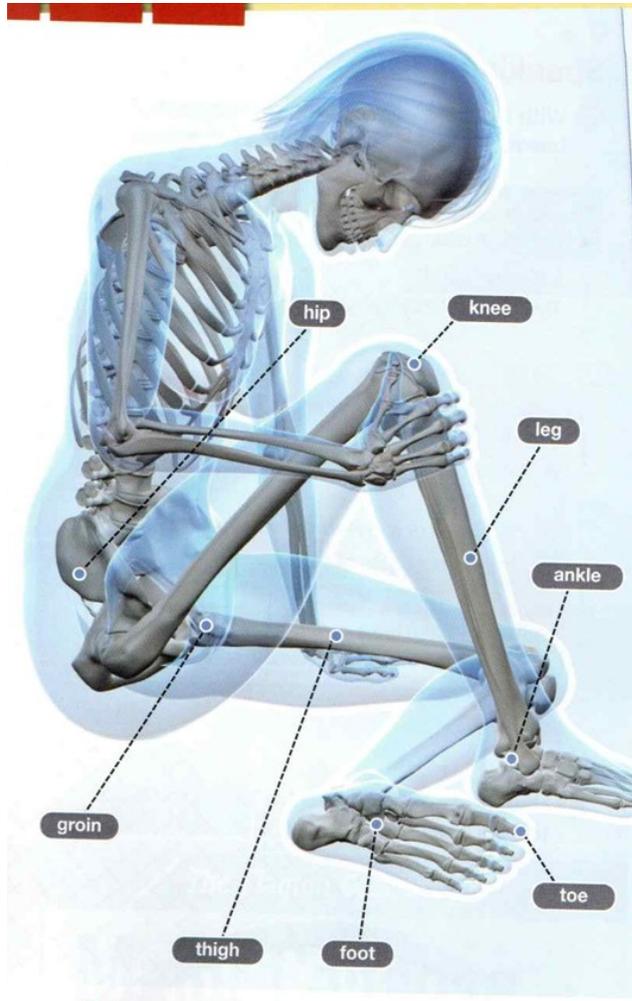


## UNIT 4 Writing: Patient care report

### Reading & Writing

1. Read the report. Then mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).



**Spencer County Health**

## Patient Care Report

**Patient:** Nelson, Fiona Incident # 03-19701

**Chief Complaint** The patient complained of pain in both **legs**. On the right, it extended from the **groin** to the **knee**. On the left, it affected the **calf** and **ankle**.

**History** The patient was in a vehicle collision.

**Assessment** We arrived to find the patient in her vehicle. Clearly, there was impact just below her right **hip** and **buttocks**. Vehicle damage on the other side trapped her left **foot**. We freed the patient's foot easily. There was minor bruising around the **toes**. There was also significant bruising along the **shin**. However, no fracture was evident there.

**Rx** The primary concern was the patient's right **thigh**. I suspected a fracture of the femur, so I splinted it.

**Transport** We transported the patient to Spencer City Hospital.

1. \_\_\_ The patient experienced pain in her legs.
2. \_\_\_ The paramedic treated the patient's hip at the scene.
3. \_\_\_ The paramedic identified a problem with the patient's thigh.

2. Complete the chart. What information is included in each of the sections?

| Section         | What information is included? |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Patient         |                               |
| Chief Complaint |                               |
| History         |                               |

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Assessment     |  |
| Rx (Treatment) |  |
| Transport      |  |

- Why do we use past simple in this report?
- Is the language personal or objective?
- Are the sentences long or short?

### 3. Match the sentences halves.

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. The patient complained of... | a) a vehicle collision.                  |
| 2. The patient was in...        | b) the patient in her vehicle.           |
| 3. We arrived to find...        | c) a fracture of the femur.              |
| 4. I suspected...               | d) the patient to Spencer City Hospital. |
| 5. We transported...            | e) pain in both legs.                    |

### 4. Now, choose one of the two possible scenarios and write your own patient care report.

#### Scenario 1:

A 42-year-old male fell from a ladder. He complained of shoulder pain. There was swelling but no visible fracture. You applied a sling and transported him to City Hospital.

#### Scenario 2:

A 30-year-old woman was involved in a bicycle accident. She complained of wrist pain. There was swelling and possible fracture. You immobilised the wrist. She was transported to Central Hospital.

**\*USEFUL LANGUAGE**

**Chief Complaint**

- The patient complained of...
- The patient reported pain in...
- The pain extended from... to...

**History**

- The patient was involved in...
- The patient fell from...
- The injury occurred during...

**Assessment**

- We arrived to find...
- There was visible...

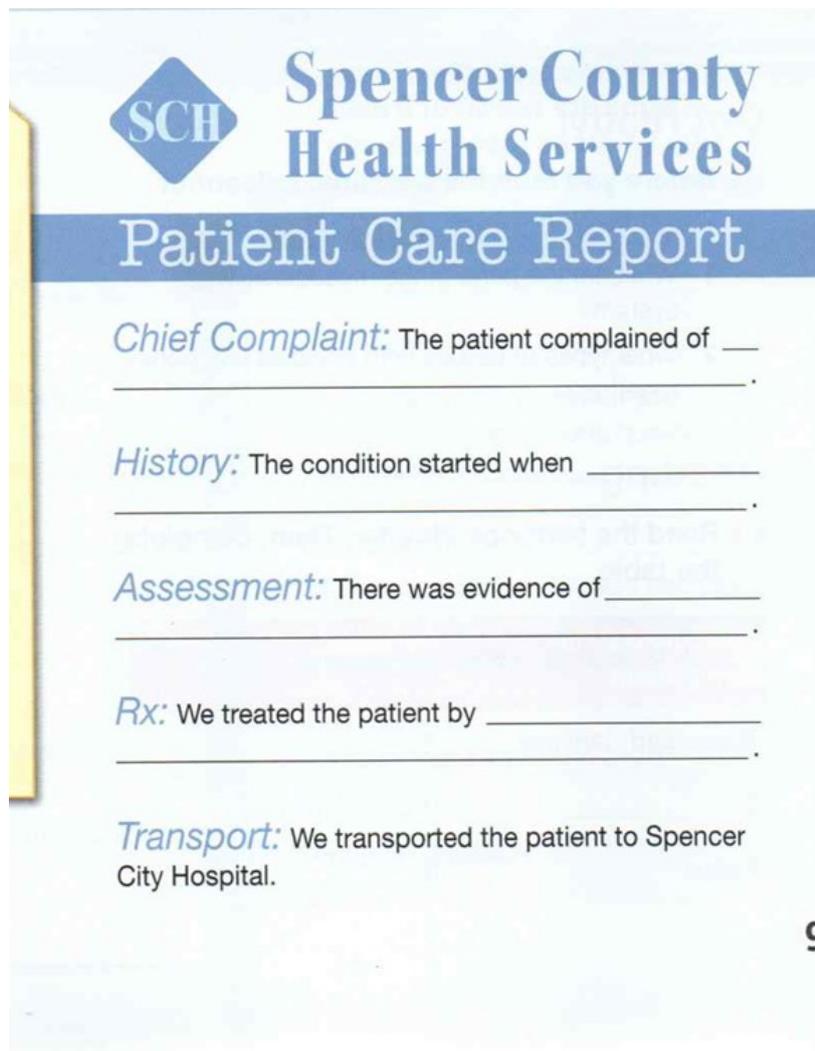
- No fracture was evident.
- The patient was conscious and alert.

**Rx**

- I suspected...
- The primary concern was...
- I applied...
- The injury was immobilised.

**Transport**

- We transported the patient to...
- The patient was taken to...
- The patient remained stable during transport.



The image shows a sample form for a Patient Care Report from Spencer County Health Services. The form has a light blue header with the SCH logo and the text 'Spencer County Health Services'. Below the header is a dark blue bar with the title 'Patient Care Report' in white. The form contains several sections with labels and blank lines for text entry:

- Chief Complaint:** The patient complained of \_\_\_\_\_.
- History:** The condition started when \_\_\_\_\_.
- Assessment:** There was evidence of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rx:** We treated the patient by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Transport:** We transported the patient to Spencer City Hospital.

The page number '9' is located in the bottom right corner of the form.