

Grammar Lesson

# Lesson 02: I'll be operated on soon

## レッスン 02: もうすぐ手術を受けます

**Target: Talking about hospital stays using the passive voice**

目的: 受身形を使って、入院について話しましょう!

Reading  
単語



New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (be) annual...	年に1度の	• reluctantly	しぶしぶ
• a health check	検診	• (to) roll up...	まくり上げる
• (to) make (person) (verb)	～させる	• (to) prick...	～を刺す
• not ~ all that	それほど～でない	• a needle	注射針
• (to) reassure...	(人)を安心させる	• an eye exam	目の検査
• (to) conduct (a test)	テスト〔試験〕を行う	• a technician	技師
• (be) licensed	免許を受けた	• a suction cup	吸盤
• (to) shuffle over to (place)	すり足で歩いて行って～する	• a thingy	何とかいうもの
• (to) administer (an exam)	検査を実施する	• a hassle	面倒なこと

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Today is my annual health check. I've been at the hospital for 3 hours so far and I've only finished half of the health check. Let's see, what did I do first? Oh, yeah, that's right. When I arrived at the hospital the nurse made me fill out some paper work. That was difficult because this is my first health check in Japan, and I can't read kanji all that well, but with the help of the translator app on my phone I was able to do it.

When the nurse asked me if I was ready, I told her that I was a little nervous, but she reassured me by saying that all of the tests are conducted by real licensed doctors. After that, she shuffled me over to a small room where she told me to hold my arm out because some blood had to be taken. So reluctantly, I rolled up my sleeve and let her prick me with the needle. After that was done, the nurse told me to go to the next room, where an eye exams are conducted. I asked her if the same person would be conducting the test, but she told me that every test is performed by a different doctor.

Again, I was stuck waiting. I waited for about 20 minutes until I was showed in. The eye exam was administered by a 20-something technician. She seemed to be new at the job because she kept making little mistakes. After that test was done, I was led to another room down the hall where I was to be given an EKG.

When I did my EKG, I had to lie down while these little suction cap thingies were attached to my chest. It felt really weird, but luckily it only took a few minutes so it wasn't too much of a hassle. I remember feeling surprised when the suction caps were removed because it seemed like the test was finished quickly.

So far my eyes have been checked, some blood has been taken, and I've been given an X-ray and EKG. The doctors here still haven't given me any prescriptions and my interview with the doctor hasn't been conducted yet either.

This health check is taking a really long time. I thought it would only take one hour or so, but it's already taken over three hours. I hope I will be allowed to go home soon, because I'm sick of waiting.

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Answer the questions below

- Are the tests conducted by real licensed doctors?
- Is each test performed by the same doctor?
- Have her eyes already been checked?
- Has she been given an X-ray yet?
- What hasn't she been given yet?
- Has her interview with the doctor been conducted yet?
- What does she hope she will be allowed to do soon?
- How many examples of passive voice can you find?

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