

22 Correct Questions Required to Ask

Q: Have you had any contact with other sick people?

A: "My roommate had a bad sore throat earlier in the week. She got checked out at the clinic, but I don't know what the diagnosis was".

Q: Any new or recent changes in medications?

A: "No, just the same oral contraceptive pill"

Q: Do you experience shortness of breath, wheezing, difficulty catching your breath, chronic cough, or sputum production?

A: "No wheezing, problems breathing or anything like that. I'm sorry, what else did you want to know?"

Q: Do you have any problems with muscle or joint pain, redness, swelling, muscle cramps, joint stiffness, or redness, back pain, neck or shoulder pain, or hip pain?

A: "Uh... no"

Q: Do you have a cough?

A: Nope.

Q: Do you experience chest pain discomfort or pressure; pain/pressure/dizziness with exertion or getting angry; palpitations; decreased exercise tolerance; or blue/cold fingers and toes?

A: None of that. Would that be important?

Q: Do you have any problems with fatigue, difficulty sleeping, unintentional weight loss or gain, fevers, or night sweats?

A: "I feel pretty lousy, but not weight loss. What else did you say you wanted to know about?"

Q: Do you have a problem swallowing?

A: "Boy do I! My throat hurts so much when I swallow. I really don't want to eat, even though my appetite is okay"

Q: Are you sexually active?

A: "Yes. That is why I am on birth control, but only active with one partner"

Q: Does anything make your sore throat better or worse?

A: Acetaminophen maybe, but just for a bit. Ice cream helps for a while, too. I mean, it's really bad!

Q: Are you taking any over-the-counter or herbal medications?

A: "Just acetaminophen"