English for doctors

1. Greet her and ask what brings her in

Hi, doctor! Thanks for fitting me in.	Of course. Please have a seat. What brings you in today?
It's my ankle. I twisted it yesterday.	I'm sorry to hear that. How did it happen?

Hello! Please have a seat.	What brings you in today?	What can I do for you?

2. Ask how and when she hurt it, and how bad it is

I was running with my dog and a squirrel ran by.	I see. Could you walk on it afterward?
I limped home. It's about a six now.	Thank you. Is it worse when you turn your foot?

When did it happen?	How did it happen?	Could you walk on it afterward?
How bad is the pain, from one to ten?	Is it worse when you move it?	

3. Explain the examination before you do it

Yes, when I turn it. Should I take my shoe off?	Yes, please. I'm going to take a look at your ankle.
Ow! There, on the outside.	Sorry. I'll be gentle. Is that okay with you?

I'm going to take a look at your ankle.	I'll press gently. Tell me when it hurts.	I'm going to move your foot a little.
Is that okay with you?		

4. Say what you think in plain words, and what happens next

So, what do you think?	It looks like a sprain. I don't think it's broken.
What is a sprain, exactly?	The ligaments around the ankle are stretched. First we'll do an X-ray.

Thank you. I've finished the examination.	It looks like a sprain.	That means the ligaments around the ankle are stretched.
I don't think it's broken, but let's be sure.	First we'll do an X-ray.	

5. Answer her worry about the race and check she understood

Can I ask something? I have a race in three weeks. Can I still run it?	I understand your worry. I can't say yet. Let's see the X-ray first.
Okay. So, what happens now?	X-ray first, then we'll talk. Does that make sense?

I understand your worry.	I can't say yet. Let's see the result first.	Does that make sense?
Do you have any questions?	Take care. I'll see you after the X-ray.	

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