MAPPING PATIENT’S NETWORK

Narrative tenses

I. Present perfect
I have been
You have been
He/she/it has been
We/They have been

Present Perfect is used to talk about an action that happened recently (in a period of time from the past up to the present moment), especially one that is relevant now. It is used with adverbs: already, yet, just, lately, up to now

They have just taken him off the critical list.

II. Past Simple
I was
You were
He/she/it was
We/They were

Past Simple is used to talk about a completed action in the past. It does not have any relevance to the present. It is used with adverbs: yesterday, last week/month/year, two days ago

Doctors classified her as emergency.

III. Past continuous
I was bleeding
You were bleeding
He/she/it was bleeding
We/They were bleeding

Past continuous is used to talk about an action that was in progress in the past. Past Simple and Past continuous are used when one of the actions interrupts a longer one. The longer clause, the Past continuous clause is introduced by while or when.

The patient’s condition got worse while I was calling for an ambulance.

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IV. Past perfect

I had been
You had been
He/she/it had been
We/They had been

| Past Perfect is used to talk about an action that happened before a point/another action in the past. | When we reached the hospital he had stopped bleeding. |