

# Diagnose the WWI ailment

WWI soldiers suffered many injuries and illnesses. Antibiotics hadn't been discovered and minor ailments, if not treated, often led to death. During the war years more soldiers died from illness than from bullets or shellfire. Help Rose from *In the Lamplight* diagnose each patient's illness (patients could present with some or all of the signs listed).

Patient one has had a rapid onset of fever, nausea, aches, sneezing, chills, a sore throat and a cough. His lungs have filled with fluid and his skin looks blue. Death seems imminent and it's only been a day.

*Diagnosis* \_\_\_\_\_

Patient two complains of numb feet and the skin on his feet is bluish and swollen. He has skin blisters and open sores that are in danger of becoming gangrenous.

*Diagnosis* \_\_\_\_\_

Patient three has a high fever and a headache. His eyes are inflamed and his skin is itchy with a blotchy rash. He is complaining of serious leg and back pain.

*Diagnosis* \_\_\_\_\_

Patient four has been vomiting all day. He seems to be choking and it is obvious he has lung congestion. There is a blistering of his skin and airways. He has eye pain and seems highly sensitive to light.

*Diagnosis* \_\_\_\_\_

Patient seven is in severe pain with swelling and red, tender and blistered skin. In fact the skin has changed colour and is blackened, blotchy, wet and shiny-looking.

*Diagnosis* \_\_\_\_\_



Patient six is afraid of loud noises and is prone to irritability, hysteria and sometimes even catatonia. Often fatigued, he also has facial tics.

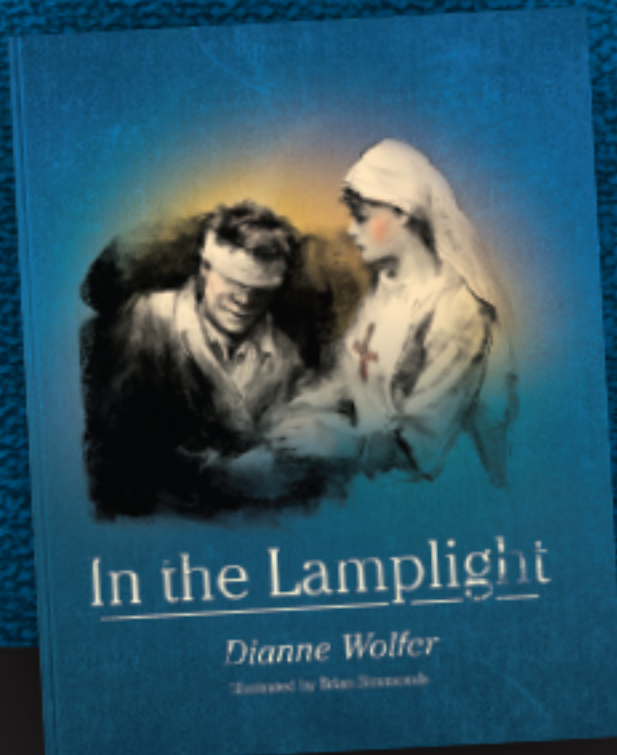
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Patient five has a high temperature and sweating. He has diarrhea and is unable to eat or drink.

*Diagnosis* \_\_\_\_\_

## WWI ILLNESSES

Burns  
Gas Poisoning  
Shell Shock  
Spanish Influenza  
Trench Fever  
Trench Foot  
Typhoid Fever



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