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Miss Lucy Wu, 20 years old, presented to a medical centre with pneumonia. Her skin looks very dry and pale. You have been assigned to look after her with a registered nurse this morning.

At 0700 hrs, you received a handover from the night duty staff.

Patient profile	A 20-year-old Chinese female
Chief complaint	'I feel very tired and have chest pain when I cough. I don't feel like eating and drinking.'
Present health	<p>Patient states she is usually well. She has a history of hypertension and is on medication. Her normal blood pressure (BP) is 140/80mmHg (on medical treatment). She returned to Launceston from Shanghai, China a few days ago. She started to feel generally unwell and fatigued since she returned to Launceston. She reported she had a few episodes of vomiting and shaking chills overnight.</p> <p>At 0400 hours, she felt the urge to use the bathroom. She said she felt generally unwell and shaking chills as soon as she got out of bed. She reported she felt very sick in her stomach and vomited a large volume of greenish-yellow fluid in the bathroom. Her flatmate called 000 and took her to the emergency department.</p>
Past medical history	
Medical history	Hypertension for 2 years (on medication and under control), tuberculosis 10 years ago and hay fever.
Allergies	She states she is allergic to aspirin and she comes out in hives.
Social history	
Alcohol use	Enjoys 1 to 2 standard drinks every night, usually drinks white wine.
Tobacco use	Has never smoked.
Domestic and intimate partner	She is single and an overseas student. She has a cousin who is also an overseas student in Sydney. Her parents live in Shanghai, China.
Work environment	She is a second-year Bachelor of Business student in the University of Tasmania.
Home environment	She lives in the Inveresk apartments.
Religion	Nil

At 0600hrs, Miss Wu's vital signs in the emergency department were:

Blood Pressure	130/80 mmHg
Pulse	110 beats/minute
Temperature	39°C
Respiratory rate	24 breaths/minute

Now, the time is 0730 hours. Your mentor (the registered nurse) asks you to take a set of Miss Wu's vital signs and the results are:

Blood Pressure	140/70 mmHg
Pulse	70 beats/minute
Temperature	37.5°C
Respiratory rate	16 breaths/minute

Before you leave her room, Miss Wu tells you her T-shirt is soaked in sweat.



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