

# The Examination

In the last episode, we saw that the Big Bad Wolf had some of the signs and symptoms of asthma.

Big and Jiggs are waiting for the doctor to figure out if it really is asthma that's causing Big's huff and puff problem. When they figure it out, that's what doctors call "making a diagnosis."

Try your huff-n-puff again. Maybe it went away.

(Wheezes and coughs)

Oh, boy. This is bad. I think I'm getting a little bit of this asthma thing myself.

The Nurse said you can't catch asthma.

Who says I got it from you. Maybe you got it from me!

Hi Dr. Yan.

Hi Big. Jiggs. Let's take another listen and see how it sounds after your breathing treatment.

What's that?

It's a stethoscope. It makes things sound louder so I can hear what's going on inside of you. Okay... take some deep breaths.

You better check me too, Doc. I think I have it too.

Your lungs sound fine. But his lungs don't. Does it feel like you're having a hard time getting air in and out of your lungs?

Yeah. Only when I breathe.

Ha ha ha. Only when you breathe. That's a good one. Ha ha ha.

Well, you have some signs and symptoms of asthma but I'd like to do a few more things - just to make sure - before I

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make that my official diagnosis. I have some very special questions about your symptoms to help me know if you really do have asthma. Plus, we need to give you another nebulizer treatment.

A what??

A nebulizer. This is the treatment that helped you when you first came in. It's a machine that turns medicine into a mist. You just breathe it in.

Okay, thanks a lot, Doc. I feel better already.

After a FULL treatment, I want to listen to your lungs again to see if you're able move the air in and out better. I might also want to do a chest x-ray. An x-ray is a special picture showing things inside of you, like your lungs.

Okay, well thanks. We've taken up enough of your time.

What's the rush? I still have some more questions and I need to finish looking you over.

Then I'll be better?

No. Then I'll have a diagnosis.

Then I'll be better?

No, then we'll start treating you.

We're going to be here all night.

No, you'll be out of here before you know it. And it won't hurt a bit.

The Doctor has to do all of that before he makes his diagnosis.

Remember, a diagnosis is what the doctor calls it when he or she has figured out the problem. They will look at the signs, ask some questions about your symptoms, and maybe do some tests. Once they figure out what is going on, they'll tell you the diagnosis.

Which is the title of our next episode.

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Great. See you then!

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