

CASE: Sally Nambor PATIENT

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Name: Sally Nambor  
Age: 8 years old  
Occupation: School Girl  
Family situation: Lives at home with both parents. One younger brother (6 years)  
Past history: UTI's (11/12/94, 02/03/95)

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**Brief statement of the situation:**

Sally has "not been her normal self" over the last six months. She has suffered several viruses and has complained of headaches and abdominal pains intermittently over this period. You have noted Sally to be uncharacteristically moody and difficult to relate to.

She has been performing well in school until recently, when her grades have dropped.

Your marriage has been under considerable stress recently (finance/work pressures) but you don't think that this is the sole cause of the change. You present after a parent-teacher interview last night, in which her teachers had also voiced their concerns over the change in behaviour.

**How to play the role:**

Worried parent. Anxious to find the reason for the change in Sally's behaviour.  
Initially defensive when asked about your recent marriage difficulties.  
Responsive to tactful questions  
Not sure why Sally's behaviour has changed.