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# Unit II Grammar in Use

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## Introduction

In this unit we review some of the most important English grammatical structures using as examples normal sentences in medical environments. We could say, to summarize, that we have replaced the classical sentence of old English manuals “my tailor is rich” by expressions such as “the first year resident is on call today”. Without a sound grammatical background it is not possible to speak correctly just as without a profound knowledge of anatomy it should not be possible to report on radiological examinations. The tendency to skip both grammar and anatomy, considered by many as simple preliminary issues, has had deleterious effects on the learning of English and medicine.

## Tenses

### Talking About the Present

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#### *Present continuous*

Present continuous shows an action that is happening in the present time at or around the moment of speaking.

FORM	<p>Present simple of the verb <i>to be</i> + gerund of the verb: am/are/is -ing.</p> <p>Study this example:</p> <p>It is 7.00 in the morning. Dr. Smith is in his new car on his way to the hospital.</p> <p>So: He <i>is driving</i> to the hospital. He is driving to the hospital means that he is driving now, at the time of speaking.</p>
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