Conversations about health



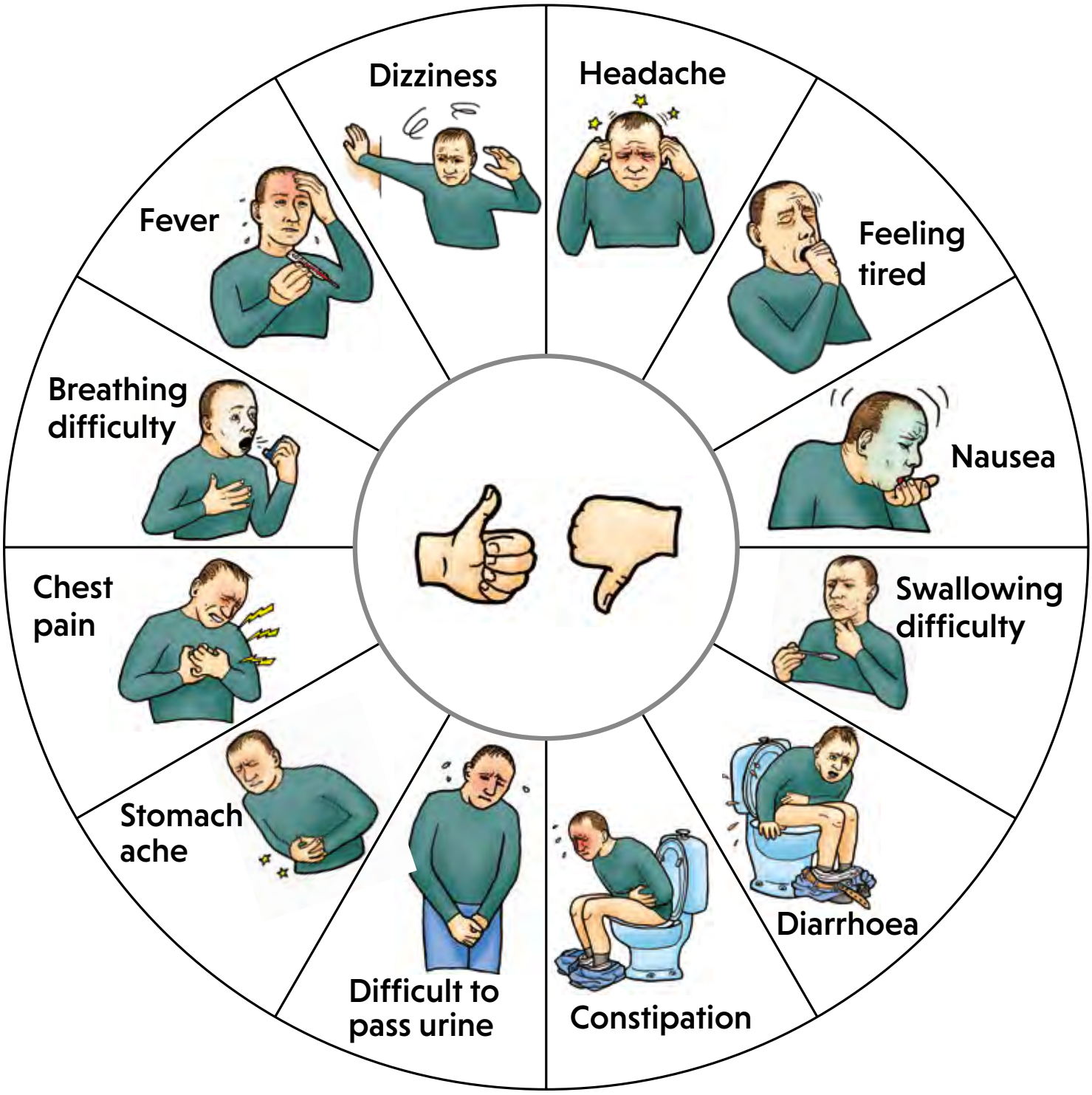
Support for health conversations with people who have aphasia

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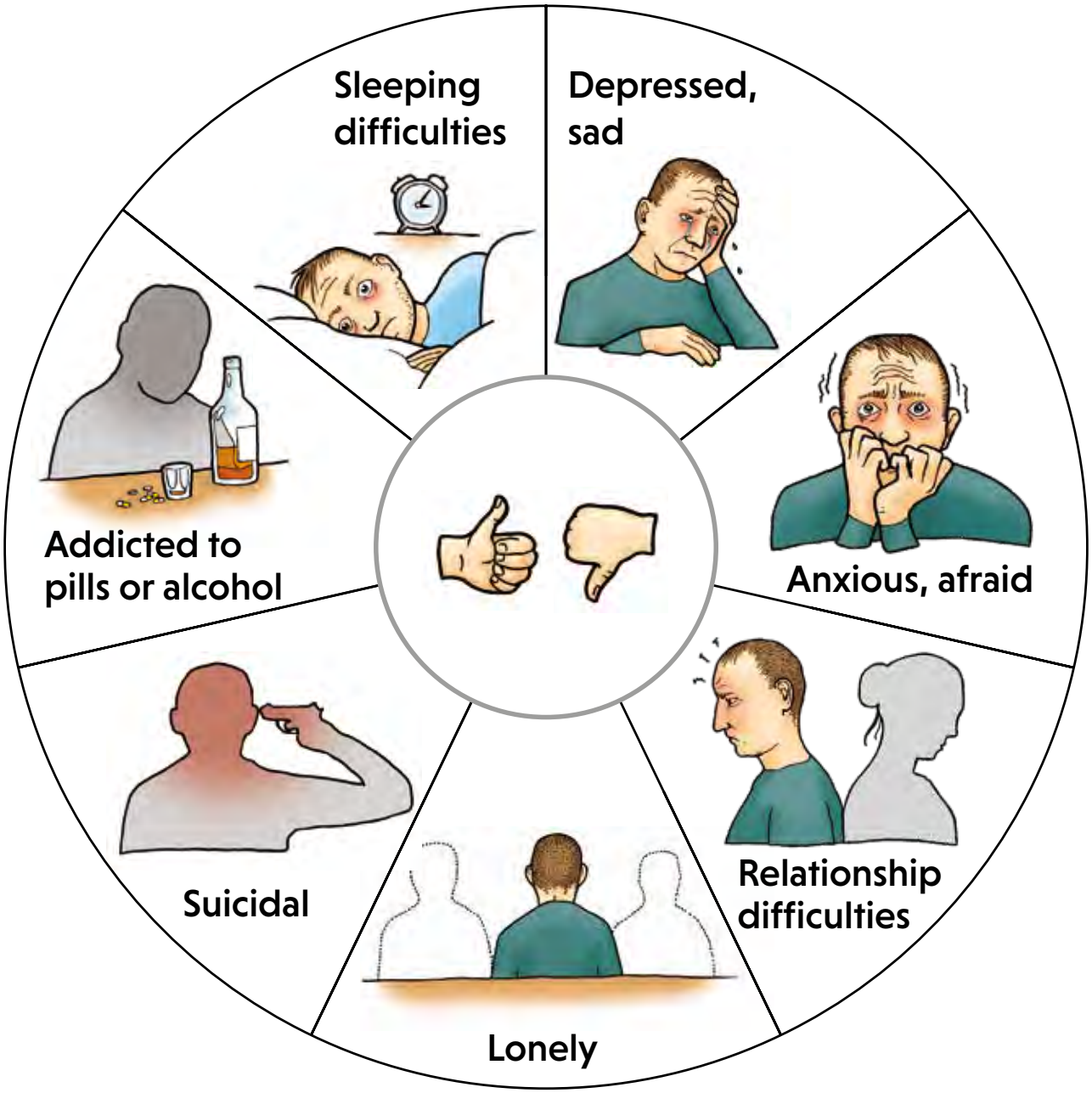
LHL

Speakeasy
Supporting communication

General health



Emotions, feelings





How difficult is it for you?

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Tell me about the pain



How bad is the pain?

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What sort is the pain?



Burning

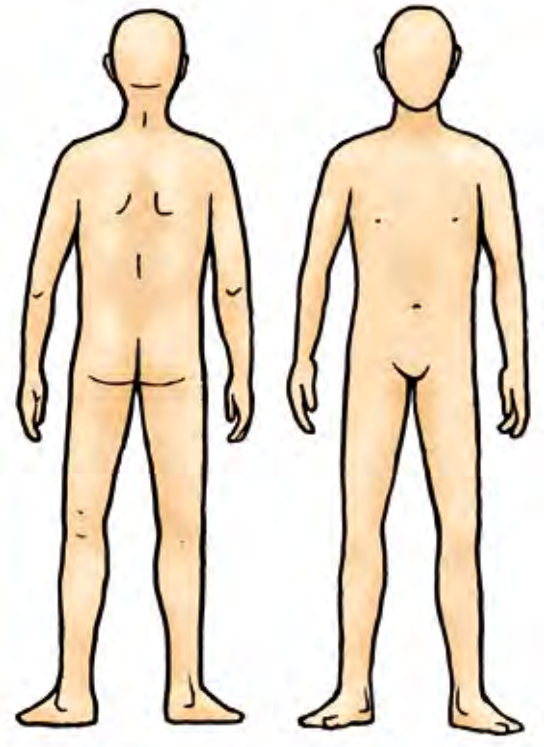


Throbbing



Pricking

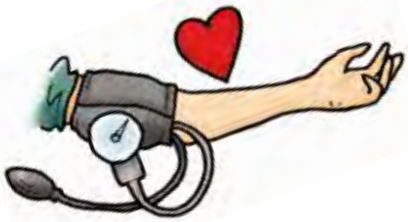
Where is the pain?



What do you need?



Medicine



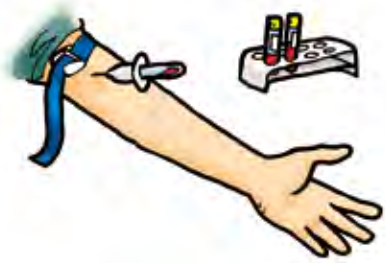
Help with your blood pressure



Physiotherapy



A referral for more help



Blood tests



Equipment to help



Advice on driving



Eye test



Hearing test

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Conversations with healthcare staff



Aphasia is an acquired communication disability caused by brain damage.

It causes difficulty with speaking and understanding speech.
Many people also have difficulty with reading and writing.

Speak slowly but naturally. Use simple words. Make eye contact and speak directly to the person. Don't interrupt. One to one conversations are better. Ask questions that can be answered with yes or no. Use a pen and paper. Check that you have understood each other. Give written information using clear and simple language.

Remember that aphasia can mask someone's personality. Aphasia makes it difficult to express thoughts and ideas but intelligence remains the same.

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