

ENQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

Ashley makes her way through Vancouver

Ashley Judd picks perfect place to

GET APPENDICITIS

Actress just happened to be filming in a hospital

ASHLEY JUDD collapsed on a movie set – and underwent an emergency appendectomy, The ENQUIRER has learned exclusively.

And in an amazing bit of good luck, the 39-year-old actress happened to be filming in a hospital during the life-threatening emergency, sources say.

The brunette beauty suffered an acute appendicitis attack while working on the set of her upcoming drama “Helen” in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The production was on location at Ridge Meadows Hospital near Vancouver, so after paramedics were called, the ailing actress was officially admitted, according to insiders.

“Luckily, the cast and crew were filming at a real hospital, so when paramedics arrived, they simply put

Ashley on a stretcher and wheeled her into an operating room nearby,” a source on the set told The ENQUIRER.

“Ashley was in intense pain, but she was very brave. She even made a little joke about art imitating life and how glad she was that they happened to be shooting in a real hospital instead of a make-believe one at a studio.”

After Ashley’s collapse on Nov. 25, production on “Helen” – which had been filming in the Vancouver area for six weeks – was halted. It was scheduled to resume the second week in December,

said the source.

In “Helen,” Ashley – whose husband, race car driver Dario Franchitti, won the 2007 Indianapolis 500 – stars opposite “ER” star Goran Visnjic as a music professor forced to come to terms with her clinical depression.

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Ashley and hubby Dario Franchitti



SNEAK PEEK

ALL THE SOAPS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 17
BY LEN FELDMAN

ALL MY CHILDREN

Richie finds a partner in crime in Janet. Aidan and Kendall find what they’ve been looking for. JR’s memory comes flooding back to him.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Kayla is in full seduction mode when Steve returns. Lucas makes an appalling confession to Kate. Belle’s jealousy flares when Philip publicizes his date with Chloe.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Ramsey wants to bargain with Todd. Rex gets a blast from the past in Texas. Jessica plans to use Tess to beat Jared at his own game.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Meg almost becomes a victim of Craig’s latest treachery. Bonnie receives a warning about getting too close to Holden. The Hugheses pray for a miracle.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

The text message killer strikes again. Jason and Elizabeth can’t resist their attraction. Kate walks out on Sonny. Robin turns to Patrick in her time of need.

PASSIONS

Julian gets closer to catching Vincent. Little Ethan faces complications from surgery. Luis tries to let Pretty down easy. Esme and Viki visit Santa Claus.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Stephanie pays a visit to an incarcerated Stephen. Eric and Donna share holiday joy. Stephanie prepares for a blue Christmas. A startling confession is made.

GUIDING LIGHT

Dinah is caught off guard by a kiss from Mallet. Olivia leans in for a kiss with Gus. Harley believes her dream of Cyrus may come true.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Sharon moves back into her cabin at the Newman Ranch – with Nikki! The father of Victoria’s baby is revealed. Nikki decides to sue Victor.