

Post Operative Management – Notes for Actor

Patient demographics:

You are Niamh Barker, 56-year-old female who has just had a hysterectomy. You have been complaining of some breathlessness for last couple of hours.

Presenting Complaint: Breathlessness

History of Presenting Complaint:

- **Site:** Some chest pain
- **Quality:** none
- **Intensity:** 3/10
- **Timing:** started 2 hours ago
- **Aggravating:** none
- **Relieving:** Nothing

Additional symptoms (if asked):

- Had a cough producing green sputum
- Has had a bit of a temperature

Negative history:

No palpitations or severe chest pain. No leg pain.

ICE

C: worried about breathing

PMH + Surgical History

- Endometrial cancer
- No coagulopathies or connective tissue disorders
- Laparoscopic hysterectomy

Drug History

- COCP but not currently taking

Family History

- Nothing of note

Diagnosis: Pneumonia

Post Operative Management – Notes for Candidate

Role: Foundation Year 1 doctor on the post-op ward

Presenting complaint: Breathlessness

This is Niamh baker is a 56-year-old female on post op ward complaining of breathlessness after hysterectomy.

Please take a brief history from this patient, you have 3 minutes to do so.

Then briefly outline to the examiner the physical exam you would do and what you would look for, you will have 2 minutes.

Then you will be asked to interpret some investigations for 3

minutes. There will be 2-minutes of further questions from examiner

at the end

Post Operative Management – Examiner marksheet

HISTORY:

“Please take a brief history from the patient”

- Student takes a brief and focused history, SQITARS for abdominal pain • Asks about relevant symptoms such as fever and features of haemodynamic instability
- Quick scan of relevant PMHx, DHx (including allergies) and FHx
- Asks about what surgery the patient had

Examination:

“Please briefly state what examination you would do and what you would look for”

- Observations to check for haemodynamic instability
 - Examination of the surgical wound site to check for dehiscence and infection
- Resp Examination – crackles heard on both bases of lungs. Equal expansion and no other abnormalities.

Please interpret following investigations: (show results)

Sputum culture shows gram positive cocci

CXR show consolidation in lower zones bilaterally

Bloods show elevated WCC and CRP

Follow up questions:

1. What is your DD?

Pneumonia

PE

2. Two risk factors

Immobility

Immunocompromised

Recent surgery

3. What is your initial plan?

Antibiotics according to sensitivities.

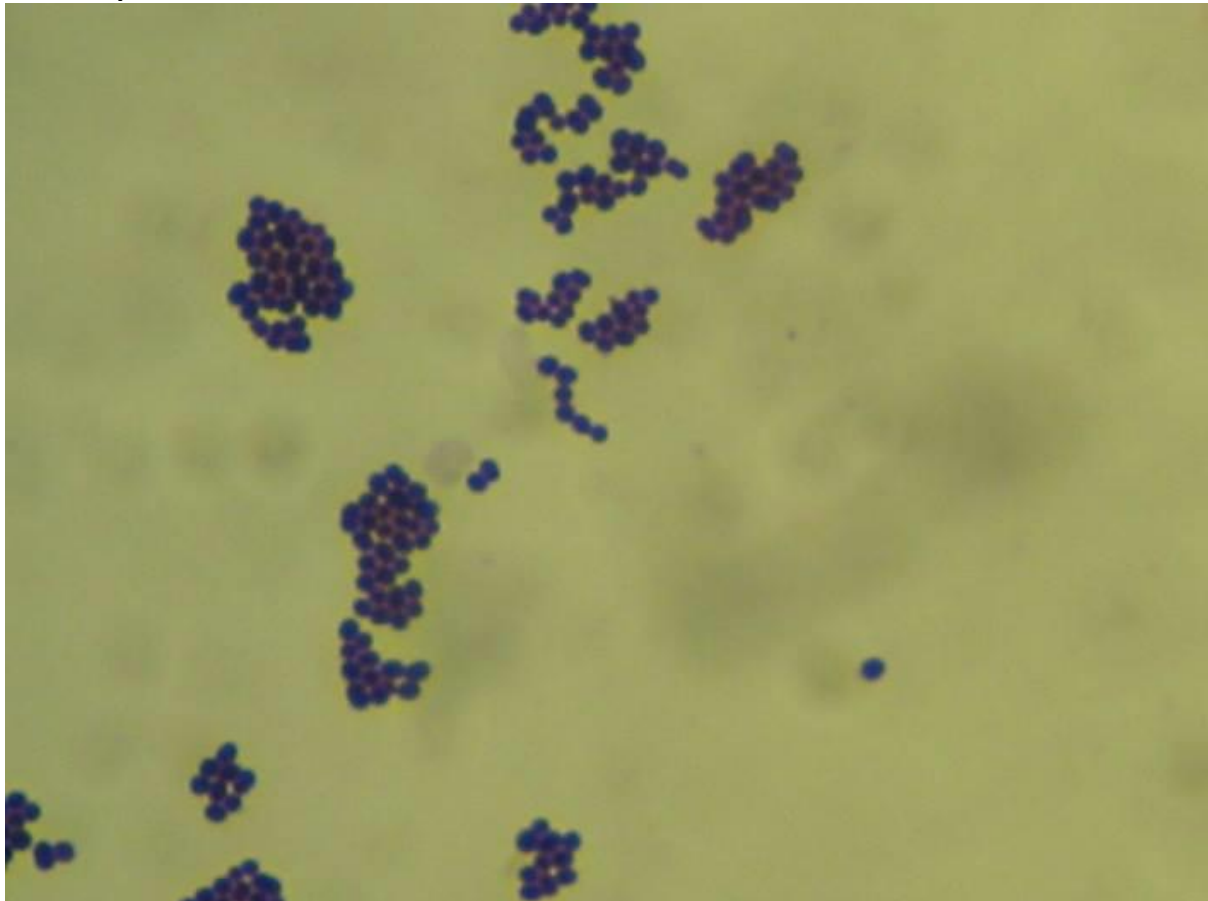
Global Impression: Patient Impression/comments: • Excellent

- Good
- Pass
- Borderline
- Fail

Post Operative Management – Investigations for Interpretation

FBC - Hb (135 – 180 g/L)	140
MCV (82 – 100 fl)	90
Platelets (150 – 400 * 10 ⁹ /L)	155
WCC (4 – 11 * 10 ⁹ /L)	13.3
Neutrophils (2 – 7 * 10 ⁹ /L)	7.5
Lymphocytes (1 – 3 * 10 ⁹ /L)	1.6
CRP (<10 mg/L)	68

Sputum culture:



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