

Examination – Notes for Actor

Patient demographics:

You are Doris, an 82-year-old female presenting to the emergency department after a fall.

During the examination:

- You will only move your right leg a little bit for each movement, and show significant pain (#NOF)

Examination – Notes for Candidate

Role: Foundation Year 1 doctor in the emergency department

This is Doris, an 82-year-old female who has presented to the emergency department after a fall.

Please perform a HIP examination. The examiner will tell you relevant signs as you go along.

You have 8 minutes to examine the patient, followed by a further 2 minutes where the examiner will ask you questions.

An invigilator will let you know when 8 minutes has elapsed.

Examination – Examiner marksheet

You will have to tell the student certain signs when they get to that stage of the exam (anything in quotation marks).

- Good professionalism throughout
 - Confident and well-practised examination with all steps and correct technique
 - Use an appropriate examination checklist like the University of Leicester checklist or Geeky Medics to mark examination steps.
 - Succinct presentation of the examination, including all positives and only relevant negatives + correct further assessments.
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- General inspection: “Patient in significant pain”
 - Look: “Right leg is shortened and externally rotated”
 - Feel: No abnormalities
 - Move: Pain on all movements
 - Special tests: not possible due to pain

Q1: What is your diagnosis?

- **Neck of femur fracture**

Q2: What investigations would you like to order?

- **AP and Lateral X-rays of the hips**
- **FBC, U&Es, Group and save, coagulation screen, in-case of surgical intervention**

Q3: What is your management of this condition?

- **Analgesia**
- **Surgical intervention dependent on the type of #NOF, for example a displaced #NOF would require hemiarthroplasty.**

Global Impression:

- Excellent
- Good
- Pass
- Borderline
- Fail

Patient Impression/comments: