

OSCE History Taking – Notes for Actor Template

Patient demographics:

Naseem Khan

54-year-old

Comes to A&E after referral by GP

Presenting Complaint:

Leg pain in right leg

History of Presenting Complaint:

Started last night at about 2 am

9/10

Just below the knee on right side

No trauma

Dull like pain

Nothing made better did have paracetamol at 3 am but didn't help

Leg appears paler the left one

Other history:

Used to have leg pain on walking but nothing as bad as this

No systemic symptoms

ICE

Just about leg and seriousness

PMH + Surgical History

Diabetes – type 2

Hypertension

Intermittent claudication

Drug History

Metformin

Ramipril

NKDA

Family History

Just diabetes

Social History

Lives at home with wife and 2 children

Never smoked or drank

Diagnosis

Acute limb ischemia

OSCE History Taking – Notes for Candidate Template

Role: FY1 in A&E

Presenting complaint: Leg pain

Please take a history in 8 minutes

There will be 2-minute further questions from examiner at the end

OSCE History Taking – Examiner marksheet

Opening:

- Introduces themselves
- Confirms Patient demographics
- Explains and gains consent from patient about consultation

Presenting complaint and History of presenting complaint:

- Open questioning to begin
- Structured approach e.g. SQITARS
- Red flags
- ICE
- Uses clear language and avoids jargon
- Assess relevance of PMH – intermittent claudication

Systemic enquiry:

- Screens for relevant symptoms in other body systems

PMH/Surgical history

- Asks about any medical conditions
- Asks about relevant surgical procedures

Drug History, Social and Family History:

- Asks about both prescribed and over the counter medication
- Allergies and what happen during allergy
- Substance misuse
- Alcohol and Smoking history
- Occupation
- Support at home/mobility
- Relevant Family History

Ending consultation:

- Summaries and clarifies any points
- Thanks Patient
- Signposting

EXAMINER FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is your top differential diagnosis and why?**
Acute limb ischemia – relevant explanation
- 2. What initial investigations/examinations would you order for this patient?**
Vascular examination
ABPI
Doppler ultrasound
- 3. What is your initial management plan?**
Stabilise and pain relief
Refer immediately to vascular surgeons

Global Impression:

- Excellent
- Good
- Pass
- Borderline
- Fail

Patient Impression/comments: