

Year 2 Formative OSCE 2017

Reading for Station 2

Candidate Instructions

Clinical scenario

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In a total of five (5) minutes:

- Take a focused **history of her presenting complaint**, including enquiry about relevant associated symptoms.

Do not perform an examination.

Simulated Patient Information

Thank you for supporting this important School of Medicine final exam, your contribution is greatly appreciated. Each candidate will be with you for 5 minutes with a 2 minute break in between. Your comfort is important to us. If you have any needs during the exam please tell the examiner in your room and attention will be sought. There will be scheduled breaks of y minutes during each run of the exam for brief refreshment or bathroom stops.

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Instructions for simulated patient

You are Hannah White, aged 25. You have made an appointment to see a GP at the practice. You are happy to see the medical student first.

When asked why you have come to the GP today, say:

I have got bad pain in my lower belly area.

You have pain along your lower belly/pelvic area. You are currently on your period and have pain with every period. It is a cramping pain in your lower abdomen area and does not radiate anywhere.

You started having periods at the age of 12. You have always had regular, monthly periods. Your periods are very heavy and painful. You use about 5 to 6 pads on heavy days and 2 pads on light days. Your menstrual cycle is regular and the bleeding usually lasts 7 days.

You are not on any oral contraceptive and use condoms for contraception. You are sexually active. You have not had any unprotected sex. You get pain on deep sex.

With periods your pain can reach up to 8/10. You take over the counter Ponstan and hot water bottles for pain relief. You do not know what makes it worse as the pain comes on just before and stays during the first 2-3 days of your period.

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You do not have any difficulty with bowel movements or urination. You have never had any Sexually Transmitted Diseases. You had a PAP smear last year and the results were normal. You do not have any other medical conditions. You are not on any regular medications and have **no** known allergies.

You are concerned now because you are thinking about getting pregnant with your partner whom you have been in a relationship with for 3 years. You are worried that it could be an infertility issue and want to get it addressed before you start trying.

You have never had any children.

You are an only child and live with your mother. Your mum was unable to have another child but you don't know why. Your father left home when you were 2 years old so you do not know much about him or his family. You do not smoke, but drink at social events. Maybe 4 to 5 glasses in one night. You study Master of Economics at Griffith University.

Examiner Instructions

- Please verify that you are examining the correct student by checking the name on the student's ID card against the name on the score sheet, as the student enters the room.

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- You are an observer examiner. Please do not speak to the candidate, except as described on this sheet. Please do not provide prompts on the station content.
- Stay out of the line of sight between the candidate and the patient. Do not provide any positive or negative feedback to the candidate.
- Please record your observations on the scoresheet **as you go**, as discussed in the briefing.
- The candidate has only 5 minutes to complete the station. When the PA rings, they should be asked to finish and leave immediately.
- You have two minutes between candidates to finalise your scoring and 'reset' the station.

Props and Sundries

- Simulated patient (female, aged about 25) in casual dress.
- 4 chairs and a table
- Clipboard and paper
- Tissues

OSCE Score Sheet

Station Number: 2 – Pain History

Students Name

Examiner's name:

Simulated patient (actor's) name:

ID Check
(Please tick)

PLEASE MAKE ONE TICK IN EVERY ROW

No. Assessment Item (details)

1 Introduces self (appropriately)	0	1					
2 Open question (begins with)	0	1					
3 Pain (speed of onset, character, location, severity, radiation)	0	1	2	3	4	5	
4 Associated Symptoms (related with sex, bowel movement, urination, other relevant)	0	1	2	3	4		
5 Exacerbating factors and relieving factors (exacerbating – deep sex, relieving – Ponstan and hot water bottle)	0	1	2				
6 Gynaecological history (age of menarche, length of menstrual cycle, length of period, heaviness of bleeding, LMP)	0	1	2	3	4	5	
7 Sexual history (sexually active, previous/current STI, chance of pregnancy)	0	1	2				
7 Other relevant History (pregnancies, pap smear, family history, medications)	0	1	2	3	4		
8 Patient's understanding and concerns (understanding, concerns)	0	1	2				
9 CLARITY (communication, organisation,)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Confused, disorganised, unclear	Below Expected		Above Expected		Outstanding	
10 WARMTH (engagement, compassion, care for patient)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Cold, Uncaring, brusque	Below Expected		Above Expected		Outstanding	

Comments: