

Case 1

Patient Name: Rita Rieno
Clinical Setting: Family Practice Office
CC: An 18 y/o female presents for "a runny nose."

Vital Signs

Blood pressure: 110/60
Respirations: 14 per minute
Temperature: 98.2°F
Pulse: 68 bpm
Weight: 168 lbs
Height: 5' 11"

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CC: An 18 y/o female presents for “a runny nose.”

History		✓
	1 Introduces self and explains role of provider.	
	2 Properly washes hands before touching the patient (15-sec wash and turns off with towel).	
	3 Opening question: What brings you in today? My nose won't quit running.	
Chronology/ Onset	4 When did this start? It's been the last couple of years, but has gotten really bad the last month.	
	5 Did you ever have this before ? It never really goes away completely.	
Description	6 Could you describe the nasal discharge ? It's clear.	
Exacerbation	7 Does anything make it worse ? It's worse in the spring and fall.	
Remission	8 What makes it better ? Benadryl helps, but it makes me drowsy.	
	9 How often do you take Benadryl? A couple times a week.	
	10 How many milligrams ? I take 2 tablets. I don't know milligrams.	
Symptoms associated	11 Do you have itchy, watery eyes ? Yes.	
	12 Headache ? No.	
	13 Nasal congestion ? Yes. Quite a bit.	
	14 Ear pain ? No.	
	15 Fever ? No.	
	16 Sore throat ? Just scratchy.	
	17 Cough ? No.	
Social Hx	18 Do you smoke ? A little.	
(FED TACOS)	19 How much is “a little”? A pack lasts me 2 or 3 days.	
	20 How long have you been smoking? About a year or two.	
	21 Do you drink alcohol ? No.	
	22 Do you use any drugs ? No.	
	23 What is your occupation ? I'm a senior in high school.	
Medical Hx	24 Do you have any medical conditions? No.	
Allergies	25 Do you have any allergies? Cats seem to bother me.	
	26 What happens when you are around cats? My eyes itch and my throat gets scratchy.	
Surg Hx	27 Have you had any surgeries? No.	
Hosp Hx	28 Have you ever been hospitalized? No.	
Family Hx	29 Medical conditions that run in the family? Yes.	
	30 Who? My father. He has allergies.	
Menstrual Hx	31 When was the FDLMP ? About a week ago.	
Medications	32 Are you on any medications? Just Benadryl when I need it.	

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Physical Examination			✓
	33	Informs patient that the physical exam is to begin and asks permission.	
	34	Rewashes hand before touching patient if candidate has recontaminated them.	
Sinuses	35	Palpation	Mild maxillary sinus tenderness
Eyes	36	Inspection	Dark circles are noted under the eyes No periorbital edema noted
Ears	37	External inspection	No exudate
	38	Otoscopic examination	TM's gray b/l
	39	Inverted otoscope with finger distended	
	40	Proper ear position—Adult: up, back, out.	
Nose	41	Inspection with light source	Boggy turbinates/clear nasal discharge
Throat	42	Inspection with light source and tongue blade	Clear postnasal drip present
Lymphatics	43	Palpation of cervical nodes	No cervical adenopathy
Respiratory	44	Auscultation performed on bare skin	Clear to auscultation
	45	Through complete inspiration and expiration	
	46	Symmetrically	
	47	At least 2 anterior levels, 1 lateral, and 3 posterior	
Cardiac	48	Auscultation performed on bare skin	RR without murmurs, rubs, or gallops
	49	Areas: aortic, pulmonic, tricuspid, and mitral	
Assessment	50	Presents patient with a proposed diagnosis (environmental allergies).	
Plan	51	MTHR: Antihistamine, allergy testing, holistic, smoking cessation, contact avoidance.	
(MOTHR)	52	Explains and offers OMM.	
	53	Performs OMM appropriately (no HVLA).	
	54	Return plan: Devises and explains a follow-up plan with the patient.	
	55	Thanks the patient and asks if there are any questions.	

Humanistic Evaluation	Y/N
Did the candidate present in a self-caring manner (e.g., hair control, clothing, cleanliness, aroma, etc.)?	
Did the candidate make periodic eye contact?	
Was the candidate's language clear and EASY to understand?	
Did the candidate have any substance in his or her mouth during the session?	
Did the candidate exhibit body language that would make you feel the candidate was communicating with you?	
Was the candidate enthusiastic?	
Did the candidate exhibit pride in his or her efforts?	
Did the candidate make any comment regarding your lifestyle (e.g., your work, family, activities, etc.)?	
Did the candidate express any humanistic statement recognizing your concerns?	
Did the candidate explain the medical problem and offer you a possible diagnosis?	
Did the candidate suggest a treatment plan that you could understand?	
Did the candidate inquire whether you might want to consult with family members or others about your visit?	
Did the candidate present as if he or she were a competent interviewer?	
Did the candidate ask you if you had any questions?	
Did the candidate thank you?	

Sample SOAP Note Provided for Case 1**Subjective** 8/11/2009 0930**CC:** Runny Nose

Miss Rieno, an 18 y/o Caucasian female presents with a clear, continuous runny nose that has occurred for the last several years, but that has worsened over the last month. She states the discharge is worse in the spring and fall, but “really never goes away.” She has attempted relief with Benadryl a couple times a week, taking two tablets of unknown milligrams with some relief, but admits associated drowsiness. She admits itchy, watery eyes; nasal congestion; and a scratchy throat. She denies cephalgia, ear pain, fever, or cough.

Social History: Tobacco: - 1/2 ppd × 2–3 years
 Alcohol: denies
 Drugs: denies
 Occupation: student

Family History: Father with history of allergies
 FDLMP - 1 week ago
 Medications: Benadryl prn as above

Medical history: None**Allergies:** environmental—cats**Surgeries:** none**Hospitalizations:** none**Objective****Vitals:** BP 110/60, Resp 14, Pulse 68 bpm, Temp 98.2, Wt 168 lb, Ht 5' 11"**General:** WDOWN in NAD

HEENT: Sinuses: mild maxillary tenderness b/l
 Eyes: infraorbital venous pooling. No periorbital edema
 Ears: TM's gray b/l with good light reflex
 Nose: mucosa pale with boggy turbinates and clear exudate
 Throat: mild clear postnasal drainage

Neck: No lymphadenopathy**Lungs:** Clear to auscultation**Heart:** Reg rhythm without murmur, rub, or gallop**Assessment**

- 1) Allergic rhinitis
- 2) Doubt viral rhinosinusitis
- 3) Doubt bacterial rhinosinusitis
- 4) Tobacco use disorder exacerbating rhinitis

Plan

- 1) Histamine antagonist—Cetirizine 5 mg PO daily
- 2) OMM—sinus drainage technique applied
- 3) Consider allergy testing. Contact avoidance counseling
- 4) Provided smoking cessation counseling and offered cessation assistance
- 5) Return to office in 2 weeks

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Case 2

Patient Name: Harmon Hertz
Clinical Setting: Family Practice Office
CC: A 45 y/o male presents for "shoulder pain."

Vital Signs

Blood pressure: 118/75
Respirations: 14 per minute
Temperature: 98°F
Pulse: 88 bpm
Weight: 175 lbs
Height: 5' 11"

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CC: A 45 y/o male presents for “shoulder pain.”

History		✓
	1 Introduces self and explains role of provider.	
	2 Properly washes hands before touching the patient (15-sec wash and turns off with towel).	
	3 Opening question: What brings you in today? My left shoulder really hurts.	
Chronology/ Onset	4 When did this start? About 2 months ago.	
	5 Did you ever have this before ? No.	
	6 What are you doing when it happens? It started after I painted my house.	
	7 Did it come on suddenly or gradually ? Gradually.	
Description	8 Could you describe it ? It's achy and stiff.	
	9 Where is it located? On the outside of my left shoulder.	
	10 Does it radiate/go anywhere? No.	
Duration	11 Does it come and go or is it continuous ? It hurts all the time.	
Intensity	12 How severe is it, on a scale from 1 to 10 ? A 6.	
Exacerbation	13 Does anything make it worse ? When I try to raise my arm, it's worse.	
Remission	14 What makes it better ? Keeping still and aspirin.	
	15 How much aspirin do you take? 650 milligrams	
	16 How often do you take it? Two or three times a day.	
Symptoms associated	17 Fever or chills ? No.	
	18 Other joint pain ? No.	
	19 Weakness ? I just can't lift it because of the pain.	
	20 Numbness or tingling ? No.	
	21 Chest pain ? No.	
	22 Shortness of breath ? No.	
	23 Cough ? No.	
Social Hx	24 What does your diet look like? I watch the sweets.	
(FED TACOS)	25 Do you exercise using your arm? Not really. Just with my job.	
	26 Do you use any drugs ? No.	
	27 Do you use tobacco ? No.	
	28 Do you drink alcohol ? Yes.	
	29 How much a day? Just a couple beers a week.	
	30 Do you drink caffeine ? Two cups of coffee in the morning.	
	31 What is your occupation ? I deliver newspapers.	
Medical Hx	32 Do you have any medical conditions? A touch of diabetes.	
Allergies	33 Do you have any allergies? No.	
Surg Hx	34 Have you had any surgeries? No.	
Hosp Hx	35 Have you ever been hospitalized? No.	
Family Hx	36 Medical conditions that run in the family? Diabetes runs in the family.	
Medications	37 Are you on any medications? No. My diabetes is controlled by diet.	

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Physical Examination		✓
	38 Informs patient that the physical exam is to begin and asks permission.	
	39 Rewashes hands before touching patient if candidate has recontaminated them.	
Neck	40 Inspection	Symmetrical
	41 Active range of motion	Full AROM
	42 Palpation	Nontender to palpation
Respiratory	43 Auscultation performed on bare skin	Clear to auscultation
	44 Through complete inspiration and expiration	
	45 Symmetrically	
	46 At least 2 anterior levels, 1 lateral, and 3 posterior	
Cardiac	47 Auscultation performed on bare skin	RR without murmurs, rubs, gallops
	48 Areas: aortic, pulmonic, tricuspid, and mitral	
MS	49 Inspection of bilateral shoulders	No erythema, ecchymosis, deformity
	50 Active ROM b/l shoulders, elbows	L shoulder limited to 90 degrees abd
	51 Passive range of motion for limited R shoulder	L shoulder is limited to 90 degrees
	52 Palpation of bilateral shoulders	No point tenderness
Vascular	53 Brachial and radial pulses compared bilaterally	2/4 b/l
Neurologic	54 Motor: Strength testing with b/l comparison	Patient hesitant secondary to pain
	55 Sensory to sharp/dull, light touch	Intact
	56 Reflexes—b/l upper extremity	2/4 bicep, triceps, brachioradialis
Special Testing	57 Arm drop test	Negative
Assessment	58 Presents patient with a proposed diagnosis.	Adhesive capsulitis, r/o rotator cuff inj
Plan	59 MTHR: Pain control, shoulder X-ray, holistic (RICE), referral	
(MOTHR)	60 Explains and offers OMM.	
	61 Performs OMM appropriately (no HVLA).	
	62 Return plan: Devises and explains a follow-up plan with the patient.	
	63 Thanks the patient and asks if there are any questions.	

Humanistic Evaluation	Y/N
Did the candidate present in a self-caring manner (e.g., hair control, clothing, cleanliness, aroma, etc.)?	
Did the candidate make periodic eye contact?	
Was the candidate's language clear and EASY to understand?	
Did the candidate have any substance in his or her mouth during the session?	
Did the candidate exhibit body language that would make you feel the candidate was communicating with you?	
Was the candidate enthusiastic?	
Did the candidate exhibit pride in his or her efforts?	
Did the candidate make any comment regarding your lifestyle (e.g., your work, family, activities, etc.)?	
Did the candidate express any humanistic statement recognizing your concerns?	
Did the candidate explain the medical problem and offer you a possible diagnosis?	
Did the candidate suggest a treatment plan that you could understand?	
Did the candidate inquire whether you might want to consult with family members or others about your visit?	
Did the candidate present as if he or she were a competent interviewer?	
Did the candidate ask you if you had any questions?	
Did the candidate thank you?	

Sample SOAP Note Provided for Case 2**Subjective** 8/22/2009 1450**CC:** Left shoulder pain × 2 months

Mr. Hurtz, a 45 y/o male, presents with left should pain that began 2 months ago shortly after painting his house. No prior episodes of the same. Pain began gradually and is described as “achy and stiff.” Patient locates pain on the outside of the left shoulder without radiation. It is continuous and is scaled at 6/10. Attempting to raise his arm makes the pain worse. He gets some relief with keeping the arm still and aspirin 650 mg 2 or 3 times a day. He denies fever, chills, weakness, numbness, tingling, chest pain, shortness of breath, or cough.

Social History:	Diet: avoids sweets	Med history: diabetes—dietary control
	Exercise: no regular routine	Allergies: none
	Drugs: denies	Surgeries: none
	Tobacco: denies	Hospitalizations: none
	Alcohol: 2–3 beers per week	Family History: Diabetes
	Caffeine: 2 cups of coffee a day	Medications: Aspirin as above
	Occupation: newspaper delivery	

Objective**Vitals:** BP 118/75, Resp 14, Pulse 88 bpm, Temp 98, Wt 175 lb, Ht 5' 11"**General:** WDNW in NAD**Neck:** Symmetrical, full active range of motion, nontender to palpation**Lungs:** Clear to auscultation**Heart:** Reg rhythm without murmur, rub, or gallop**MS:** Bilateral shoulders without erythema, ecchymosis, or deformity. Right shoulder active and passive abduction limited to 90 degrees. Palpation without point tenderness. Arm drop test negative**Vascular:** Brachial and radial pulses 2/4 bilaterally**Neuro:** Patient unable to perform left shoulder strength testing because of apprehension
Bilateral upper extremities sensory intact to sharp/dull and light touch
Reflexes 2/4 brachial, radial and brachioradialis bilaterally**Assessment**

- 1) Adhesive capsulitis
- 2) Somatic dysfunction
- 3) Rule out arthritis
- 4) Doubt rotator cuff injury
- 5) Doubt ACS but with risk factors
- 6) Diabetes

Plan

- 1) Ibuprofen 600 mg three times a day with food × 5 days
- 2) OMM—Spencer technique performed
- 3) Left shoulder X-ray, EKG, CBC, Bun/creat, Hgb A1c
- 4) Instructed on ROM exercises. Offered work excuse; patient declined
- 5) Return to office in 5 days for follow-up and results

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Case 3

Patient Name: Ida Kno
Clinical Setting: Primary Care Outpatient Office Visit
CC: A 76 y/o female is brought into your office by her daughter for forgetfulness.

Vital Signs

Blood pressure: 158/88
Respirations: 12 per minute
Temperature: 98.8°F
Pulse: 72 bpm
Weight: 112 lbs
Height: 5'4"

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CC: A 76 y/o female is brought into your office by her daughter for forgetfulness.
 Daughter answered the majority of the questions (mother's answers are in bold type)

History		✓
	1 Introduces self and explains role of provider.	
	2 Properly washes hands before touching the patient (15-sec wash and turns off with towel).	
	3 Opening question: What brings you in today?	My daughter. (Daughter answers, "Mom's getting forgetful.")
Chronology/ Onset	4 When did this start ?	At least a year or more ago.
	5 How has it changed ?	It's getting worse.
Description	6 Describe or give an example of the forgetfulness.	She can never find things.
Intensity	7 How has it affected her activities of daily living ?	I have to take her everywhere.
Exacerbations	8 Does anything make this worse ?	Not that I've noticed.
Remissions	9 Does anything make this better ?	She seems better in the mornings.
Symptoms associated	10 Slurred speech, facial droop ?	She can't find the right words.
	11 Numbness/tingling/weakness ?	No.
	12 Fever or chills ?	No.
	13 Has she fallen or hurt herself?	No.
	14 Anxiety ?	Yes, she's so restless.
	15 Depression ?	She seems down all the time.
	16 Sleeping ?	She's up a lot throughout the night.
Social Hx	17 Appetite ?	We have to remind her to eat.
	18 Do you smoke ?	No.
	19 Do you drink alcohol ?	No.
	20 Caffeine ?	I like tea.
	21 What is her occupation ?	She stayed at home and raised us.
Medical Hx	22 Does she have any medical conditions?	She has arthritis.
Allergies	23 Does she have any allergies?	No.
Surgical Hx	24 Has she had any surgeries?	No.
Hosp Hx	25 Has she ever been hospitalized?	No.
Family Hx	26 Medical conditions that run in the family?	Her mother didn't know us in the end.
Medications	27 Is she on any medications?	She takes arthritis medicine.
	28 Do you know the name?	No, I don't.

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Physical Examination		✓
	29 Informs patient that the physical exam is to begin and asks permission.	
	30 Rewashes hand before touching patient if candidate has recontaminated them.	
Vitals	31 Repeats BP with correct technique.	BP 150/68
	32 Appropriate size cuff	
	33 Applied correctly placing cuff on bare arm	
General	34 General assessment	Alert, no apparent distress, thin
Neurologic	35 Cranial nerves	CN II–XII intact
	36 Muscle strength: B/l upper and lower extremities	5/5 throughout
	37 Sensation: Sharp/dull b/l upper/lower extremities	Intact throughout
	38 Reflexes: bilateral upper and lower extremities	3/4 R arm/leg and 2/4 L arm/leg
	39 Babinski's	Up going right, down going left
	40 Cerebellar function: Romberg, Finger/nose, RAM	Intact
Neck	41 Auscultation for bruits	Left carotid bruit
	42 Palpation of thyroid	No thyromegaly
Respiratory	43 Auscultation performed on bare skin	Clear to auscultation
	44 Through complete inspiration and expiration	
	45 Symmetrically	
	46 At least 2 anterior levels, 1 lateral, and 3 posterior	
Cardiac	47 Auscultation performed on bare skin	RR without murmurs, rubs, gallops
	48 Areas: aortic, pulmonic, tricuspid, and mitral	
Mental Status	49 Assesses orientation.	Oriented to person only
Assessment	50 Presents patient/family with a proposed diagnosis.	Dementia
Plan	51 MTHR: Testing (CT scan, carotid ultrasound, labs), holistic (agency resources), MMSE	
(MOTHR)	52 Return plan: Devises and explains a follow-up plan with the patient and family.	
	53 Thanks the patient and asks if there are any questions.	

Humanistic Evaluation	Y/N
Did the candidate present in a self-caring manner (e.g., hair control, clothing, cleanliness, aroma, etc.)?	
Did the candidate make periodic eye contact?	
Was the candidate's language clear and EASY to understand?	
Did the candidate have any substance in his or her mouth during the session?	
Did the candidate exhibit body language that would make you feel the candidate was communicating with you?	
Was the candidate enthusiastic?	
Did the candidate exhibit pride in his or her efforts?	
Did the candidate make any comment regarding your lifestyle (e.g., your work, family, activities, etc.)?	
Did the candidate express any humanistic statement recognizing your concerns?	
Did the candidate explain the medical problem and offer you a possible diagnosis?	
Did the candidate suggest a treatment plan that you could understand?	
Did the candidate inquire whether you might want to consult with family members or others about your visit?	
Did the candidate present as if he or she were a competent interviewer?	
Did the candidate ask you if you had any questions?	
Did the candidate thank you?	

Case 4

Patient Name: Ness Tinter
Clinical Setting: Primary Care Outpatient Office Visit
CC: A 26 y/o female presents c/o foot pain.

Vital Signs

Blood pressure: 112/58
Respirations: 12 per minute
Temperature: 98.8°F
Pulse: 72 bpm
Weight: 124 lbs
Height: 5'4"

NOTES:

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CC: A 26 y/o female presents c/o foot pain.

History		✓
	1 Introduces self and explains role of provider.	
	2 Properly washes hands before touching the patient (15-sec wash and turns off with towel).	
	3 Opening question: What brings you in today? I hurt my ankle.	
Onset	4 When did it happen? Yesterday.	
	5 How/what were you doing at the time? I stepped off a curb and twisted it.	
Chronology	6 Has this ever happened before ? Yes. This is probably the third time.	
	7 When ? I twisted it the first time 6 years ago.	
	8 How was it treated ? My doctor tells me to take ibuprofen. They usually wrap it. I've also been to physical therapy twice.	
Description/ Duration	9 Where is the pain? The outside of my right ankle.	
	10 Describe the pain. It's sharp.	
Intensity	11 How severe is it, on a scale from 1 to 10 ? About a 5.	
Exacerbation	12 What makes it worse ? Trying to walk on it.	
Remission	13 What makes it better ? Ibuprofen helps.	
	14 How much did you take? 600 mg.	
	15 How often are you taking it? Every 3 hours.	
Symptoms associated	16 Any bruising ? Yes.	
	17 Any swelling ? It was swollen last night.	
	18 Numbness or tingling ? Maybe a little along the side.	
Social Hx	19 Do you smoke or use tobacco ? Yes.	
(FED TACOS)	20 How much a day? About 5 cigarettes a day.	
	21 For how long ? About 5 years.	
	22 Do you drink alcohol ? No.	
	23 What is your occupation ? I'm in grad school and waitress at night.	
	24 FDLMP ? About a week ago.	
Medical Hx	25 Do you have any medical conditions? I have reflux.	
Allergies	26 Do you have any allergies? No.	
Surgical Hx	27 Have you had any surgeries? No.	
Hosp Hx	28 Have you ever been hospitalized? No.	
Family Hx	29 Medical conditions that run in the family? High cholesterol.	
Medications	30 Are you on any medications? Zantac.	
	31 How much? Once a day	
	32 How many milligrams? I'm not sure.	

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Physical Examination		✓
	33 Informs patient that the physical exam is to begin and asks permission.	
	34 Rewashes hand before touching patient if candidate has recontaminated them.	
MS	35 Covers patient with a sheet from waist down.	
	36 Raises sheet to expose bilateral lower extremities.	
	37 Inspection of right ankle	Ecchymosis inferior lateral malleolus
	38 Comparison to left ankle	
	39 Active range of motion right ankle	Limited inversion
	40 Passive range of motion	Limited inversion due to pain.
	41 Palpation	Tenderness R lat ligament complex
Neurologic	42 Sensory exam light touch or sharp vs. dull	Intact
Vascular	43 Peripheral pulses	Intact
Position change	44 Helps patient with position change to standing.	
	45 Assess gait.	Patient walks with limp on right.
Assessment	46 Presents patient with a proposed diagnosis.	Achilles injury, sprain, or rupture
Plan	47 MTHR: Pain control (reduce ibuprofen), testing, holistic (RICE), referral	
(MOTHR)	48 Explains and offers OMM.	
	49 Performs OMM appropriately (no HVLA).	
	50 Return plan: Devises and explains a follow-up plan with the patient.	
	51 Thanks the patient and asks the patient if she has any questions.	

Humanistic Evaluation	Y/N
Did the candidate present in a self-caring manner (e.g., hair control, clothing, cleanliness, aroma, etc.)?	
Did the candidate make periodic eye contact?	
Was the candidate's language clear and EASY to understand?	
Did the candidate have any substance in his or her mouth during the session?	
Did the candidate exhibit body language that would make you feel the candidate was communicating with you?	
Was the candidate enthusiastic?	
Did the candidate exhibit pride in his or her efforts?	
Did the candidate make any comment regarding your lifestyle (e.g., your work, family, activities, etc.)?	
Did the candidate express any humanistic statement recognizing your concerns?	
Did the candidate explain the medical problem and offer you a possible diagnosis?	
Did the candidate suggest a treatment plan that you could understand?	
Did the candidate inquire whether you might want to consult with family members or others about your visit?	
Did the candidate present as if he or she were a competent interviewer?	
Did the candidate ask you if you had any questions?	
Did the candidate thank you?	

Case 5

Patient Name: Chester Paine
Clinical Setting: Emergency Room
CC: A 62 y/o Caucasian male presents with chest pain.

Vital Signs

Blood pressure: 180/104
Respirations: 20 per minute
Temperature: 97.9°F
Pulse: 88 bpm
Weight: 230 lbs
Height: 6' 1"

NOTES:

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CC: A 62 y/o Caucasian male presents with chest pain.

History		✓
	1 Introduces self and explains role of provider.	
	2 Properly washes hands before touching the patient (15-sec wash and turns off with towel).	
	3 Opening question: What brings you in today? I was having chest pain.	
Chronology/ Onset	4 When did it start ? An hour ago.	
	5 Was the onset sudden or gradual ? Sudden.	
	6 What were you doing when it started ? Walking around the block.	
Duration	7 How long did the pain last ? Twenty minutes.	
	8 Did you ever have this before ? Yes.	
	9 When? All last year . . . whenever I walk my dog.	
	10 How long does the pain usually last ? Three to 4 minutes.	
	11 Has it changed in any way ? I can't even walk a block anymore.	
Description	12 Describe the pain. Sharp, aching, deep.	
	13 Where is the pain? <i>Points just above the xiphoid process</i>	
	14 Does it radiate/go anywhere? No.	
Intensity	15 How severe is it, on a scale from 1 to 10 ? It was a 7 or 8.	
Exacerbation	16 What makes it worse ? Well, anytime I overexert myself really.	
	17 Have you ever had this pain at rest ? Just in the past month or so.	
Remission	18 What makes it better ? Resting for a few minutes usually works.	
Symptoms associated	19 Sweating ? Sometimes, but just on my face.	
	20 Nausea or vomiting ? No.	
	21 Shortness of breath ? Only a little. Just when I get the pain.	
	22 Dyspepsia ? No.	
	23 Cough ? No.	
Social Hx	24 What does your diet look like? I eat whatever I want.	
(FED TACOS)	25 Do you exercise ? Just walking the dog.	
	26 Do you smoke ? Yes.	
	27 How much do you smoke a day? Two packs a day.	
	28 How long have you been smoking? Twenty-five years.	
	29 Do you drink alcohol ? Yes.	
	30 How many drinks a day? Two to 3 beers a day.	
	31 Do you use any drugs ? Ah, come on, Doc.	
	32 What is your occupation ? I'm an architect.	
Medical Hx	33 Do you have any medical conditions? My blood pressure and cholesterol are high.	
Allergies	34 Do you have any allergies? No.	
Surg Hx	35 Have you had any surgeries? No.	
Hosp Hx	36 Have you ever been hospitalized? No.	
Family Hx	37 Medical conditions that run in the family? My parents had heart attacks in their 50s.	
Medications	38 Are you on any medications? Hydrochlorothiazide and lovastatin.	
	39 Do you know the doses? No.	
	40 How many times a day do you take each? I just take one of each once a day.	

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Physical Examination			✓
	41	Informs patient that the physical exam is to begin and asks permission.	
	42	Rewashes hand before touching patient if candidate has recontaminated them.	
Vitals	43	Repeats BP with correct technique.	BP 176/96
	44	Appropriate size cuff	
	45	Applied correctly placing cuff on bare arm	
General	46	Assess for distress .	No apparent distress
Neck	47	Assess for JVD .	No JVD
	48	Auscultation for carotid bruit.	No bruit
Cardiac	49	Inspection: properly exposes the chest	No heave or visible PMI
	50	Auscultation performed on bare skin	Reg rhythm w/o murmur, rub, or gallop
	51	Areas: aortic, pulmonic, tricuspid, and mitral	
	52	Palpation for PMI	Anterior axillary line 5th ICS
Respiratory	53	Auscultation performed on bare skin	Clear to auscultation
	54	Through complete inspiration and expiration	
	55	Symmetrically	
	56	At least 2 anterior levels, 1 lateral, and 3 posterior	
Abdominal	57	Helps patient with position changes.	
	58	Covers lower extremities with a sheet during the exam.	
	59	Inspection: properly exposes the abdomen	No masses
	60	Auscultation prior to palpation	NABS without bruit
	61	Palpation of size of abdominal aorta	No pulsatile masses
Assessment	62	Presents patient with a proposed diagnosis.	Angina
Plan	63	MTHR: Aspirin, beta blocker, X-ray, ECG, labs, referral	
(MOTHR)	64	Advises admission and cardiac evaluation.	
	65	Thanks the patient and asks if there are any questions.	

Humanistic Evaluation		Y/N
Did the candidate present in a self-caring manner (e.g., hair control, clothing, cleanliness, aroma, etc.)?		
Did the candidate make periodic eye contact?		
Was the candidate's language clear and EASY to understand?		
Did the candidate have any substance in his or her mouth during the session?		
Did the candidate exhibit body language that would make you feel the candidate was communicating with you?		
Was the candidate enthusiastic?		
Did the candidate exhibit pride in his or her efforts?		
Did the candidate make any comment regarding your lifestyle (e.g., your work, family, activities, etc.)?		
Did the candidate express any humanistic statement recognizing your concerns?		
Did the candidate explain the medical problem and offer you a possible diagnosis?		
Did the candidate suggest a treatment plan that you could understand?		
Did the candidate inquire whether you might want to consult with family members or others about your visit?		
Did the candidate present as if he or she were a competent interviewer?		
Did the candidate ask you if you had any questions?		
Did the candidate thank you?		