



MSSBU OSCE PRACTICE

CASE 4_04_05

Station Vignette

You are a 4th year student on GP rotation

The GP has asked you to take a brief history from Sean, a 33-year-old male who has come into the practice. You usually see his wife who feels that her husband's behaviour has been out of character and generally overactive for the past 2 months.

TASK

You have a total of **7 minutes** to take a history.

This includes:

- History of presenting complaint
- Constitutional history
- Past medical history
- Medications history
- Social history
- Family history
- Focussed systems review

At the end of the allotted time, you will have **1 minute** to present an MSE to the examiner.

You do **NOT** need to complete a physical examination.

PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

Patient details	Sean, 33 years old – married with no children Graphic designer, quite successful at your job
Disposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You are over-talkative in the conversation and often interrupt the doctor, asking if they want to hear about your website designs or your autobiography ideas.• Speech is slightly quickened, tangential, emotional, dramatic.
General hx	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the past 3 weeks you have been arguing with your spouse because you are full of energy and “inspired”.• You accept you are irritable at times but you do not think it is a particular problem.• You are designing a website for a major company and have a deadline. It is a bit stressful.• You have spent \$5000 in the past week on clothing because it makes you feel good.• You have started writing an autobiography• You sleep 3 hours maximum per night and feel refreshed.• You have no formal psychiatric history but used to get depressed at university and took sertraline for two years on and off• You did drugs occasionally in your 20s and drink alcohol socially.• You think your grandmother may have had a mood disorder because she was in a psychiatric hospital a lot when you were a child but don't know more about it.

EXAMINER QUESTIONS

1. You have **1 minute** to present an **MSE** based on your history.

MARKING CRITERIA – Case 4_04_05

Item	Criteria	Mark
Introduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand hygiene <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate introduction <input type="checkbox"/> Explains personal role and gains consent	/3
History	<input type="checkbox"/> Leads with an open question <input type="checkbox"/> Establish duration of symptoms <input type="checkbox"/> Establish triggers/stressors/life events <input type="checkbox"/> Symptoms of mania/hypomania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overactivity • Overspending • Reduced need to sleep • Increased energy • Elated mood • Effect on life both personal and at work <input type="checkbox"/> Explore impact on occupation and social life	/11
Screening other	<input type="checkbox"/> Explore drug usage / substance misuse <input type="checkbox"/> Explore paranoia, hallucinations	/4
Other histories	<input type="checkbox"/> Past medical hx <input type="checkbox"/> Previous psychiatric hx <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies <input type="checkbox"/> Family hx	/4
Social history	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking hx <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol hx <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Home environment	/4
Examiner task (MSE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Speech <input type="checkbox"/> Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Perception <input type="checkbox"/> Thought content <input type="checkbox"/> Insight <input type="checkbox"/> Cognition, judgement	/5
Communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate questioning style <input type="checkbox"/> Actively listens to patient <input type="checkbox"/> Systematic approach to history taking <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate conclusion and summary	/4
Global score	Overall impression of candidate based on warmth, clarity and competence: 1 = fail 2 = borderline 3 = pass/expected 4 = good 5 = excellent	/5
	Total	/39