

Station Vignette

You are a fourth-year student in the Emergency department. You are asked to see Sarah's mother Lisa, as Sarah has fallen off her bike and hurt her arm.

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 answer the examiner's questions.

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

PATIENT INFORMATION

Presenting complaint:

• Sarah is my 3-year-old daughter, she fell off her bike today and it looks like she has hurt her arm

History of presenting complaint:

- She looks like she has hurt her arm after she fell off (Boyfriend was with her at the time, not the mother)
- She was outside the street playing
- This happened 4 hours ago
 - If asked why it took so long to bring her in; reply is, she seemed ok to begin with
- Looks very swollen and bruised
- No one else witnessed the fall
- Sarah is quiet and not complaining

Developmental History

- Normal birth
- Hit all milestones
- Up to date with immunisations

Systems review:

- Cough 2 weeks ago but ok now
- 1 month ago, had an accident where she fell down the stairs, bruised and swollen leg, but has now healed

Constitutional history:

- Otherwise, healthy kid
- Usually quite bubbly and happy kid, however, seems more quiet recently
- Besides cough no other illnesses

Medications history:

• Nil

Past medical history:

• nil

Social history:

- I recently moved in with my new boyfriend Tom 2 months ago
- No siblings
- Tom is an occasional drinker

Family history:

• Nil

EXAMINER QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the **most likely** diagnosis in this case?
- 2. What are four (4) investigations you would like to complete?
- 3. Name the **four (4)** types of child abuse.

MARKING CRITERIA - Case 4_01_04

ltem	Criteria	Mark
Introduction	Hand hygiene	/ 2
	Appropriate introduction	
	Explains personal role and gains consent	
Presenting	Leads with open question	/ 2
complaint	Follows with another open question	
History of presenting complaint	Determine onset and progression	/8
	Determine cause and timeline for when the accident occurred	
	Screens for any additional concerns/patient worry	
Constitutional history	□ 0.5 points for each of the following: diet, appetite, weight loss,	/5
	sleep, energy, exercise	
	□ 0.5 points for each of the following systemic symptoms: fevers,	
	chills, night sweats, rash	
Past medical	Past medical/surgical history	/2
history		
Medications	Checking if on any medications	/1
history		
Social history	Home situation	/3
	Living situation (how does the child usually act when home)	
	Asks all of smoking, alcohol and recreational drugs in the	
	household	
Family history	Asks relevant family history	/1
Systems review	Ask MSK (what movements she cannot do etc)	/4
	Screening for signs of NAI	
	🗆 Delivery Hx	
	Developmental Hx	
Questions	🗆 Diagnosis – NAI	/5
	Investigations – 0.5 points for each of: arm x-ray, skeletal	
	survey, FBC, clotting profile	
	Abuse types – 0.5 points for each of: physical, sexual,	
	emotional, neglect	
Communication skills	Appropriate questioning style	/4
	Actively listens to patient	
	Systematic approach to history taking	
	Appropriate conclusion and summary	
Global score	Overall impression of candidate based on warmth, clarity and	/5
	competence:	
	1 = fail	
	2 = borderline	
	3 = pass/expected	
	4 = qood	
	5 = excellent	
	Total	/42