OSCE: Difficult telephone referral 1

Instruction to candidate:

You will be asked to refer a patient to the Orthopaedic SHO on call.

The patient is a 6 year old boy, Matthew Brookes, who has fallen from the monkey bars at school sustaining a SH2 fracture to his right radial head. The fracture is angulated and displaced medially so that the radial head is dislocated. The injury is closed and the limb is neurovascularly intact.

Matthew is right-handed, medically fit, on no medications & last ate & drank 4 hours ago.

Analgesia has been given and a POP backslab applied, for comfort.

You have discussed the x-ray with your Consultant, who has confirmed that the fracture needs manipulation with use of an image intensifier, in theatre. This injury is not suitable for manipulation under sedation in the ED.

Please make a telephone referral the patient to the Orthopaedic SHO on call.

(Do this task in threes, ideally with someone you don't know well. Sit with your backs to one another to make the "telephone call". The third person will make notes and give you feedback. You have 7 minutes.