



MCEM PART C – EXAMPLES OF OSCE TOPICS

15-yr-old girl requesting 'morning-after' emergency contraceptive pill. Acute onset of severe headache.

Acute painful & hot knee joint (history and clinical diagnosis).

ALS management - defibrillation technique and safety.

ALS management – PEA.

ALS management - post resuscitation care.

ALS management – pulseless VT.

ALS management – VF.

ALS management– diagnose rhythm and use appropriate algorithm(s).

APLS scenario (meningococcal septicaemia).

APLS scenario (trauma).

Assessment and management of chest pain (history consistent with acute MI).

Assessment of suicide risk (and appropriate referral / follow-up plan).

Basic and advanced airway management (including endotracheal intubation).

Bi-manual pelvic examination in female patient.

Clinical clearance of a cervical spine (immobilised patient).

Communication – investigate polypharmacy in an elderly man.

Communication – no neurosurgical intervention recommended for a comatose patient.

Communication – the orthopaedic registrar refuses to see a neck injury patient.

Communication – unwell ascitic patient refusing further treatment.

Communication - withdrawal of treatment (to the patients relative).

Demonstrate a log-roll and spinal examination in trauma patient.

Focused gastrointestinal history and general systems enquiry.

Focussed upper limb examination for a laceration injury (nerve/vascular/tendons).

Full cardiovascular examination and clinical diagnosis.

Genitourinary history, clinical diagnosis and management.

History, examination and management of shoulder injury.

Insert an internal jugular central venous catheter.

Insertion of urinary catheter for acute urinary retention.

Intraosseous needle insertion in young child.

Knee joint examination and discussion of your findings.

Management of a lost/split condom in a female.

Management of subarachnoid haemorrhage.

Mild asthma management and demonstrating inhaler technique.

Needlestick injury involving a 'high-risk' patient.

Needlestick injury involving a 'low-risk' patient.

Perform fundoscopy and make a clinical diagnosis.

Perform otoscopy and make a clinical diagnosis.

Plaster cast application for a Colles fracture.

Psychiatric history and mental state assessment.

Respiratory system examination in COPD patient (and management plan).

Safely secure a correctly inserted chest drain (and appropriate advice to ward staff).

Spontaneous pneumothorax and method of chest drain insertion.

Suturing a laceration wound using the 'no touch' technique.

Transfer to CT scan for head injury with GCS 14.

Traumatic neck pain - examine peripheral neurology and give management plan.