**OSCE: Patient requesting pethidine**

**Instruction for candidate**

You are about to see a 36 year old man (Ronnie Orford) who is a recurrent attender to the ED (yours and others in the area). He presents with headaches, requesting pethidine. His headaches have been investigated by Neurology, who state that they are simple tension headaches. He has refused all treatments offered for his headaches. His frequent ED attendances are presumed to be drug-seeking behaviour, however staff often do end up giving him pethidine as he can be very difficult & aggressive.

You feel strongly that he should not be given pethidine, and see that a recent Management Plan developed with his GP agrees with this.

He has become angry while waiting as the nurses have refused to give him pethidine., so you have been asked to see him. (He has been offered other analgesia, but has refused this).

See the patient and try to agree a management plan with him.

**Skills tested**: Communication (conflict resolution)