



Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine

Sexual Offences Medicine

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Sample OSCE Station

This is a 10-minute station

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Candidate Instructions

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- Please take a brief history relevant to the facial injury alone
- Inspect the injury
Document the injury on a body diagram

After 5 minutes the examiner will ask you to

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Examiner Instructions

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Additional Information for Examiners:

If the candidate goes to wash his hands before examining the injury, tell him it is assumed he has done so.

If the candidate starts to examine the eye you can say "Examination of the eye is normal"

After five minutes please prompt the candidate

"Please begin writing your witness statement"

Please collect in the witness statement which will be marked at the end of the exam.

Make sure the candidate number is on the sheet

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Mark Sheet

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DOMAIN 1 Information gathering: clinical content	A	B	C	D	E
DOMAIN 2 Information gathering verbal communication	A	B	C	D	E
DOMAIN 3 Forensic examination of injury	A	B	C	D	E
DOMAIN 4 Recording of injury on body diagram	A	B	C	D	E
DOMAIN 5 Written description of injury in witness statement: terminology and accuracy	A	B	C	D	E
DOMAIN 6 Opinion: clarity and justification	A	B	C	D	E
DOMAIN 7 SP to mark rapport and professionalism	A	B	C	D	E

GLOBAL RATING

1	2	3	4	5	6
CLEAR FAIL	BORDERLINE FAIL	BORDERLINE PASS	CLEAR PASS	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT

Examiner feedback

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Information for examiner under domain headings

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1. Information gathering: clinical content - includes brief relevant clinical history and how injury allegedly caused with a planned logical approach.

2. Information gathering: verbal communication - includes appropriate introduction, explicit consent, ability to keep the complainant to the point without making them feel uncomfortable, use of appropriate language

3. Forensic examination of injury - uses appropriate equipment including personal protective equipment and is methodological in approach

4. Recording of injury on diagram - makes an accurate record using all of the normal forensic descriptors as well as labelling, dating and signing the body chart itself

5. Written description of injury in witness statement: terminology and accuracy - includes clear and concise language, correct technical and lay terms.

6. Opinion: clarity and justification

7. SP to mark rapport and professionalism - the doctor was empathic

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Simulated patient Instructions (1 of 2)

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Your name is Sarah Johnson and you are a 38 year old RE school teacher. You live on your own in a flat and do not have a current partner. You used to be in the TA. You do a lot of work in the local community outside of school hours.

Background

- You have befriended Eric Sale, a 55-year-old plumber and your next door neighbour. You have known him for a number of years. His wife who also knew you quite well died from breast cancer 6 months ago and you have been very supportive to him since.
- Today after school he came round to your house for a chat. You then realised that he had been drinking. He suddenly said that he wanted to have sex with you. He had never said anything like this before and you actually laughed because you thought he was joking.
- He then forced you onto the settee and tried to pull down your trousers and underwear. You resisted and a struggle ensued.
- During the struggle, he punched you in the face over your eyebrow, causing a deep split in the skin. You kneed him in the testicles and he stopped. Intercourse did not take place. He then left your flat and you do not know where he is now.
- When he had gone you phoned Jenny, a friend who lives nearby. She advised you should phone the police and they have brought you to the local Sexual Assault Referral Centre.
- If you are asked, you were not knocked out, do not have a headache and have not vomited, Your eyesight is fine and you have had no double vision or blurring of vision.
- If you are asked, you are fit and well and take no medication.

The focus of the station is the examination and documentation of the injury. You will however be asked about what happened and you will need to be forthcoming.

- You can emphasise that sexual intercourse did not take place. You have not been hurt elsewhere - the injury to your face is your only injury.
- You are upset and also rather frightened as he lives next door. You cannot believe what happened but are quite sure you behaved no differently toward him than you usually do but you have never seen him drink before.

The doctor should ask your permission to examine your injury and to write a witness statement that may be produced should the case go to Court. You feel angry in addition to the emotions that you are experiencing and you want to take him to court. However, you want to know **'What happens to the witness statement after you have written it?'** and **'Who will actually see it?'**. You can ask this if it is not properly explained to you. You are not the sort of person who will just sign anything without question.

You will be asked to mark the candidate on one domain: "Rapport and professionalism - the doctor showed empathy."

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Equipment Needed

- Actor with a moulage injury to simulate a laceration through the left eyebrow with some dried blood on the cheek
- Standard facial body charts - 2 views
- Right angle measuring gauge, used tape measure and new tape measure (disposable)
- Disposable aprons
- Disposable gloves (non-sterile) large, medium and small
- Witness statement forms
- Spare black and red pens
- 2 tables
- 3 chairs
- Stop clock
- Magnifying glass
- Pencil torch