

Station: low back pain

Time: 5 min

Type: must to learn

Nice to learn 

30-year-old man presenting with lower back pain in the emergency department

Check list

Name and family name:

Student cod:

Checklist[✓]

Items	Score	students' score
1. Introduction of the doctor to the patient done respectfully.	1	
2. Interview began with an open-ended question (e.g., "What problem do you have?").	2	
3. Occupation asked.	1	
4. Location of pain questioned.	1	
5. Areas of pain radiation questioned.	1	
6. Onset time of pain questioned.	1	
7. Pain intensity assessed (e.g., "Does it wake you up at night?").	1	
8. Quality of pain assessed:	2	
9 - Changes with activity?	1	
10 - Changes with rest?	1	
11. Associated symptoms questioned: - Fever - Urinary or fecal incontinence - Tingling or numbness in the legs - Motor disturbances - Weight loss - Other symptoms (e.g., pain in other joints)	2	
12. History of similar problems in the past asked.	1	
13.] History of other diseases (e.g., cancer, trauma) asked.	1	
14-History of intravenous drug use asked.	1	
15. History of medication use asked (e.g., corticosteroids).	1	
16 History of hospitalization or previous surgery asked.	1	
17. History of trauma (injury) to the back asked.	1	
Total	20	

Standard patient

1. I respond to the doctor's greeting.
2. I am a construction worker.
3. I have lower back pain that sometimes radiates down to my right foot.
4. The pain started one week ago.
5. The pain is less at night but bothers me when I work. It gets better with rest.
6. I do not have a fever. I have no incontinence. My legs tingle and go numb when I stand. The pain increases when I walk, but I can still walk. My appetite and weight are good. I have no pain in other areas.
7. I have no history of back pain.
8. I have no history of other diseases. I don't recall any trauma.
9. I am not addicted to anything.
10. I am not taking any medication.
11. I have never been hospitalized.
- For other questions and non-medical inquiries (such as age, place of residence, etc.), provide appropriate hypothetical answers.

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| • For other questions regarding diseases not mentioned in the above guide, respond negatively.. |
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Equipment:

- Chair for the standardized patient
- **Examiner's Guide:**

Based on the checklist, the examiner should determine the required score. For question number nine, mentioning four items is worth 3 points, and each correct item is worth 0.75 points.