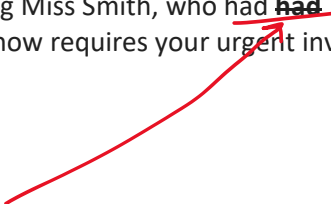


YESTERDAY

I am writing regarding Miss Smith, who had ~~had~~ 2nd degree partial thickness burns. She is being referred to you and now requires your urgent investigation, definitive diagnosis and your further management.



Past Perfect = past of past

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1 Review

2 Look at para 2

3 Next paragraphs



Molly Smith

Suspected infection / sepsis due burns

Planning...

STEP 1: Understand key points	STEP 2: Selecting case notes	STEP 3: Organise paras		
<p>Comprehension questions:</p> <p>1 Who is reader? Task? 2 Patient knows reader? 3 Who is writer? Task? 4 Is it urgent? 5 Why am writing today?</p> <p>Extra: Where are we? Where does patient live?</p>	<p>How do I choose?</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Content</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Content is appropriate to intended reader and addresses what is needed to continue care (key information is included; no important details missing); content from case notes is accurately represented</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>OET say that 'relevant' means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate: useful, helpful, etc. - SOME • needed: essential - ALL <p>This helps us in the exam because we can RELAX about relevance.</p>	Content	Content is appropriate to intended reader and addresses what is needed to continue care (key information is included; no important details missing); content from case notes is accurately represented	<p>In general, how do I organise...</p> <p>Introduction para: Task (evaluate, manage, etc.)</p> <p>2 – Injury & hospital</p> <p>3 - Current Condition (2 days)</p> <p>Requests: tell the reader the Task & any extra details</p> <p>Do not confuse reader</p>
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TIME ALLOWED: **READING TIME:** 5 MINUTES
WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

Read the case notes and complete the writing task which follows.

Notes:

Assume that today's date is 10 July 2020.

You are a family doctor at Hightown Medical Clinic where a mother has brought in her young child to see you.

PATIENT DETAILS:

Name: Molly Smith (Miss)
DOB: 23 June 2017 (3 y.o.)
Address: 1001 Hightown Way, Hightown
Medical history: All vaccines up to date
 Eczema: flexor surfaces, arms & legs (occasional, treatment = topical corticosteroid cream)
Family History: Nil significant
Social Background: Mother = homemaker
 Father = plumber
 2 older sisters (5 y.o. & 7 y.o.)
 Cared for by maternal grandmother 2x/wk (mother needs support)
Allergies: No known allergies

Hospital Treatment Record:

Presentation at ED:

3 July 2020 Mother reported: pt pulled tablecloth, pot w hot water fell & scolded her
Diagnosis:
 2nd degree partial thickness burns, 18% of TBSA (total body surface area): face, hands, arms & trunk
Treatment:
 Admssion to ICU
 IV fluid & pain relief
 Move to burns unit (further management)

Burns Unit:

5 July 2020 **Progress:** pain level reported = 8/10
 FBC: sepsis ruled out
Treatment: surgical debridement & grafting to ↓mortality
8 July 2020 Healing well
 Pain level reported = 4/10
 Pt ready for discharge
 Requires pressure garments, sponge bath, no swimming
 Paracetamol 5 ml oral suspension 4x/day
 Note: outpatient clinic appt 13 July (dressing change)

Presentation at Hightown Medical Clinic:

9 July 2020 Pt & mother attend: mother reports pt's general lethargy & some distress
 Pain reported as 5/10
 Mother compliant w. discharge plan (pressure garments, sponge bath, medication)
 Asked to return if symptoms persist
10 July 2020 Subjective: ↑pain (6/10), itchiness at burns site
 Mother reports: worsening overnight, disorientation, unsteadiness on feet (trip hazards)
 pt fell over dog →bleeding at burns site
Objective: temp 38.5°C, burns site red & warm to touch
 Topical antiseptic applied, burns site redressed
 Antibiotics prescribed
 ?infection
 ?sepsis
Plan: Urgent referral to hospital burns unit

Writing Task:

Using the information in the case notes, write a letter of referral to Dr Mayfield, Plastic Surgeon, outlining your concerns about the patient and requesting urgent investigation, definitive diagnosis and further management. Address the letter to Dr Scarlett Mayfield, Plastic Surgeon, Outpatient Burns Unit, Hightown Hospital, 123 High Street, Hightown.

In your answer:

- Expand the relevant notes into complete sentences
- Do **not** use note form
- Use letter format

The body of the letter should be approximately 180–200 words.

Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation, diagnosis, management
Current Visits	<p>Today...(10th)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased pain (6/10) – due to – recent injury Itchy at site Disorientation Bleed after fall Antibiotics <p>Objective: temp 38.5°C, burns site red & warm to touch Topical antiseptic applied, burns site redressed</p> <p>Worsened since yesterday (9th):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain 5/10 Pt & mother attend: mother reports pt's general lethargy & some distress Pain reported as 5/10 Mother compliant w. discharge plan (pressure garments, sponge bath, medication) (Asked to return if symptoms persist)
Timeline	<p>Initially...</p> <p>Presentation at ED:</p> <p>3 July 2020 Mother reported: pt pulled tablecloth, pot w hot water fell & scolded her Diagnosis: 2nd degree partial thickness burns, 18% of TBSA (total body surface area): face, hands, arms & trunk Treatment: Admssion to ICU IV fluid & pain relief Move to burns unit (further management)</p> <p>Burns Unit:</p> <p>5 July 2020 Progress: pain level reported = 8/10 FBC: sepsis ruled out Treatment: surgical debridement & grafting to ↓mortality</p> <p>8 July 2020 Healing well Pain level reported = 4/10 Pt ready for discharge Requires pressure garments, sponge bath, no swimming Paracetamol 5 ml oral suspension 4x/day Note: outpatient clinic appt 13 July (dressing change)</p> <p>Practicing <u>summarising</u></p>
Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation, diagnosis, management

Original	Corrected & comments
<p>Today, Molly returned to the clinic with deteriorated overall wellbeing for the last 24 hours due to an injury. Her mother reported that she has itchiness and bleeding on the burns sites, and the pain has increased from yesterday visit on the scale 6 out of 10. Additionally, she is desorientated and unsteady on her feet. On examination, Molly's temperature was 38°C, burns site warm and red. Subsequently, antibiotics were commenced and burns site were treated accordingly. Please note that her mother followed the discharge instructions as indicated.</p> <p>Borderline C+/B</p> <p>If it is LOGICAL and REASONABLE that the symptom will not have changed from the time of the consultation to the time of writing the letter then PRESENT tense is okay <u>if you want</u>.</p> <p>On 9 July, Molly Smith was brought by her mother, where mother reported that her daughter had been experiencing general lethargy and some distress since 8 July, despite following the discharge plan and medication. On Today's visit, Mrs Smith stated that Mollie's pain level increased from 5 to 6. She has disorientation, itchiness and bleeding at the burn site after the dog accident which keeps her unsteady on her feet. On examination, she has a high temperature, for which antibiotics have been prescribed. The burn sites are red and they feel warm to the touch hence topical antiseptic has been applied and burn sites redressed.</p>	<p>Today, Mrs Smith returned with Molly to the clinic with a deteriorated condition, which she has had for the last 24 hours due to a burns injury, initially sustained 3rd July. Her mother reported that she has itchiness and bleeding on her burns sites, and the pain has progressively increased from yesterday visit (from 5 to 6 out of 10). Additionally, she is disorientated and unsteady on her feet. On examination, Molly's temperature was 38°C, and her burns sites show signs of inflammation. Subsequently, antibiotics were commenced and her burns sites were treated accordingly. Please note that her mother followed the discharge instructions as indicated.</p> <p>On 9th July, Molly Smith was brought by her mother, who reported that her daughter had been experiencing general lethargy and some distress since 8th July, despite following the discharge plan and medication. <u>On</u> today's visit, Mrs Smith stated that Mollie's pain level increased from 5 to 6. She has disorientation, itchiness and bleeding at the burn site after a fall, which keeps her unsteady on her feet. On examination, she has a high temperature, <u>for which antibiotics have been prescribed</u>. The burn sites are red and they feel warm to the touch hence topical antiseptic has been applied and they have been redressed.</p> <p>The action of prescribing (writing down a prescription) is finished in the past but it has consequences in the present moment</p>

Today, Molly Smith was brought by her mother with increased pain (6/10) due to her recent scolding. Mrs Smith reported that her daughter symptoms have worsened overnight and she has experienced disorientation and feeling unsteadiness on her feet, along with itching and bleeding in burns site. On her examination, BT was 38.5 and redness and warmth were noted in the burns area. Previously, on 9th July, her mother stated that Molly had experienced general lethargy and distress. Therefore, she was asked to return if symptoms persist.

As a result of having symptoms of an infection and sepsis, antibiotics were prescribed and antiseptic was applied to the burns site.

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On examination the temperature is 38.5C and the burn site is red and warm to touch for which, Topical antiseptic has been applied as well antibiotics have been prescribed.

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