

OET Medicine Writing Week

Richard McKie

The task is: *Write a letter to a healthcare professional requesting continuation of care for a patient.*

180 – 200 Guideline word count

Planning

10 - 15 minutes:

- Find the **purpose**
- Identify the **case notes** you will use
- Organise the case notes into **logical paragraphs**.

What is the situation after the above steps?

I can **focus on writing** = Perfect circumstances in which to write a letter

Identifying Purpose & Choosing Case Notes:

Ask yourself these questions about Richard McKie case notes:

1. Who is the reader?	Mary Bellamy, plastic surgery consultant
2. What is the reader's task?	Review & further management of blowout fracture
3. Does the reader know the patient?	No
4. Does the writer have any tasks?	Refer to surgeon
5. Why am I writing <u>today</u> ?	Patient is haemodynamically stable after motorbike accident
6. Is it urgent?	no

Occupational English Test

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WRITING SUB-TEST: MEDICINE
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 21 May 2019.

You are a doctor in the Emergency Department at Shepton Hospital and are assessing a patient who has been involved in a motorcycle accident.

PATIENT DETAILS:

Name: Richard McKie (Mr)
DOB: 26 May 1998 (32 y.o.)
Residence: 24 Rose Avenue, Shepton (student accommodation - shared room)

Social background:

4th-year medical student (Westland University)
Interests: music (plays the flute), travel abroad, keen motorcyclist (no previous accidents)

Family background:

Mother – COPD, hyperlipidemia
Father – prostate cancer, alcoholic since 48 y.o.
Brother – allergic dermatitis

Past medical history:

R wrist fracture 7 y.o. (fall from bicycle)
Social drinker, mainly beer (approx. 6 units/wk)
Light smoker: 3-5 cigs/day
No allergies
No medications

Hospital Admission 21 May 2019:

Pt → Emergency Department after high-velocity motorcycle accident trauma

Treatment record:

21 May 2019 Admission VS: BP - 88/60, HR - 110 beats/min, RR - 25 resp/min,
Temp - 36.5°C
Respiratory distress
Cervical collar in situ
Diaphoretic & cyanotic,
Pulse-oximetry 88% (room air)
Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS): 15/15
Thorax examination: R distant breath sounds, hyper-resonance on percussion
R tension pneumothorax → prompt needle decompression
Insertion R chest tube & oxygen → pt. stabilised
Chest X-ray: 5th rib midline fracture, no hemothorax
Medications: Oxygen nasal cannula 2L/min
Hydromorphone IV 0.5mg/every 4 hrs
Ampicillin-Sulbactam IV 1g/every 6 hrs
Omeprazole PPI IV 40mg/day
Enoxaparin IV 40mg SC (subcutaneous)/day

Secondary survey:

R periorbital ecchymosis & edema
↓ visual acuity, mild enophthalmos
Diplopia (especially upgaze) → ?blowout fracture
R hyperalgesia in distribution of infraorbital nerve
Head CT scan: LeFort type II fracture, blowout fracture w. inferior rectus entrapment

Diagnosis:

1. R Blowout fracture
2. LeFort type II fracture
3. R Tension pneumothorax (resolved)

Management:

Monitoring of pt: normal vital signs ✓
no respiratory distress ✓
hemodynamically stable ✓
Chest tube in position, pain controlled
Pt to remain overnight then transfer to Plastic Surgery Dept.

Plan:

Refer → plastic surgeon for management of blowout fracture
w. plastic or maxillofacial surgery

Writing Task:

Using the information in the case notes, write an internal letter of referral to Dr Bellamy, Plastic Surgery Consultant, for review and further management of Mr McKie's blowout fracture. Address the letter to Dr Mary Bellamy, Plastic Surgery Consultant, Shepton Hospital, Shepton.

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.

Letter Plan

Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Name: • General Medical Context: • General Request:
Timeline / Accident & treatment	<p>Summary of injuries & treatment</p> <p>Treatment record:</p> <p>21 May 2019 Admission VS: BP - 88/60, HR - 110 beats/min, RR - 25 resp/min, Temp - 36.5°C Respiratory distress Cervical collar in situ ✓ Diaphoretic & cyanotic, Pulse-oximetry 88% (room air) ✓ Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS): 15/15</p> <p>Thorax examination: R distant breath sounds, hyper-resonance on percussion R tension pneumothorax → prompt needle decompression Insertion R chest tube & oxygen → pt. stabilised Chest X-ray: 5th rib midline fracture, no hemothorax</p> <p>haemodynamically unstable</p> <p>summarise</p>
Face Situation	<p>Detail regarding face</p> <p>Secondary survey:</p> <p>R periorbital ecchymosis & edema ↓ visual acuity, mild enophthalmos Diplopia (especially upgaze) → ?blowout fracture R hyperalgesia in distribution of infraorbital nerve Head CT scan: LeFort type II fracture, blowout fracture w. inferior rectus entrapment</p>
Medicine / Current Paragraph	<p>Medications: Oxygen nasal cannula 2L/min Hydromorphone IV 0.5mg/every 4 hrs Ampicillin-Sulbactam IV 1g/every 6 hrs Omeprazole PPI IV 40mg/day Enoxaparin IV 40mg SC (subcutaneous)/day</p> <p>No dosages/ instructions</p> <p>Current condition – haemodynamically stable / Chest tube in position?</p>
Request	<p>Refer → plastic surgeon for management of blowout fracture w. plastic or maxillofacial surgery</p>

Homework: Early Time/Accident paragraph – send to paul@set-english.com

Introductions

- Content: Missing / inaccurate
- Conciseness: Too much content – timeline/request
- Purpose: missing
- Language: relative clause / passive / spelling

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<p>I am writing regarding Mr Richard McKie, who was admitted to our hospital today after a motorcycle accident. He is due to be referred to you and now requires review and further management particularly for a blowout fracture.</p>	<p>A good idea, style-wise, to full name the patient in the introduction and then surname in the remaining paragraphs.</p>
<p>Dr Mary Bellamy Plastic Surgery Consultant Shepton Hospital Shrpton</p> <p>21 May, 2019</p> <p>Dear Dr Bellamy,</p> <p>Re: Mr Richard McKie, DOB: 26/05/1998</p> <p>I am writing to refer Mr McKie, who has a right blowout fracture and a LeFort type 2 fracture and requires further management of the blowout fracture.</p>	<p>We have omitted the motorcycle accident but repeated blowout fracture</p>
<p>Dr Mary Bellamy Plastic Surgery Consultant Shepton Hospital Shepton</p> <p>21st May 2019</p> <p>Dear Dr Bellamy</p> <p>Re: Mr Richard McKie, 32 years old</p>	

<p>I am writing regarding Mr Richard McKie , who was admitted to the Emergency department earlier today due to a motor vehicle accident, is now being referred to you for a review and further management.</p>	<p>I am writing regarding Mr Richard McKie, who was admitted to the Emergency department earlier today due to a motor vehicle accident and is now being referred to you for a review and further management.</p> <p>general medical context: possibly the inclusion the type / <u>location</u> of injury would be helpful</p>
<p>Dr Mary Bellamy Plastic Surgery Consultant Shepton Hospital Shepton</p> <p>21st May 2019</p> <p>Dear Dr Bellamy,</p> <p>Re: Mr Richard McKie, 32 years old</p> <p>I am writing regarding Mr McKie, a fourth-year medical student, who has a LeFort type II fracture and blowout fracture after a high-velocity motorcycle accident trauma. He is being referred to you for review and further management.</p>	
<p>21 May 2019</p> <p>Dr Mary Bellamy Plastic Surgery Consultant Shepton Hospital Shepton</p> <p>Re: Mr Richard McKie, DOB: 26 May 1998</p> <p>Dear Dr Bellamy,</p> <p>I am writing to refer Mr Richard McKie, who sustained a right blowout fracture and Lefort type II fracture in a motor accident, for a review and further management.</p>	<p>putting accident helps – don't you think?</p>
<p>Plastic Surgery Consultant Shepton Hospital Shepton</p> <p>21/5/2019</p>	

<p>Dear Dr Bellamy,</p> <p>Re: Richard McKie DOB: 26/5/1998</p> <p>I am writing to refer Mr McKie, who has a blowout fracture as a result of a motorcycle accident. He requires review and further management.</p>	
<p>Dr Mary Bellamy Plastic Surgery Consultant Shepton Hospital Shepton</p> <p>21.05.2019</p> <p>Dear Dr Bellamy Re:Mr Richard McKie DOB:26.05.1987</p> <p>I am writing to refer Mr McKie, who has a blowout fracture following a motorcycle accident. He now requires your review and further management.</p>	
<p>Dr Mary Bellamy Plastic Surgery Consultant Shepton Hospital Shepton</p> <p>21st May 2019</p> <p>Dear Dr Bellamy,</p> <p><i>Re: Richard McKie, DOB: 26th May 1998</i></p> <p><i>I am writing to refer to Mr McKie for review and further management of his blowout fracture, following a road traffic accident.</i></p>	
<p>Dr Mary Bellamy Plastic Surgery consultant Shepton Hospital Shepton</p> <p>21st May 2019</p>	

<p>Dear Dr Bellamy</p> <p>Ref:Mr Richard McKie DOB:26th May 1998</p> <p>I am writing regarding Mr McKie, who has a blowout fracture due to <i>a road traffic accident</i> and now requires review and further management.</p>	
<p>21st May 2019 Dr Mary Bellamy Plastic Surgery consultant Shepton Hospital Shepton,</p> <p>Dear Dr Bellamy Re: Mr Richard McKie DOB: 26th May 1998</p> <p>I am writing regarding Mr McKie, who has been diagnosed with a right blowout and LeFort type II fracture. Now I refer him to your facility for your He requires review and further management.</p>	
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