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- 1 Review
- 2 Grading of your writing
- 3 Assignment



Patient: Robert Smithson – 22 – Burns – discharge

| UNDERSTAND | CHOOSE | ORGANISING | | | | |
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| <p>Critical questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is Reader? Task? <small>Tasks: management, care and support, ongoing care, monitoring, etc.</small> 2. Patient <u>known</u> to Reader? 3. Who is Writer? Task? 4. Urgent? 5. Why am I writing today? 6. Where is everyone? | <p style="text-align: center;">Adj.</p> <p>We choose <u>relevant</u> case notes</p> <p>OET tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Appropriate</u>: might be useful, might be helpful – SOME CASE NOTE 2. <u>Needed</u>: very important – ALL CASE NOTES <p>Directly connected to TASK</p> <p>Not relevant</p> | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Introduction: TASK (Purpose)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Timeline: <i>story</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medication</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Requests: details of the TASK</td> </tr> </table> | Introduction: TASK (Purpose) | Timeline: <i>story</i> | Medication | Requests: details of the TASK |
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OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

WRITING SUB-TEST: NURSING

TIME ALLOWED: READING TIME: 5 MINUTES
WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

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

Notes

Assume that today's date is 10 April 2018

You are a ward nurse working in the burns unit of Berkeley General Hospital. A patient, Robert Smithson, has been admitted to your unit from the Emergency Department, after being in a house fire.

Patient: Robert Smithson
Marital status: Single
Age: 22
Address: 23 Main Street, Berkeley
Next of kin: Mary Smithson (mother), lives nearby, close relationship with son.
Admission date: 06 Apr 2018
Discharge date: 10 Apr 2018 (pending consultant's report).
Diagnosis: Partial-thickness burns on 18% TBSA (neck and chest). Respiratory distress.
Medical history: Infectious mononucleosis (16yo). No current medications. Tonsillectomy (age 8 yo). Appendectomy (age 15 yo). Varicocele (age 19 yo) percutaneous embolization. NIL allergies.
Medical background: Partial-thickness burns on neck and chest (18% TBSA). Respiratory distress. Soot in oral cavity.
Social background: Part-time medical student. Lives alone. Enjoys swimming, amateur dramatics. Active, eats a healthy diet.



Nursing management and progress:

- Irrigation with running cool tap water.
- IV fluids.
- High-flow Oxygen.
- Blood: FBC, type and crossmatch, carboxyhaemoglobin, serum glucose, electrolytes. Arterial blood gases (normal range).
- Fiberoptic laryngoscopy – intubation deemed unnecessary.
- Chest X-ray
- Cardiac monitoring (normal ranges).
- Circulation monitoring to rule out hypovolaemic shock.
- BP (130/80).
- Pt closely monitored for development of stridor, hoarseness, coughing, wheezing. (None present).
- Hourly monitoring urinary output – indwelling urinary catheter inserted.
- Elevation of the head and torso.

Medications:

Naproxen 500 mg 1 tab orally b.i.d.
 Tramadol HCL 50mg 1 tab orally b.i.d. p.r.n.
 Gabapentin 300 mg by mouth daily before bed.
 Tetanus prophylaxis.

Assessment (09 Apr 2018):

Patient stabilised, breathing normally
 No infection.
 Afebrile.
 Bloods normal.

Discharge plan:

Wound cleansing and topical dressings (Dr, community nurse, or Burns Outpatients).
 Daily auscultation by Dr or community nurse.
 Pt given instructions on how to:
 - apply high factor sunscreen when out.
 - moisturise and massage area to reduce dryness.
 - do deep breathing exercises → lung expansion, drainage secretions.
 Follow nutritious, light, high-protein diet, plenty of fluids. Light activity, no contact sports.
 Follow-up appointment 17 Apr 2018 (Burns Unit Outpatients).

Writing task:

Using the information given in the case notes, write a discharge letter to Robert Smithson's doctor, Dr Martins, 29 Cowslip Avenue, Berkeley.

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.

35 mins max.

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| <p>Introduction: TASK (Purpose)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care and management ...due to <u>burns</u>... = general |
| <p>Timeline: telling hospital story</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: 6th <p>Partial-thickness burns on neck and chest (18% TBSA). Respiratory distress. Soot in oral cavity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treated accordingly (in the normal way for burns) <p><small>Patient alert, breathing normally No infection Alert Bloods normal.</small></p> <p>YOU DON'T REALLY NEED TO GIVE ALL DETAIL</p> |
| <p>Medication: WRITE THIS: alain@set-english.com</p> | <p>Naproxen Tramadol Gabapentin Tetanus prophylaxis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunscreen |
| <p>Requests: details of the TASK</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharge date depends on... Care and management: Auscultation Wound care Wound cleansing Appointment Sunscreen? |

number



OET say that they do not count the **quantity** of words...

But they the **quality** of the writing:

They are look clear and concise writing. No unnecessary details causing a headache



Short and to the point

| Original | Corrections |
|---|---|
| <p>On 6 April 2018, Mr Smithson was admitted to our hospital due to partial-thickness burns on his neck and chest 18% TBSA and respiratory distress. In addition, Mr Smithson's investigations and vital signs are in normal range. He is being monitored closely for the development of hoarseness, coughing, and wheezing and none is present. He is monitored for urinary output with an indwelling urinary catheter inserted. His head is being elevated and torso.</p> <p>I am teaching = happening now I am learning Spanish at the moment = <u>recent</u> routine action</p> <p>↓ In the last week, few days, month</p> <p>As you are aware, on 6th April 2018, Mr Smithson was admitted with the aforementioned injury, and diagnosed with partial thickness burns and respiratory distress. After being treated accordingly with wound, pain and infection management, he has made good progress, and his vital signs are now within normal range.</p> | <p>On 6 April 2018, Mr Smithson was admitted to our hospital due to partial-thickness burns on his neck and chest (18% TBSA) and respiratory distress. In addition, Mr Smithson's investigations and vital signs are in normal range. He is being monitored closely for the development of hoarseness, coughing, and wheezing and none is present. He <u>is being monitored</u> for urinary output with an indwelling urinary catheter inserted. His head and torso is being elevated. How is the patient now?</p> <p>Present Simple (Passive): ROUTINE Present Continuous (Passive): Ongoing action / <u>recent</u> routine action</p> <p>Use this when our Introduction gave all details</p> <p>As you are aware, On 6th April 2018, Mr Smithson was admitted with the <u>aforementioned</u> injury and diagnosed with partial thickness burns and respiratory distress. After being treated <u>accordingly</u> with wound, pain and infection management, he has <u>made good progress</u>, and his vital signs are now within normal range.</p> <p>Normal way</p> |

On 6th April 2008, Mr Smithson was admitted to our hospital due to partial thickness burns on his neck and chest (18% TBSA) and respiratory distress. During his hospital stay, he was treated accordingly (in the normal way for burns).

Currently, Mr Smithson is stable and breathing normally. He has no signs of infection, is afebrile, and has normal blood levels.

NOTE: It's not actually a bad thing to break a paragraph in 2 if you think its too long

In admission Mr Smithson was diagnosed with aforementioned burns on 18% of his body, situated on his neck and chest, and respiratory distress. He was treated accordingly and made good progress. Now his vital sings within a normal range, and his wound is healing well and non-infected.

On 6th April 2008, Mr Smithson was admitted to our hospital due to partial thickness burns on his neck and chest (18% TBSA) and respiratory distress. During his hospital stay, he was treated accordingly for burns.

~~Currently, Mr Smithson is stable and breathing normally. He has no signs of infection, is afebrile, and has normal blood levels.~~

WARNING: do not be concise for IMPORTANT points.

On admission, Mr Smithson was diagnosed with **the** aforementioned burns on 18% of his body, located on his neck and chest, and respiratory distress. He was treated accordingly and made good progress. Now his vital signs are within a normal range, and his wound is healing well and has no infections. **Good**

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| <p>10 April 2018</p> <p>Dr. Martins 29 Cowslip Avenue Berkeley</p> <p>Re: Robert Smithson, aged 22</p> <p>Dear Dr. Martins,</p> <p>I am writing to provide you with an update on Mr. Robert Smithson, who is recovering from a partial-thickness burn injury. He is scheduled to be discharged today and will require monitoring and ongoing care.</p> | <p>10 April 2018</p> <p>Dr. Martins 29 Cowslip Avenue Berkeley</p> <p>Re: Robert Smithson, aged 22</p> <p>Dear Dr Martins,</p> <p>I am writing to provide you with an update on Mr Smithson, who is recovering from a partial-thickness burn injury. He is scheduled to be discharged today and will require monitoring and ongoing care.</p> <p>These in the UK we don't put the . for Mr</p> |
| <p>10th April 2018</p> <p>Dr Martins 29 Cowslip Avenue Berkeley</p> <p>Re: Mr Robert Smithson, 22 years old</p> <p>Dear Dr Martins</p> <p>I am writing regarding your patient, Mr Smithson, who was admitted to our hospital following a house fire. He is ready to be discharged today and now requires your care and management.</p> | <p>10th April 2018</p> <p>Dr Martins 29 Cowslip Avenue Berkeley</p> <p>Re: Mr Robert Smithson, 22 years old</p> <p>Dear Dr Martins</p> <p>I am writing regarding <i>your</i> patient, Mr Smithson, who was admitted to our hospital following a house fire. He is ready to be discharged today and now requires your care and management.</p> |

99% of time don't us 'patient' but this is okay

REAL possibility

1st: If I go running, I will be healthy

2nd: If I won the lottery, I would buy a new car

UNREAL possibility

I am writing regarding Robert Smithson, who was admitted recently to our unit due to burns. He is scheduled to be discharged on 10th April 2018 pending consultants report and would require your further care and management.

I am writing regarding Mr Robert Smithson, who is recovering from a partial-thickness burn

Usually we are not allowed to say 'patient'

NMC say it cold, unfriendly and uncaring language. It makes them **sound not like a person**

Using the name makes them sound more human / like a person

modal verb mistake: would (unreal possibility) / will (real possibility)

I am writing regarding Robert Smithson, who was admitted recently to our unit due to burns. He is scheduled to be discharged on 10th April 2018 pending consultant's report and **will** require your further care and management.

Alain's opinion is no dates

I am writing regarding Mr Smithson, who was admitted to our hospital due to burns following a house fire. He is due to be discharged today and now requires your further care and support.

I'm not sure? Probably okay because 'support' is very **general** (help)

Support = help

Management a type of help

I am writing regarding Mr Robert Smithson, who is recovering from a partial-thickness burn

following a house fire. He requires continued care and management upon discharge today.

10th April

Dr Martins
29 Cowslips Avenue
Berkeley

Re: Mr Robert Smithson, aged 22

Dear Dr Martins

I am writing regarding Mr Smithson, who was admitted to our hospital following a burn injury. He is being discharged today and now requires your ongoing care and support.

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10th April YEAR?

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This is not exactly true