

OET SAMPLE TEST

ROLEPLAYER CARD NO. 1

RADIOGRAPHY

SETTING Hospital Ward

PATIENT You are a 38-year-old patient in the final stage of an investigation for chronic back pain. You need to have an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scan but you are worried because you often feel claustrophobic (you feel uncomfortable and anxious in enclosed spaces but you do not have a formal diagnosis).

- TASK**
- When asked, say your doctor told you that you need to have the MRI to investigate your chronic back pain further.
 - When asked, say you've never had an MRI before so you're not sure what to expect.
 - When asked, say you don't have any allergies or kidney problems but you'd like to know how long the scan will take because you've heard the scanning machine can be very noisy.
 - Say it's good to know that there are ways to reduce the noise but you're a little claustrophobic so you're still very worried about this scan.
 - Say you feel a bit better now. You're ready to begin.

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CANDIDATE CARD NO. 1

RADIOGRAPHY

SETTING Hospital Ward

RADIOGRAPHER You see a 38-year-old patient in the final stage of an investigation for chronic back pain. He/she needs to have an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scan but is worried because he/she often feels claustrophobic (he/she feels uncomfortable and anxious in enclosed spaces but does not have a formal diagnosis).

- TASK**
- Confirm reason for visit (MRI/magnetic resonance imaging scan). Find out if patient knows why he/she is having MRI.
 - Explore patient's knowledge/experience of MRI scans.
 - Describe MRI scan procedure (e.g., cannula in arm, lying still on table, moving through scanner, etc.). Explain need for injection of contrast (e.g., clearer/better quality images, etc.). Find out relevant patient details (any allergies/history of kidney problems, etc.).
 - Outline timescale for MRI (e.g., 30–60 minutes, etc.). Advise patient on ways to reduce sound (e.g., provision of: earplugs for noise, non-magnetic headphones to listen to music, etc.).
 - Reassure patient about MRI (e.g., scanner: wide, open at both ends; calming strategies: covering eyes, breathing and meditating, provision of blanket; etc.). Explain procedure if sedation required/unable to remain still in machine (e.g., rebooking new appointment, etc.). Establish patient's consent to begin scan procedure.