

OET SAMPLE TEST

ROLEPLAYER CARD NO. 2

NURSING

SETTING

Children's Hospital

PARENT

You are the parent of a three-year-old girl. You have brought your daughter to the Emergency Department because she has chest tightness, wheezing and difficulty breathing. The nurse is assessing her in triage and has just taken her vital signs. Your daughter is now with your spouse and is not present for the discussion.

TASK

- When asked, say your daughter has had wheezing and difficulty breathing for about an hour. She was running around in the garden when she started having difficulty breathing. The symptoms are less severe now than when they started. You haven't given her any medicine as you weren't sure what to give her. She's never had anything like this before.
- When asked, say your daughter is generally healthy. She hasn't been ill recently. She isn't taking any medication. Your spouse had asthma as a child, but you don't think anyone else in the family has had asthma, hay fever or eczema.
- Say you just want to know if your daughter has asthma; you're pretty sure she has asthma because of her symptoms and because your spouse had it as a child.
- When asked, say you really hope you don't need to wait too long for your daughter to see a doctor.
- Say you'll go back to the waiting room and wait for your daughter to be called to see a doctor.

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CANDIDATE CARD NO. 2

NURSING

SETTING

Children's Hospital

NURSE

You see the parent of a three-year-old girl who has been brought to the Emergency Department because she has chest tightness, wheezing and difficulty breathing. You are assessing her in triage and have just taken her vital signs. The child is not present for the discussion.

TASK

- Find out more information about child's symptoms (duration, possible trigger, changes in severity, treatment given, previous occurrences, etc.).
- Explore further relevant details about child (general health, recent illness, any medication, family history of: asthma, hay fever, eczema, etc.).
- Give examination findings (condition stable, all vital signs normal, mild wheeze, no cause for concern). Outline next steps (e.g., assessment by doctor, possible need for tests/further investigation, initial diagnosis, discussion about treatment, etc.).
- Resist request for diagnosis (e.g., not your role, symptoms consistent with asthma but doctor to make diagnosis, asthma difficult to diagnose at young age/early stages, etc.). Find out any other questions/concerns.
- Reassure parent about waiting time (e.g., not very busy, number of doctors available, likely to be seen soon, quick exam with doctor: enabling treatment with salbutamol inhaler, etc.). Establish parent's consent to return to waiting room.