

OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

WRITING PRACTICE NO.04

WRITING SUB-TEST: MEDICINE
TIME ALLOWED: READING TIME: 5 MINUTES
WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

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

Notes:

Yuxiang Meng is a 21 year old overseas student chef from China in your general practice.

He only speaks very basic English and sees you because you are a GP from a Chinese background and speak Mandarin.

2.03.11 Chief complaint - URTI symptoms for 5 days.

O/E: *Mild pharyngitis & rhinorrhea. T 37.5
 *C/O chronic insomnia
 *Observed to be elevated in mood, tangential & ? delusional about fixing the world's nuclear waste problem
 *Nil obvious signs of organic syndromes

Assesment: Mild viral illness & ? mania/1st episode BPAD

Plan Nil treatment for URTI, just rest & ↑fluid intake. Referral made to a local community mental health clinic for urgent assessment. Pt. was escorted home by his uncle.
 Diazepam 10mg QID prescribed & to be given with community MH team's supervision.
 Investigations (exclude organic pathology & baseline)
 -FBC -UEC -TFTs -LFTs -CMP
 -urgent CT scan

3.03.11 The mental health team used interpreters and concurred with the provisional diagnosis of mania.
 They state the following: no immediate dangers to self/others; MH keen for GP involvement due to language issues and they will monitor pt. daily; they are keen to avoid hospitalization as pt. very afraid of the idea of psych. ward due to stigma of the same in China
 Today pt's uncle accompanied pt. to GP surgery to get blood results.

O/E:	* Bloods NAD except mildly ↓protein & mild hypokalaemia (3.2 K+) *CT NAD *MSE – still tangential and delusional about same theme, but only mildly elevated since sleeping well post diazepam
Assessment:	Likely non-organic mania
Plan:	*Commence pt. on quetiapine 50mg BD (starting dose) *↓diazepam to 10mg either BD or TDS depending on MH team's assessment. *R/V in 3/7; likely ↑of quetiapine. *Commence pt on K+ (Span K) tablets.
7.03.11	Pt. was relatively settled for 3/7 but uncle suspects he has hidden & discarded meds. Last night he stayed up singing Chinese revolutionary songs (not usual behavior) and running naked down the street. Uncle didn't want to call MH due to the fear of 'getting locked up'.
O/E:	* Pt was very elevated in mood, pressured in speech, loose in associations and fixated on having to rid Australia of all nuclear waste by tomorrow. Believes he can draw power from Mao Ze Dong's spirit to achieve this. *Pt stripped naked in front of the GP and tried to hug him.
Assessment:	Acute manic episode
Plan:	Offered stat quetiapine 100 mg & diazepam 20mg but refused. Schedule pt under MHA Have uncle accompany pt with ambulance to MH ED Refer to on call psych reg Dr Ben Hinds Update local MH team. Long term – try to refer to a Chinese speaking psychiatrist.

Writing Task:

Using information provided in the case notes, write a referral letter to Dr Ben Hinds, the Psychiatry Registrar on duty at Maroubra Hospital, Lakes Rd, Maroubra.

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.

Please record your answer on this page.

(Only answers on Page 1 and Page 2 will be marked.)

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Estimated Score

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B. Content	/ 7
C. Conciseness & Clarity	/ 7
D. Genre & Style	/ 7
E. Organisation & Layout	/ 7
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