OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST WRITING PRACTICE NO.03

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:

Patient's name: Mrs Jennifer Haydon

DOB: 20 August 1960

Social history: Married with 2 children

Heavy smoker

Drinks alcohol occasionally

Past medical not relevant

history no previous breast problem

Past surgical Tubal ligation 5 years ago

history

Menstrual history: Menarche at the age of 13

Menstruation- normal flow, period- regular, 3/28 cycle

Family history: No family history of breast disease

Subjective: Noticed lump in upper part of right breast 2 months ago

No change in size during menstrual cycle

No discharge from nipple

Objective: Pulse rate- 76/ min, BP-130/85

An ill-defined 1.5 cm lump in upper quadrant of right breast

No lymph node enlargement

Overlying skin- normal

No evidence of attachment to surrounding structures No other abnormal findings on general examination

Assessment: Breast cancer or Fibroadenoma or cyst

Plan: Explain possible conditions & consequences

To undergo radiological assessment (Mammogram) and Pathological assessment

(Fine needle aspiration or core biopsy)

21/06/2017

Subjective: Extremely concerned about the possibility of cancer

Difficult to sleep at night

Anxious, feeling low, sometimes irritated, pounding heart

Unable to cope even household chores

Lack of concentration

Breast lump-no problem

Objective: PR 85/min, BP 150/90

Look anxious, sweaty

Other examinations - normal Mammogram- normal

Ultrasound - confirmation of solid lump Cytological examination - malignant cells

Core biopsy under local anesthesia adenocarcinoma

Assessment: Anxiety secondary to breast cancer (adenocarcinoma)

Plan: Break bad news

Suggest to take further tests (blood tests, bone scan, CT scans)

Outline different treatment options options available such as surgery, radiotherapy &

chemotherapy

To refer to general surgeon for operation

07/07/2017

Subjective: For regular follow-up

Had local excision and axillary clearance with radiotherapy to residual right breast

for local control

Objective: General condition- well

No evidence of metastases Hormone receptor - negative

Assessment: Post-operation recovery of grade 2 adenocarcinoma

Plan: Chemotherapy

Regular reviews for cancer spread

To contact local breast cancer foundation for further information

12/01/2018

Subjective: Sudden onset of severe low back pain

Suffering from mild back pain 5 weeks ago

No problem until 5 weeks ago

Constant pain

Keeping her awake at night
Exacerbated by movement
Radiate down back of left leg

5 kg weight los

The pain "got rid of her appetite"

Objective: Pain distribution in front of thigh

Inner aspect of thigh, knee & leg

Sensory loss in anterior aspect of thigh

Absence of knee jerk

Assessment: Tumor spread to lumbar spine

Plan: Bone scan

CT scan of chest & abdomen Radiotherapy to control pain

Refer to an oncologist for assessment & palliative care

Writing Task:

Using the information in the case notes, write a letter of referral to Dr. George Thomas at the Middlemore Hospital, 100 Hospital Rd, Otahuhu, Auckland 2025, New Zealand.

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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Writing Task - Rewrite:

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