**2022.2 Monash Trial SAQ Exam - Question 13**

**Model answers**

**Question (a):**

* Comminuted distal radial fracture
* Intra-articular distal radial fracture
* Volar angulation of the distal radius
* Volar subluxation of the carpal bones
* Shortening of the distal radius
* Soft tissue swelling

**Question (b):**

* Carpal bone injury
* Carpal dislocation
* Radial nerve injury
* DRUJ injuries
* Radial styloid injuries
* Any injury around the wrist was generally accepted except for radial artery injury as this is extremely unlikely

**Question (c):**

* Median nerve injury
* Ulnar nerve injury
* Radial nerve injury was accepted even though it is very unlikely

With the physical examination, it had to be examination that could be tested in **this** patient. Candidates had to show perspective. Obviously, movements such as wrist extension would not be possible to test due to pain that would prevent wrist extension being assessed.

**Question (d):**

* Analgesia – appropriate medications, doses
* Plaster of Paris slab / cast
* ED manipulation under procedural sedation or Bier’s block. Candidates could not write both as they have to state what they would choose to do.
* Referral to Orthopaedics for probably ORIF

**General Feedback:**

* Write one response per line. If more than one is written, the last response/s will be ignored.
* Show consultant level perspective
* I think Question (b) was a poorly worded question and I don’t think it should be used in the future.