

Practice exam

General feedback

Pass mark and standard setting

Keeping to time

Read the Question
Answer the Question

This is a Consultant level exam
Don't be brief or skimp on detail

Feedback

Question 3 and 4

Question 3

- A 50 year old man presents from home after an injury to his right knee with a circular saw whilst trimming a hedge. He is previously well with no medical problems, is on no medications and has an allergy to penicillin. He has no other injuries, and has presented via private vehicle.
- His knee injury is shown in the clinical photograph below:

Describe

- 3 positive
 - Lateral right knee
 - Large, jagged laceration
 - Muscle/tendon on view
- 2 negative
 - Not actively bleeding
 - No bone on view

Assessment

- 6 Features of assessment
- Assessment does not only = examination findings
 - Fasting status
 - Tetanus
 - Some assessment of joint
 - Some assessment of limb
 - Imaging

Injured structures

- Skin
- Fascia
- Knee joint
- Common Peroneal nerve

- Did not accept popliteal artery

Errors

- Know how to describe something
- Know your definitions
- Assessment =
 - History
 - Examination
 - Investigations

Question 4

- Same patient as Question 3

2 Abnormalities

- Fracture through lateral femoral condyle, with extension into the joint
- Gas in joint
- Did not pay joint effusion or liphaemarthrosis

5 essential Emergency Management steps

- I accept this patient needs a washout in theatre, but that is not Emergency management
- Essential (score up to 6)
 - ADT
 - Antibiotics
 - Analgesia
- Any reasonable answers (score an additional 4)

Stupid Orthopaedic advice

- A reasonable answer scored 3 out of 4
But
- Just repeating that the patient needed a washout didn't cut it. The question asked what you would do
- However, many of you limited yourself to the provided lines, which limited your answers somewhat

Errors

- READ THE QUESTION
- If there is space for 5 or 6 answers, you have to put an answer in each space
- Giving antibiotics without qualifying allergy status