

MMC 2016-1 Question 7

Question 1

- question about HISTORY not EXAM or INVESTIGATIONS (answer question!)
 - many wrote about historical features of back pain not drug seeking behaviour (read the question!)
 - refer to Dunn 6th Edition p.277
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Question 2

- again, question is about EXAM not HISTORY or INVESTIGATIONS
 - many answers could be features of non drug-seeking back pain presentations (e.g. no fever, no neurology)
 - distractibility is not listed as a good discriminator for drug-seeking behaviour (myth)
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Question 3

- Confusion about what constituted MANAGEMENT
 - getting collateral information is HISTORY for the purposes of the exam
- Very few candidates mentioned a departmental management plan, involving senior clinicians, giving higher doses of drugs or confronting patient
- refer again to Dunn 6th Edition p.277