

## **Scenario 4 Syncope**

### **Candidate's information**

An Intern has come to you asking for advice regarding a patient.

They have seen a 25 year old man who presented via ambulance. The patient has only been seen by the intern at this stage. The intern would like to discuss the patient's management.

*You have 7 minutes to complete the task.*

### **Domains assessed;**

Medical expertise

Communication

Health Advocacy

Scholarship and teaching

## **Scenario 4**

### **Actor information**

You are an intern. You have just seen a patient and want to discuss the case with your SMS.

The patient is a 25 year old man who presented to the ED following a syncopal event. You believe this was a seizure.

The patient is previously well. He has had one previous 'fainting' episode a few years ago, but did not attend hospital. He cannot recall the details around this event

The patient has had no prodromal symptoms. This morning he was seated in the garden, but cannot recall subsequent events, except remembers waking up with his wife standing next to him with a concerned look. His wife witnessed him to suddenly slump to the side and roll off the chair to the ground, where he briefly 'shook for a few seconds'. He was not confused when he woke up a few seconds later.

He was fully awake by the time the ambulance arrived, and otherwise asymptomatic. He had no tongue biting or incontinence.

He is currently asymptomatic, has normal vital signs and an unremarkable physical examination. He has walked around the ED.

You have arranged a CT scan of the patients brain (pending) and an ECG (attached – show if prompted)

<b>Domain</b>	<b>Criteria for High Rating</b>
<b>Medical Expertise</b>	<p>Briefly reviews patient presentation</p> <p>Appropriate interpretation of ECG – consistent with Brugada</p> <p>Appropriate approach to patient with syncope, assesses likely cardiac cause for syncope</p> <p>Assess need for admission to telemetry bed</p> <p>Assesses unlikely to require CTB</p>
<b>Communication</b>	<p>Appropriate use of open and closed questions</p> <p>Allows intern to ask questions</p> <p>Verbal clarity, conciseness, specificity</p>
<b>Health Advocacy</b>	<p>Ensures patient admitted to telemetry bed</p>
<b>Scholarship and teaching</b>	<p>Appropriately teaches ECG to intern</p> <p>Checks understanding</p>

## Scenario 4      ECG

Candidate Name:

### A. Component Assessment

Select ONE option that best represents the candidate's performance in this OSCE. Use the 9-point graded scale, where 1 is poorest and 9 is best. TICK ONE CELL for each row below.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Medical Expertise									
Communication									
Health Advocacy									
Scholarship and teaching									

B. Station Difficulty (please circle):      Low      Moderate      High

### C. Examiner Notes on Candidate Performance

Positives

Areas for Improvement

Suggestions

### D. Global Rating for Standard Setting (please circle)

Clear Fail

Marginal Fail

Borderline

Marginal Pass

Clear Pas

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