

*SUBJECT AND CURRICULUM REFERENCE*

**Supervising a plaster**

**Domains to be examined:**

- *Communication*
- *Scholarship and teaching*
- *Medical expertise*

*Length:* 10 minutes

*CLINICAL SCENARIO STEM:*

Can you supervise this intern applying a below elbow cylinder plaster on Mr Jones who has an undisplaced Colles fracture of his right arm. The intern has watched plasters being applied but has never performed the procedure.

*INSTRUCTIONS:*

**Candidate**

**Role player - intern:** Do what is instructed, can ask reasonable questions for clarification if you don't understand an instruction. Must work quickly, as plaster needs to be completed by 8 minutes to ensure time for final questions/discussion. Do not deliberately try to apply an inadequate plaster.

**Examiner:** If candidate runs out of time despite actor attempting to be efficient with time, stop the procedure at the 8-9 minute mark to ensure post procedure questions can be asked and discussion takes place.

Application of plaster needs to be of an acceptable standard. If for some reason plaster application is not acceptable, candidate may step in and assist as would be expected in real life.

**Some assessment criteria points:**

Candidate must introduce him/herself to the student and patient

Consent from the patient (intern will perform the procedure under my direct supervision)

Preparation of environment, preparation of equipment

Hand hygiene (5 moments)

Ask whether patient requires more analgesia prior to starting

Cold water

Talk student through application of velband

Application of plaster.

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Sling

Post op care: verbal plaster instructions, state that written plaster instructions must be given, follow up (fracture clinic), arrange plaster check the following morning, ensure patient safe for discharge home.