

Intoxicated self discharge

Candidate's information

A Junior Registrar comes to ask you for advice, as they have some concerns regarding a patient they saw last week (on Friday night). They have been wondering whether they managed the patient appropriately, and want your opinion.

Please discuss with the Junior registrar their concerns, and manage the situation accordingly.

You have 7 minutes to complete the task.

Domains assessed;

Medical expertise

Communication

Professionalism

Leadership

Scholarship and teaching

Actor information

You are a Junior Registrar in your first year of training. On your most recent run of night shifts (Friday night) you saw an intoxicated man who was brought to the ED by ambulance following a head injury.

The night was very busy, and the patient was forced to wait initially on the ambulance stretcher before being offloaded into the waiting room. After 2 hours he was taken into the procedure room before waiting another 1 hour without being seen. You were in the next door cubicle assessing another patient when you heard him start yelling abuse at the nurse.

You found the patient out of bed and dressed, yelling at the nurse that he “wasn’t going to sit around in this shithole to wait any more”.

The patient had an obvious closed head injury, but you were unable to determine if he required any sutures. He didn’t have any other obvious injuries.

As you were unsure what to do you got your Senior registrar to come and see the patient. The Senior registrar took one look at the patient and said “This man is wasting our time. Call security and get him out of here.” At this point the man ran out of the department.

You were a little shaken by this encounter as you have never had to deal with this type of situation before. You don’t really want to get your SR into trouble, but you felt his assessment was fairly superficial. You are very interested about where you stand from a legal expectation.

You are also interested in how you would have restrained/sedated him (time permitting)

Some questions to ask (if not addresses by the candidate)

“What is the difference between duty of care and involuntary patients?”

“Should I have detained this patient?”

“If he was just drunk and I restrained him, can I be sued?”

Domain	Criteria for High Rating
Medical Expertise	<p>Appropriate description of medico-legal principles</p> <p>Appropriate discussion of restraint/sedation techniques if required</p> <p>Appropriate description of de-escalation techniques</p>
Communication	<p>Introduction and explanation to trainee</p> <p>Allows trainee to ask questions</p> <p>Verbal clarity, conciseness</p> <p>Appropriate use of language</p>
Professionalism	<p>Professional appearance, demeanor and conduct</p> <p>Empathic interaction with trainee.</p>
Leadership	<p>Ensures that incident followed up with DEM/DEMT</p>
Scholarship and training	<p>Ensures understanding of appropriate legal principles</p>

Examiner's assessment

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									
Professionalism									
Leadership									
Scholarship and training									

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

