

2022.2 Monash Trial SAQ Exam - Question 13

Model answers

Question (a):

- Comminuted distal radial fracture
- Intra-articular distal radial fracture
- Volar angulation of the distal radius
- Volar subluxation of the carpal bones
- Shortening of the distal radius
- Soft tissue swelling

Question (b):

- Carpal bone injury
- Carpal dislocation
- Radial nerve injury
- DRUJ injuries
- Radial styloid injuries
- Any injury around the wrist was generally accepted except for radial artery injury as this is extremely unlikely

Question (c):

- Median nerve injury
- Ulnar nerve injury
- Radial nerve injury was accepted even though it is very unlikely

With the physical examination, it had to be examination that could be tested in **this** patient.

Candidates had to show perspective. Obviously, movements such as wrist extension would not be possible to test due to pain that would prevent wrist extension being assessed.

Question (d):

- Analgesia – appropriate medications, doses
- Plaster of Paris slab / cast
- ED manipulation under procedural sedation or Bier's block. Candidates could not write both as they have to state what they would choose to do.
- Referral to Orthopaedics for probably ORIF

General Feedback:

- Write one response per line. If more than one is written, the last response/s will be ignored.
- Show consultant level perspective
- I think Question (b) was a poorly worded question and I don't think it should be used in the future.