

## SCENARIO 6 History and examination

Mr Smith is a 50-year-old man who has presented to the ED with a painful hand. Please take a history and perform an appropriate examination of Mr Smith, and discuss with him management options.

The patient's vital signs are represented below:

HR 75

BP 120/80

RR 14

O2 sats 99% RA

Afebrile

Assessment:

Medical Expertise

Communication

Prioritisation and decision making

Domain	Criteria for high rating
<b>Medical expertise</b>	<p>Appropriately acknowledges possible redback spider bite</p> <p>Recognises no evidence systemic envenomation</p> <p>Addresses patients ADT status</p> <p>Appropriate use of simple analgesia</p> <p>Appropriate ED level limb exam (patient has nothing to find, so exam should take a very brief amount of time)</p>
<b>Communication</b>	<p>Use of open and closed questions polite and respectful</p> <p>Acknowledges patient's concerns</p> <p>Appropriate reassurance</p>
<b>Prioritisation and decision making</b>	<p>Determines patient not for antivenom</p> <p>Simple analgesia only</p>

**Question 6      Redback**

**Confederate information**

You are a previously well man with no medical problems, medications or allergies. You were working in your garden without gloves and felt something sting your index finger. You did not see what stung you, but did see what you thought may have been a Redback spider earlier in the same part of the garden bed. Over the last few hours you have progressively had increasing pain since then which is now affecting your entire hand and is moving up your forearm.

You attended your LMO who said you needed to attend the ED for immediate redback antivenom.

You have no systemic symptoms, apart from feeling a little anxious about what's going on. You cannot remember your last ADT.

There is no puncture mark on your finger (just present your own hand for examination)

If candidate does not volunteer the information can ask

“Do I need antivenom?”

“Why not? My GP told me I needed it.”

“What will happen if the pain medication doesn't work?”

“If I do get antivenom, what are the risks?”

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**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
<b>Medical Expertise</b>									
<b>Communication</b>									
<b>Health Advocacy</b>									

**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