



Case 1 (SCE 3 2011.1)

SCENARIO

A 15 year old girl presents from school after her art teacher was concerned by her behaviour in the classroom. She was found seated at her desk cutting her wrists with a craft knife.

Question 1: What are the key features of assessment in this patient?

Question 2: What factors would place this patient at increased risk of suicide?

Question 3: Your assessment reveals superficial injury only in a previously healthy girl who has been subjected to cyber bullying over the past few months. She states her boyfriend broke up with her last week. Outline your approach to this patient's treatment and disposition.

Question 4: Whilst waiting for psychiatric services, she becomes agitated after receiving a text message on her phone. She throws the phone, starts swearing and screams at the nurse to get out of the way as she is leaving. How would you respond?



Case 2 (SCE 3 2011.1)

A 27 year old woman presents to your Emergency Department with left calf swelling for the last 2 days. She is a smoker who had a left knee arthroscopy approximately 10 days ago. She is otherwise healthy, takes no other medications, and has no drug allergies.

Question 1: How would you assess this patient's risk of a DVT?

Question 2: Discuss the investigations available for DVT

Question 3: The scan confirms the presence of an isolated, below-knee DVT. Describe and justify your management.

Question 4: If this patient was pregnant, how would this influence your management?