

Simulated Patient Brief — SMITH (Lung Cancer) • Week 2

PATIENT DETAILS

Age	65
Name	John / Jane Smith
Presenting complaint	Lung cancer

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Lung cancer

Name: John/ Jane Smith Age (or range if possible): 65

PRESENTING SYMPTOM(S) / PROBLEM(S)

OPENING STATEMENT: 'I HAVE COME TO SEE YOU BECAUSE MY PARTNER BOOKED THE APPOINTMENT AS I HAVE THIS COUGH,

which won't go away'

Information to be given away after further open questions: • It is an irritating cough which has been going on now for 3 or 4 months. Started out of the blue and thought it was just a cough like you get with a cold to begin with but never had a runny nose and it has just kept going. Coughing every day, no pattern to it, day and night. Not really bringing up much phlegm from the chest occasionally a bit of clear stuff. Sometimes finds cough a bit embarrassing particularly in church when everyone is quiet. It is not stopping you do anything. Partner bought some cough linctus from the chemist but it hasn't helped.

If asked if any other symptoms noticed • Wonders if feeling a bit more out of breath on exertion that usual. This is only when walking up-hills or working hard on the allotment, having to stop for a rest sometimes now. T hought this might just be 'getting older' . Breathlessness not stopping you doing anything.

Information to only divulge on direct questioning: • Has lost about half a stone in weight over the past 6 months – unintentional but pleased about this • Did notice a streak of blood when coughed once a few weeks ago • Ex-smoker – 40 pack year smoking history, gave up 10 years ago

ICE Ideas: doesn't know really came in because partner told them too . Had thought it was probably because of smoking in the past Concerns: keeping partner awake at night and finds it a bit embarrassing when in public eg in church when everyone is quiet. Expectations: something to make the cough go away

Past medical history • Appendicectomy 1980 • Essential Hypertension: 2015

Medication • Amlodipine: 5mg daily • Tried OTC cough linctus – didn't help

FAMILY HISTORY

- No relevant family history

SOCIAL HISTORY

- Ex-smoker – 40 pack year smoking history, gave up 10 years ago
- Alcohol – enjoys a couple of glasses of wine with dinner twice a week
- Lives with partner and 1 dog (no other pets): 2 grown up children.
- Retired: previously worked as a bus driver but retired now. Spends 1 -2hrs on the allotment each day and enjoys walking the dog.

Simulated patient instructions: • Patient not particularly worried about symptoms. Laid back. Infrequent attender to the surgery, only comes in when told to for his annual BP check usually.

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Student information

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Last 3 consultations

Last year November : flu jab given with consent

Last year June : annual hypertension review. BP 128/80. No side effects from medication

Last year May : bloods taken for annual review

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