



**SURGERY VIGNETTE**  
**Simulation (1-B)**

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CORRESPOND TO A CLINICAL CASE SCENARIO THAT THE HEALTH WORKER COULD EXPECT TO OBSERVE IN THE HOSPITAL. READ THE CASE SCENARIOS AND QUESTIONS EXACTLY AS THEY ARE WRITTEN (EVERYTHING THAT IS IN BOLD FONT). DO NOT READ THE OPTIONS OF ANSWERS. FOR CERTAIN QUESTIONS, MULTIPLE ANSWERS ARE POSSIBLE; IN THIS CASE, CIRCLE ALL ANSWERS GIVEN BY THE HEALTH WORKER. AFTER THE HEALTH WORKER HAS FINISHED ANSWERING THE QUESTION, ASK "ANYTHING ELSE?" IF ADDITIONAL ANSWERS ARE GIVEN AT THAT TIME, MAKE DUE RECORD OF THEM ON THE SURVEY FORM. BE CAREFUL TO FOLLOW THE SKIPS AS THEY ARE MARKED. MAKE SURE THE HEALTH WORKER CANNOT SEE THE FORM YOU ARE FILLING.

**ATTENTION:** IN THE "INFORMATION" COLUMN, THERE IS INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE PATIENT. THIS INFORMATION HAS TO BE PROVIDED, IF AND ONLY IF THE CLINICIAN SAYS HE WOULD ASK THE QUESTION OR PERFORM THE ACTION LISTED. IF THE CLINICIAN DOES NOT MENTION HE WILL ASK THE QUESTION OR PERFORM THE ACTION, THEN THE RESULT OF THAT QUESTION OR ACTION SHOULD ABSOLUTELY NOT BE SHARED WITH THE HEALTH WORKER.

FOR EXAMPLE IN Q101, IF THE HEALTH WORKER SAYS S/HE WOULD ASK ABOUT THE MEDICAL HISTORY, THEN YOU HAVE TO ASK THEM "WHAT KIND OF HISTORY WOULD YOU ASK ABOUT?". IF THE HEALTH WORKER DOES NOT SAY HE WOULD ASK ABOUT THE MEDICAL HISTORY, THEN YOU MUST NOT ASK THEM WHAT KIND OF HISTORY THEY WOULD ASK ABOUT. STILL IN Q101, IF THE HEALTH WORKER SAYS S/HE WOULD ASK WHEN THE PAIN STARTED, THEN YOU HAVE TO TELL THEM IT STARTED ABOUT A WEEK AGO. IF THE HEALTH WORKER DOES NOT SAY HE WOULD ASK WHEN THE PAIN STARTED, THEN YOU MUST NOT TELL THEM WHEN IT DID. MAKE SURE THE HEALTH WORKER CANNOT READ IT ON THE FORM EITHER.

**DO NOT READ OPTIONS ALOUD. FOR EACH OPTION, NOTE WHETHER THE HEALTH WORKER MENTIONED THIS ACTION OR NOT.**

RECORD TIME OF BEGINNING OF THE SIMULATION (HH:MM) \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

OBSERVERS READ SCENARIO: **A 51 year old woman present with sudden onset of pain in her right groin, nausea and vomiting and a tense and tender mass in the groin region.**

Question	Yes	No	Information (only if health worker asks specific question)	GO TO	Verify Present/ Not Present
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**Q101: OBSERVER: What do you do to assess this woman?** (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

A. History taking	1	0	PROMPT: What kind of history would you ask about?		N/A
a. When did the pain start?	1	0	The pain began today, but I have noticed a bulge here (indicates right groin) for a couple of months.		N/A
b. Before this began, when you had the lump, was it always there?	1	0	No, it would go away for a while and come back.		N/A
c. What were you doing when it started?	1	0	I was carrying a heavy bag		N/A
d. Does it hurt more when you are standing up or sitting down?	1	0	Patient responds: "It hurts the same."		N/A
e. Does the lump go away when you lie down?	1	0	No.		N/A
f. What do you do for work?	1	0	I work at home.		N/A
B. Physical examination	1	0	Please describe the things you would do.		N/A
a. I would examine the Vital Signs.	1	0	Tachycardia, normal BP, fever (38.1 degrees).		N/A
b. I would examine the abdomen.	1	0	Abdomen slightly distended and tympanitic. The patient is tense and there is a lump at the right groin.		N/A
c. I would examine the lump.	1	0	1.5 cm mass in the right groin with changes in skin color below inguinal ligament. Acutely tender		N/A
d. Ask her to cough and exam the inguinal canal at the same time.	1	0	Mass does not expand with coughing.		N/A
C. Lab tests			PROMPT: Please list the tests you would ask for.		N/A
a. Full blood count (Complete blood count)	1	0	PROMPT: Please list the results you would ask for		N/A
i. Hemoglobin/HCT	1	0	Normal, 46% or 15 gr/dl		1 0
ii. White Blood Cell (WBC)	1	0	Elevated white blood cell count		1 0
iii. Red Blood Cell (RBC)	1	0	Normal		1 0
iv. Platelets	1	0	Normal		1 0
b. Hemoglobin/HCT (alone)	1	0	Normal, 46% or 15 gr/dl		1 0
c. Microscopy	1	0	PROMPT: Please list the tests you would ask for		N/A
i. Malaria smear, M/S	1	0	Normal, Negative		1 0
ii. Malaria rapid diagnostic test (RDT)	1	0	Normal, Negative		1 0
d. Immunologic	1	0	PROMPT: Please list the tests you would ask for		1 0

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i. HIV rapid testing	1	0	Normal, Negative		1	0
ii. Hepatitis B (HBsAG) and Hepatitis C (HCV) tests	1	0	Normal, Negative		1	0
e. Chemistry panels (Automatic analyzer)	1	0	PROMPT: Please list the results you would ask for		N/A	
i. AST and ALT (liver enzymes)	1	0	Normal		1	0
ii. Amylase and Lipase (pancreatic enzymes)	1	0	Normal		1	0
iii. Chemistry (sodium, potassium, chloride, bicarbonate)	1	0	Normal		1	0
iv. BUN and creatinine (renal function)	1	0	Normal		1	0
v. Serum bilirubin	1	0	Normal		1	0
vi. Blood glucose, RBS (fasting or random)	1	0	Normal, 135 gr/dl		1	0
f. Blood gas analysis or Electrolyte Panel	1	0	Normal		1	0
g. Urinalysis, U/A	1	0	Normal, Negative		1	0
h. Pregnancy test,	1	0	PROMPT: Please list the tests you would ask for	N/A		
i. MTT	1	0	Normal, Negative	1	0	
ii. HCG	1	0	Normal, Negative	1	0	
i. Imaging	1	0	PROMPT: Please list the tests you would ask for	N/A		
i. RUQ Ultrasound	1	0	Normal		1	0
ii. Abdominal X-ray	1	0	PROMPT: What are you looking for?	N/A		
1. Obstruction/Strangulation	1	0	Not seen		1	0
2. Gas outside of abdominal wall	1	0	Gas outside of abdominal wall	1	0	1
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j. Other Tests and imaging	1	0	Normal		1	0
i. Other, specify: _____ _____ _____			Normal Normal Normal		1 1 1	0 0 0
D. I would call for assistance from another person	1	0	PROMPT: Who would you call? Would you do anything else as well?		N/A	
a. Specify title _____						

**Q102: OBSERVER: What is your overall assessment of the woman's condition (Stable, Guarded, Unstable, Critical, etc.) and what is her differential diagnosis? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)**

A. Overall assessment (CHECK ALL ANSWERS GIVEN)						
a. Stable	1					N/A
b. Guarded	2					N/A
c. Unstable	3					N/A
d. Critical	4					N/A
e. Don't Know	5					N/A
B. Differential diagnosis (CHECK ALL ANSWERS GIVEN)						
a. Hernia (ASK THEM TO SPECIFY TYPE)	1	0				N/A
i. Femoral hernia						N/A
ii. Inguinal direct hernia	1	0				N/A
iii. Inguinal indirect hernia	1	0				N/A
iv. Strangulated hernia	1	0				N/A
v. Incarcerated hernia	1	0				N/A
vi. Unable to specify type of hernia	1	0				N/A
b. Caused by consistent physical labor	1	0				N/A
c. Caused by accident.	1	0				N/A
d. Other, specify: _____ _____						N/A

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**Q103: OBSERVER: What immediate steps would you take?** (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)

A. Call the attending surgeon (physician)	1	0		Q106	N/A
B. Give advice on helping the hernia to heal itself and discharge	1	0		Q106	N/A
C. Give advice on what symptoms to return for and discharge	1	0		Q104b	N/A
D. Monitor in the hospital	1	0		Q104b	N/A
E. Emergency surgery (herniorrhaphy)	1	0		Q104a	N/A
F. Schedule surgery (herniorrhaphy) for the next 24-48 hours	1	0		Q104a	N/A
G. Elective surgery (herniorrhaphy)	1	0		Q104a	N/A

**Q104a: [IF RECOMMENDING HERNIORRHAPHY]**

<b>1. What made you decide to perform a herniorrhaphy?</b>					
A. Hernia	1	0			N/A
B. Other, specify: _____					
<b>2. What made you to decide when to perform the herniorrhaphy (i.e. emergent vs. scheduled vs. elective)</b>					
A. Specify, _____					
<b>3. What signs would have made you decide to observe the patient rather than perform the surgery?</b>					
Specify, _____					

**Q104b: [IF RECOMMENDING NO HERNIORRHAPHY AND OBSERVATION]**

<b>1. What made you decide to put the patient under observation?</b>					
Specify, _____					
<b>2. What signs would have made you decide to perform an emergency surgery?</b> (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)					
A. Strangulation or incarceration	1	0			N/A
B. Signs of bowel obstruction	1	0			N/A
C. Infectious symptoms	1	0			N/A
D. Other, Specify _____					
<b>3. What signs would have made you recommend discharging the patient?</b>					
A. Specify, _____					

**Q105: OBSERVER: What equipment or medicines would you have used in the management of this case that is either not present, or is not currently working in this facility?**

A. Other, specify: _____		N/A
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**Q106: OBSERVER: What made you decide to perform a herniorrhaphy of type [TYPE]? [OBSERVER: REFER TO TYPE OF HERNIORRHAPHY IN Q103 and WRITE ANSWER BELOW]**

RECORD TIME OF END OF THE SIMULATION (HH:MM)	___ : ___ AM/PM
GO BACK TO EACH ITEM IN THE SIMULATION THAT REQUIRES A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT OR A MEDICATION AND VERIFY THAT THE EQUIPMENT OR MEDICATION IS PRESENT.	
PLEASE PROVIDE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE QUALITY OF CARE:	