



Hot Case Aide Memoire

General Overview

Stem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information that may be expected in a superficial handover. • Avoid concealing relevant information or offering excessive detail.
Question	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask a single question rather than a multi-part one. • Should encourage synthesis and prioritisation, rather than a simple yes/no response.
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use open-ended “How, What, Why” questions to demonstrate clinical reasoning. • Explore the candidate’s interpretation of their clinical examination findings. • Avoid making it a general viva; discuss issues/management related to the examined patient.

*Typical Questions

Cause	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Please assess for causes of <i>shock/fever/delirium/weakness/coma</i> *for this patient • Please provide a differential diagnosis for <i>neurological/other</i> status. • Please examine to identify contributors to ongoing <i>shock/hypoxia/renal impairment</i>. • Please describe the nature of the current CVS/ other system status.
Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please comment on the barriers to <i>discharge/extubation/other</i> • Please assess and formulate a plan for <i>intubation/extubation/weaning</i>
List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please list/identify the major clinical issues • Please describe the nature of (in trauma) the injuries
Syndromes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please examine and identify the complications of cardiac surgery • Please examine and identify the complications of SAH/pancreatitis/OoHCA
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the problems you anticipate after <i>decannulation/extubation/discharge</i> • Please comment on the response to the current Tx/ management/other • How would you advance the management of <i>feed intolerance/ renal impairment/other</i> • Please describe the challenges in weaning <i>mechanical ventilation/inotropes</i>
Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the potential complications of XXX in the next XXX hours/ days week? • Please describe your post-operative management for the next XXX hours/days.... • Identify and provide a management plan for the <i>injuries/issues limiting progression</i>
Prognosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please prognosticate this patient post-OoHCA/other justify your opinion • Provide an opinion on the current neurological /other outcome • Please provide a level of the neurological injury based on your examination findings.

*Many examiners choose to introduce their questions with a “*please can you*” and conclude with clarification phrases; ...” *based on your examination findings*” or “*with reference to your clinical assessment of this patient*”. There is no correct way and personal preference may be employed.