

Station title: Interpretation of an X-ray

Station duration: 6 mins

Station Speciality: Fractures/Radiology



Student Instructions

Station 3

Year 4 BHSCT MOSCE

Background information to station:

You are a Foundation Doctor in the Accident and Emergency department.

A 60 year old female patient has come to the department following a fall. A X-ray has been ordered for the patient.

Specific student instructions:

- 1.** Interpret the wrist radiograph for this patient
- 2.** The examiner will ask you two questions at the end of the station
- 3.** There will be no patient in this station

There will be a bell when 1 minute is left in the station

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Taken – 30/04/2022, 6:05am



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WRIST X-RAY INTERPRETATION MARKING SHEET

DETAIL / question	MARK	WEIGHTING				
1. Overall introduction including identification of self and patient (name & role, purpose of encounter, confirms patient’s agreement)	G A P	2	1	0		
2. Rapport & professional manner (shows interest, respect, concern, appropriate body language, closure)	G A P	2	1	0		
3. Attention to infection control throughout	G P		1	0		
4. Explains purpose of interview and obtains consent	G A P	2	1	0		
5. Confirms patient details (name, DOB and hospital number)	G P		1	0		
6. Confirms view (frontal), date and time of radiograph	G P		1	0		
7. Asks for previous films and alternative view	G P		1	0		
8. Checks exposure – ideally joint above and below should be visible	G P		1	0		
9. Checks rotation of film	G P		1	0		
10. Checks penetration of film	G P		1	0		
11. Comments on obvious abnormality	G P		1	0		
12. Describes fracture site – distal radius fracture	G P		1	0		
13. Describes whether fracture is complete or incomplete - complete	G P		1	0		
14. Simple or comminuted - simple	G P		1	0		
15. Open or closed - closed	G P		1	0		
16. Fracture plane - transverse	G P		1	0		
17. Comments on displacement of fracture - displaced	G P		1	0		
18. Comments on angulation of fracture – dorsal angulation	G P		1	0		
19. Comments on rotation - none	G P		1	0		
20. Comments on joint involvement - no	G P		1	0		
21. Comments on bone cortex, medullary cavity and periosteal reaction	G P		1	0		
22. Comments on soft tissue and joint spaces – soft tissue swelling	G P		1	0		
23. Comments on artefacts - ring	G P		1	0		
24. Summarises finding - Transverse extra-articular distal radius fracture with dorsal angulation.	G P		1	0		
25. What is the diagnosis? Colle’s fracture	G P		1	0		
26. How will you manage this patient? G: Take history and examine patient, resuscitate, reduce, retain and rehabilitation. A: some answers, P: none	G A P	3	2	1	0	
SP Rating: SA: Strongly agree; A: Agree; JA: Just Agree; N: Neutral; D: Disagree	SA A JA N D	4	3	2	1	0

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Global mark: E: Excellent; V: Very good; P: Pass; B: Borderline; F: Fail	E	V	P	B	F	5	4	3	2	1
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Total score 40 (including Global Mark)

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Examiner Instructions

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Station Author: Pappitha Raja; images obtained from Radiopedia

Assessment outcome:

The OSCE station tests the candidate's ability to interpret a wrist radiograph and safely manage the patient as a foundation doctor.

Background information to station:

The students will be reviewing a wrist X-ray showing Colle's Fracture.

Essential skills to be tested include:

1. Ability to interpret a wrist X-ray
2. Knowledge of common wrist injuries and associated mechanism of injury
3. Ability to safely manage patient with Colle's fracture

The examiner will ask the following questions:

1. **What is the diagnosis?**

G: Colle's fracture **A:** explains Colle's fracture/dinner fork deformity, **P:** none

2. **How will you manage this patient?**

G: Offers a reasonable management plan including but not restricted to: Take history and examine patient, resuscitate, reduce, retain and rehabilitation. **A:** some answers, **P:** none

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Site-Coordinator Instructions

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Equipment check list:

- Computer/laptop
- 2 chairs
- Table for equipment
- Cleaning wipes
- Hand gel/wash