FOR EXAMINER USE ONLY

Virtual Oral Examination

Sample Case 1002



© 2020 American Board of Emergency Medicine

For Examiner Only Case 1002

Stimulus Inventory

- #1 Emergency Admitting Form
- #2 Hematology
- #3 Nasal Influenza Swab Influenza A positive
- #4 ABG (room air)
- #5 BMP
- #6 Urinalysis
- #7 Chest X-ray (1 film) Normal
- #8 ECG

Sinus tachycardia, rate 105

- #9 Blank
- #10 Blank
- #11 Blank
- #12 Blank

For Examiner Only Case 1002

ORAL CASE SUMMARY

CORE CONTENT AREA

10 - SYSTEMIC INFECTIOUS DISORDERS Influenza

SYNOPSIS OF CASE

This case involves a 54-year-old man who presents during the winter with one day of coughing, shortness of breath, and fever. He aches all over. His chest x-ray is essentially normal but his flu test is positive for type A influenza. The candidate must obtain a vaccination history, mask the patient, order a chest x-ray, diagnose influenza, and order antiviral medications.

SYNOPSIS OF HISTORY

The patient was driven to the ED by his wife. He has had cough, shortness of breath, and decreased appetite for one day, and he aches all over. He has had some fever. He has not had a seasonal flu shot in two years and does not know if he has ever had pneumococcal vaccine.

SYNOPSIS OF PHYSICAL

Physical examination shows fever, tachycardia, and tachypnea. His skin is warm to touch. His lungs reveal scattered anterior and posterior rhonchi.

CRITICAL ACTIONS

- 1. Obtain Vaccination History (DA)
- 2. Place Mask on Patient (PM)
- 3. Order Chest X-ray (DA)
- 4. Diagnose Influenza (PS)
- 5. Order Antiviral Medication (PM)

SCORING GUIDELINES

(Critical Action No.)

- 1. Consider scoring up if candidate asks about pneumococcal vaccine.
- 2. Consider scoring up if candidate wears personal protective equipment.
- 5. Administration of antibiotics is a neutral action.

For Examiner Only Case 1002 Case Summary - Page 2

PLAY OF CASE GUIDELINES

(Critical Action No.)

- 5. Candidate must know drugs but may look up the dose. Acceptable drugs include:
 - Oseltamivir (Tamiflu)
 - Zanamivir (Relenza)

Critical Actions

1. Obtain Vaccination History (DA)

This critical action is met by the candidate asking the patient about recent influenza vaccination.

2. Place Mask on Patient (PM)

This critical action is met by the candidate placing any type of mask on the patient.

3. Order Chest X-ray (DA)

This critical action is met by the candidate ordering a chest x-ray.

4. Diagnose Influenza (PS)

This critical action is met by the candidate diagnosing influenza or possible influenza.

<u>Cueing Guideline</u>: Wife asks, "Doctor, what's wrong with him?"

5. Order Antiviral Medication (PM)

This critical action is met by the candidate ordering appropriate antiviral medication.

For Examiner Only Case 1002 HISTORY DATA PANEL

Presenting Complaint: "I have a cough and have been short of breath for a day."

History of Present Illness:

Patient woke up yesterday on Christmas morning with cough, shortness of breath, and aching all over.

- Temperature yesterday was • 38.1° C (100.5° F).
- Coughing up thick greenish phlegm
- Wife was ill last week, but not as bad
- Nausea, decreased appetite, and is drinking poorly
- Joints hurt but no chest pain

Past Medical History

Surgical: Cardiac stent 2 years ago Medical: Coronary artery disease and hypertension Injuries: None Allergies: None Medications: Lisinopril 10 mg; ASA 325 mg; Crestor (Rosuvastatin) 10 mg Vaccinations: No flu shot this season: Does not know if he has had pneumococcal vaccine

Habits

Smoking: 1.5 packs per day Drugs: None Alcohol: None

Family Medical History

Father: Died at age 70, coronary arterv disease Mother: Died at age 75, hypertension and glaucoma Siblings: None

Social History

Married: Yes Children: Two, ages 18 and 22 Employed: Currently unemployed Education: High school graduate

PHYSICAL DATA PANEL

Patient: 54-year-old male Name: Joe Garza

General Appearance: Appears moderately ill

Vital Signs:

ΒP	:	108/74
Ρ	:	102/min
R	:	24/min
Т	:	38.3° C (101.0° F)

Head: Normal

- Eyes: Normal; No redness
- Ears: Normal
- **Nose:** Small amount of clear nasal drainage; Nasal mucosa inflamed
- Mouth: Small tonsils; Posterior pharynx slightly red
- Neck: Supple
- Skin: Warm to touch; No rash
- Chest: Normal to inspection; Scattered rhonchi anterior and posterior; Otherwise normal
- Heart: Rate 90
- Abdomen: Soft, Nontender: Normal bowel sounds; No masses
- Extremities: Normal
- Rectal: Normal; Stool negative for occult blood

Neurological: Normal

Mental Status: Alert and oriented x 3

LAB DATA PANEL

Stimulus #2 - Hematology

Complete Blood Count			
WBC	12,500/mm ³		
Hgb	14.7 g/dL		
Hct	43%		
Platelets	208,000/mm ³		
Differential			
Segs	76%		
Bands	5%		
Lymphs	10%		
Mono	8%		
Eos	1%		

Stimulus #3 - Nasal Influenza Swab Influenza A positive

Stimulus #4 - ABG (room air)		
pН	7.44	
pCO ₂	35 mm Hg	
pO ₂	58 mm Hg	
HCO ₃	23 mEq/L	
O ₂ sat	89%	

Stimulus #5 - BMP				
133 mEq/L				
4.5 mEq/L				
29 mEq/L				
100 mEq/L				
100 mg/dL				
28 mg/dL				
0.8 mg/dL				
9.0 mg/dL				

Stimulus #6 - Urinalysis Clear Appearance

Color

bН

WBC

RBC

Yellow Glucose Negative Ketones 1+ Sp Gravity 1.025 Blood Negative 6.0 Protein Negative Negative Nitrite Negative Leukocyte 0/HPF 3/HPF Squamous None Bacteria None

For Examiner Only Case 1002

VERBAL REPORTS:

O ₂ Saturation (room air)	90%
O_2 Saturation (on O_2)	94%
Rapid Strep Test	Negative
BNP	140 pg/mL
D-dimer	120 ng/mL (normal <500 ng/mL)
Myoglobin	22 ng/mL
Troponin I	0.0 ng/mL