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CARD	SCENARIO / SETTING	WHAT IT TESTS
No. 1	General Practice – newly diagnosed hypertension in a reluctant patient	Understanding and reluctance; why it matters though symptom-free; lifestyle first; role of medication and monitoring; a shared plan.
No. 2	General Practice – breaking and explaining a new type 2 diabetes diagnosis	Fears and beliefs; what type 2 diabetes is; diet, activity and tablets; complications and remission; education and checks.

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How to use these cards

- Each role play lasts about **5 minutes**, with **3 minutes** of preparation time first. The candidate reads only the **Candidate Card**; the interlocutor (teacher/partner) uses the **Roleplayer Card** and plays the patient, parent or carer.
- The candidate is the **doctor** at all times. All the clinical information needed is given on the Candidate Card in brackets (e.g., ...) – the candidate only has to communicate it clearly, in the right order, with empathy.
- Cover all the TASK points, but let the patient's concerns lead the conversation: open the interaction, listen, acknowledge feelings, explain in plain language (avoid jargon), check understanding, and close by agreeing a clear plan.
- Assessment criteria to practise: **Intelligibility, Fluency, Appropriateness of language, Resources of grammar and expression**, and the clinical communication criteria (**relationship building, understanding the patient's perspective, providing structure, information gathering, information giving**).

ROLEPLAYER CARD NO. 1

MEDICINE

SETTING General Practice

PATIENT You are 48 years old and feel completely well. You came in about something else, and your blood pressure was found to be high on two separate occasions. You are reluctant to accept that anything is wrong, and you do not want to take 'tablets for life'. You have a busy, stressful job, a family history of stroke, and you enjoy salty takeaways and do little exercise.

TASK

- Say you feel completely well and are surprised to be told your blood pressure is high.
- Question whether you really need to do anything, since you have no symptoms.
- Say you do not want to take tablets for the rest of your life.
- Ask what you can do instead.
- Agree to a plan.

CANDIDATE CARD NO. 1

MEDICINE

SETTING General Practice

DOCTOR This 48-year-old has newly confirmed hypertension on repeated readings and is reluctant, feeling well and resistant to lifelong medication. There is a family history of stroke and several lifestyle risk factors. Advise appropriately.

TASK

- Find out the patient's understanding and concerns (e.g., surprise at the diagnosis, reluctance to take tablets, and lifestyle, etc.).
- Explain what high blood pressure is and why it matters (e.g., it usually has no symptoms but, untreated, raises the risk of stroke, heart attack and kidney problems, etc.).
- Explain lifestyle measures first where appropriate (e.g., reducing salt, healthier eating, regular activity, weight, limiting alcohol, and managing stress, etc.).
- Explain the role of medication and monitoring (e.g., if lifestyle change is not enough, tablets may be needed; the dose is adjusted and reviewed; and treatment can sometimes be reduced if things improve, etc.).
- Agree a plan and follow-up (e.g., home or repeat monitoring, blood and urine tests, a review appointment, and when to seek help, etc.). Answer questions.

ROLEPLAYER CARD NO. 2

MEDICINE

SETTING General Practice

PATIENT You are 52 years old and have just been told, after blood tests, that you have type 2 diabetes. You are shocked and frightened because a relative lost a foot to diabetes. You are overweight, do little exercise and have a sweet tooth. You want to know whether this means insulin and injections, and whether it can be cured.

TASK

- Say you are shocked to be told you have diabetes and frightened because of what happened to your relative.
- Ask what type 2 diabetes actually is.
- Ask whether you will need insulin and injections.
- Ask whether it can be cured and what you should do.
- Agree to the plan and follow-up.

CANDIDATE CARD NO. 2

MEDICINE

SETTING General Practice

DOCTOR This 52-year-old has newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes and is shocked and anxious. There are lifestyle risk factors. Explain the condition and initial management.

TASK

- Find out the patient's understanding and concerns (e.g., fear of complications, insulin, and whether it can be cured, etc.).
- Explain what type 2 diabetes is (e.g., the body cannot use insulin properly so the blood sugar rises; it is a long-term but manageable condition, etc.).
- Explain management (e.g., diet and weight loss, regular activity, and often a tablet such as metformin to start; insulin is not usually needed at first, etc.).
- Reassure about outlook and complications (e.g., good control greatly reduces the risk of problems with the eyes, kidneys, nerves and feet; regular checks help; and some people can put it into remission with weight loss, etc.).
- Arrange education, checks and follow-up (e.g., diabetes education, blood tests (HbA1c), eye and foot checks, and review, etc.). Answer questions.



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