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CARD	SCENARIO / SETTING	WHAT IT TESTS
No. 1	Surgical Ward – pre-operative preparation and anxiety	Reason for admission; fasting/nil-by-mouth; the morning routine and consent; reassurance about anaesthetic and pain; recovery and stay.
No. 2	Surgical Ward – wound care on discharge after keyhole appendix surgery	Wound care and showering; stitches/sutures; signs of infection and when to seek help; activity, lifting and follow-up.

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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 **nurse** 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

NURSING

SETTING Surgical Ward (Pre-operative)

PATIENT You are 55 years old and have been admitted for a planned gallbladder removal (keyhole surgery) tomorrow morning. You have never had an operation or a general anaesthetic before and you are nervous. You are unsure about the fasting instructions ('nil by mouth'), and you are worried about the pain afterwards and about not waking up.

TASK

- Say you are nervous because you have never had an operation or an anaesthetic before.
- Ask what you can eat or drink and when you must stop.
- Ask what will happen on the morning of the operation.
- Ask about pain afterwards and how long you will be in hospital.
- Say you feel reassured and agree to the plan.

CANDIDATE CARD NO. 1

NURSING

SETTING Surgical Ward (Pre-operative)

NURSE This 55-year-old patient is admitted for an elective laparoscopic cholecystectomy tomorrow. It is his/her first operation and first general anaesthetic, and he/she is anxious. Provide pre-operative information and reassurance.

TASK

- Confirm the reason for admission and find out how the patient is feeling (e.g., worries about the anaesthetic, pain, etc.).
- Explain fasting / nil-by-mouth (e.g., no food from midnight, clear fluids allowed until a stated time, and why an empty stomach is safer for the anaesthetic, etc.).
- Explain the morning routine (e.g., a shower and gown, removing jewellery and dentures, pre-operative checks and consent, the anaesthetist's visit, and being taken to theatre, etc.).
- Reassure about the anaesthetic and pain (e.g., a specialist anaesthetist monitors the patient throughout; pain relief is provided afterwards; keyhole surgery usually means a quicker recovery, etc.).
- Explain recovery and length of stay (e.g., waking in the recovery area, likely home the same or next day, and wound and activity advice to follow, etc.). Answer questions.

ROLEPLAYER CARD NO. 2

NURSING

SETTING

Surgical Ward (Discharge)

PATIENT

You are 30 years old and are going home after an emergency operation to remove your appendix (keyhole surgery). You have small dressings over the wounds. You are unsure how to look after them, when you can shower, when the stitches come out, and what signs mean there is a problem. You are keen to get back to the gym.

TASK

- Ask how to look after your wounds at home.
- Ask when you can shower and get the wounds wet.
- Ask when the stitches or dressings come out.
- Ask what signs mean there is a problem and when to get help.
- Ask when you can return to exercise and the gym.

CANDIDATE CARD NO. 2

NURSING

SETTING

Surgical Ward (Discharge)

NURSE

This 30-year-old patient is being discharged after a laparoscopic appendicectomy and needs wound-care advice for the small keyhole (port-site) wounds. Provide discharge teaching.

TASK

- Confirm the reason for the discussion and find out what the patient already knows (e.g., caring for keyhole wounds, etc.).
- Explain caring for the wounds (e.g., keep the dressings clean and dry, when they can be removed, showering advice, and patting the area dry, etc.).
- Explain the stitches (e.g., they may be dissolvable or removed by the practice nurse in about 7–10 days, etc.).
- Explain signs of infection and when to seek help (e.g., increasing pain, redness, swelling, heat, discharge or a fever – contact the GP or come back, etc.).
- Advise on activity and follow-up (e.g., gentle activity, avoiding heavy lifting and strenuous exercise for a few weeks with a gradual return, pain relief, and a follow-up appointment, etc.). Answer questions.



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