

Case Review – Possible Interview Questions

(Note which questions were asked)

1. General Case Review

a. *Clinical assessment:*

- i. Can you give me an outline of the case?
- ii. What features of the patient's presentation led you to your top two (or three) diagnoses?
- iii. Did you inquire about the patient's illness experience (feelings, ideas, effect on function & expectations) & what did you learn?
- iv. If there was ambiguity or uncertainty about the case, how did you deal with it?
- v. Is there anything else you wish you would have asked?

b. *Investigations & referrals*

- i. Why did you choose the investigations that you did?
- ii. Were there other tests that you thought of but deferred or ruled out?
- iii. How did you decide whether to refer to a consultant?

c. *Treatment & Management*

- i. What features led you to choose the treatment that you did?
- ii. What were the patient's expectations for treatment?
- iii. Do you feel you reached common ground with the patient?
- iv. Were there other treatments that you thought of but didn't offer? If so, why did you decide against them?

d. *Follow-up*

- i. What did you decide was appropriate for follow up?
- ii. What factors influenced your decision?

2. Comprehensive Care

a. *Monitoring Chronic Disease*

- i. In your care of this patient, did you discuss his/her chronic disease/progress?
- ii. On reflection, do you think there are some monitoring strategies that would be appropriate?

b. *Health Promotion & Prevention*

- i. In your care of this patient, have you discussed preventive interventions? (e.g. BP, mammography, smoking cessation, alcohol use, lifestyle change, diet, exercise, etc.)
- ii. On reflection, do you think there are some interventions that would be appropriate?

c. *Patient Factors*

Patient characteristics sometimes influence decision-making.

- i. Was there anything special about this patient that influenced your decisions regarding management? (e.g. psychosocial issues, compliance, past medical history, current medications, support systems, employment)
- ii. On reflection, is there anything about this patient you wish you knew more about?

d. *Practice or System factors*

- i. Is there anything special about your practice setting that influenced your management in this case? (e.g. a nurse educator, lack of access to laboratory or x-ray)
- ii. On reflection, what changes would improve your ability to deliver care to this patient?