

OET Writing Practice Test - Medicine Sample Case Notes

Writing Subset: Medicine
Time Allowed: Reading Time: 5 minutes
Writing Time: 40 minutes

Read the case notes and complete the task that follows. Imagine today's date as 05/04/2022.

Patient details:

Name: John Smith
Age: 65 years old
Marital status: Married
Occupation: Retired

Personal History:

Sedentary lifestyle
Smokes cigarettes one pack per day

Medical History:

Hypertension - 2015
Hypercholesterolemia - 2016
Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus - 2017
Atrial fibrillation - 2019

Family History:

Father had hypertension and myocardial infarction
Mother had type 2 diabetes mellitus and stroke

Presenting Complaints:

Chest pain
April 04, 2023:

John Smith presented with a complaint of chest pain that started an hour ago. He describes the pain as a pressure-like sensation that radiates to his left arm.

He reports feeling short of breath and lightheaded. He has no previous history of chest pain, but he has a medical history of hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, type 2 diabetes mellitus, and atrial fibrillation.

Upon examination, blood pressure is 160/100 mmHg, and an ECG reveals ST-segment elevation in leads II, III, and AVF.

Writing Task

Using the information in the case notes, write a referral letter to Dr. Michael Johnson, a cardiology specialist, to further manage the patient. Address the letter to: Dr. Michael Johnson, Cardiology Clinic, 789 Maple Street, City Center, USA

Answer Key - Sample Letter

Dear Dr. Michael Johnson,

I am writing to refer John Smith, a 65-year-old male patient who presented with a complaint of chest pain that started an hour ago. He describes the pain as a pressure-like sensation that radiates to his left arm. He reports feeling short of breath and lightheaded. Upon examination, blood pressure is 160/100 mmHg, and an ECG reveals ST-segment elevation in leads II, III, and AVF. John has a medical history of hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, type 2 diabetes mellitus, and atrial fibrillation.

John has no previous history of chest pain but has a family history of hypertension, myocardial infarction, type 2 diabetes mellitus, and stroke. He leads a sedentary lifestyle and smokes one pack of cigarettes per day.

I am referring John to you for further assessment and management of his chest pain. Please find enclosed the case notes and examination findings for your reference. I appreciate your expertise in this matter and look forward to your recommendations for further treatment.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Medical Doctor]