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TIPS ON PASSING THE ORAL EXAM

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ANATOMY OF THE ORAL EXAM

- TWO EXAMINERS/EXAM ROOM
 - ONE GIVES THE SCENARIO
 - ONE RECORDS THE EVENTS
- TWO SCENARIOS
- NO EXTRAS ALLOWED-NOTE PAD AND PEN PROVIDED FOR YOU
- YOU WILL NOT GET FEEDBACK ON PERFORMANCE
- NOT ALLOWED TO DISCUSS THE EXAM
- LOOKING FOR PATIENT SAFETY
- BE SAFE IN RECOMMENDED THERAPY

ANATOMY OF THE SCENARIO

- PRESENTATION
 - TAKE NOTES
 - LOOK AT NOTES
- TAKE A HISTORY
 - RECOMMEND TREAT EXAMINER LIKE THE PATIENT
 - CHIEF COMPLAINT
 - ALLERGIES
 - REVIEW OF SYSTEMS
 - ASK FOR THE PHOTOS

THERE ARE ALWAYS PHOTOS

ANATOMY OF THE SCENARIO

• DEVELOP A PLAN SYSTEMATICALLY

- LOOK FOR DANGERS AND LIFE THREATENING CONDITIONS FIRST. IT WILL BE IN THE HISTORY
- ADDRESS THE CHIEF COMPLAINT
- TREATMENT PLAN SHOULD BE COMPREHENSIVE
- ORGANIZE YOUR THOUGHTS
 - TAKE 20 SECS TO JOT DOWN KEY ITEMS
 - PRESENT THEM IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE
 - **1. CRITICAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS**
 - 2. SURGICAL PLAN
 - 3. **POSTOP CARE**

LOOK FOR DANGERS AND PITFALLS

- KOCHER GB INCISION = ABDOMINOPLASTY SLOUGH
- LOWER LID LAXITY = ECTROPION
- KNOW YOUR ACLS THERE WILL BE A MEGACODE
- DO NOT LET THE PATIENT PUSH YOU TO DO SOMETHING WRONG, EVER

DEVELOP YOUR PROTOCOL

ANSWER EVERY QUESTION IN THE SAME WAY EVERY TIME

- PRESENTATION TAKE NOTES
- TREAT EXAMINER LIKE THE PATIENT WHEN GATHERING DATA
 - SAVES TIME
- ASK FOR THE PHOTOS
- LOOK FOR CRITICAL <u>SAFETY</u> INTERVENTIONS

TONY'S SYSTEMATIC PLAN SPEAK TO THE EXAMINER LIKE THEY ARE THE PATIENT

- N- NOTES DURING THE CASE PRESENTATION & TAKE 2 MIN TO REVIEW THEM
- CC- CHIEF COMPLAINT
- **ROS-** IDENTIFY ALL LIFE-THREATENING FACTORS IN THE ROS
 - ALLERGIES
 - PRIOR SURGERY
 - HX DVT, PE, CVD, BLEEDING, WOUND HEALING PROBLEMS
 - THERE WILL BE A MEGACODE! KNOW YOUR ACLS
 - ORDER ANY LABS, STUDIES, CONSULTS TO EXCLUDE DANGERS
- PX- DO A PHYSICAL EXAM AND ASK FOR THE PHOTOS
- TX- PLAN- ALWAYS ADDRESS THE CC
 - SYSTEMATIC PLAN TOP TO BOTTOM
 - SUMMARIZE IF YOU HAVE TIME