

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT
A FRAMEWORK FOR FOCUSING VIDEO ASSESSMENT**

Is this doctor competent to practise independently as an unsupervised general practitioner?

You must be able to hear both the doctor and patient in order to make a valid assessment.

You are required to assess this doctor's:

- **knowledge**)
- **problem solving ability**) **that is their clinical competence**
- **clinical and communication skills**)
- **attitudes**)

at the level you would expect of any GP registrar coming to the end of their training.

(These four attributes come under the headings of "Listening", "Action", and "Error" in the Summative Assessment marking schedule)

Clinical and communication skills

- does the doctor discover why the patient has attended?
- does the doctor take an adequate overall clinical history of the problem(s)?
- does the doctor examine appropriately?
- does the doctor explain and negotiate a credible and acceptable management plan?

Problem solving skills

- does the doctor make reasonable working conclusions and diagnoses?
- does the doctor manage the patient's problems appropriately?
- does the doctor investigate and refer appropriately?
- does the doctor seek help when necessary

Knowledge

- does the doctor have enough knowledge to manage the consultation as a whole

Attitudes

The skills you need to look for in order to assess the doctor's attitude to the patient are:

- listening
- rapport
- empathy; verbal and non-verbal
- picking up cues
- showing interest, care, and concern and respect
- humility

Discovering the patient's framework; their ideas, concerns expectations thoughts and feelings is important.

If there is a problem, you must ask yourself:

Does the doctor lack these skills to a degree which impairs his or her clinical competence?

Errors

Are there any major or minor errors which could cause obvious or potential harm, or cause inconvenience to the patient?

Understanding and insight

Finally, does the doctor show the assessor that they understand the process/outcome of the consultation, and explain any actions and identify obvious shortcomings and relevant background information in the log diary?