

**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?