



**National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®
Paramedic Psychomotor Competency Portfolio Manual**

OBTAIN A PATIENT HISTORY FROM AN ALERT AND ORIENTED PATIENT SKILLS LAB

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Instructor Evaluator: _____ Student Evaluator: _____
Signature Signature

SCORING	
N/A	Not applicable for this patient
0	Unsuccessful; required critical or excessive prompting; inconsistent; not yet competent
1	Not yet competent, marginal or inconsistent, this includes partial attempts
2	Successful; competent; no prompting necessary

Actual Time Started: _____ **SCORE**

Demographic data	
Age	
Weight – estimated/translated to kg	
Sex	
Ethnic origin	
Source of referral	
“Who called EMS?”	
Source of historical information	
Who is telling you the information?	
Reliability	
Do you believe the patient?	
Does the patient have appropriate decision-making capacity to consent for care?	
Is the patient oriented appropriately?	
Chief complaint	
“Why did you call us?”	
Duration of this episode/complaint	
History of the present illness	
Onset	
“When did this begin?”	
“Was it sudden or gradual?”	
Provocation	
“What brought this on?”	
“Is there anything that makes it better or worse?”	
Quality	
“How would you describe your pain or symptoms?”	
“Has there been any change in your pain or symptoms since it began?”	
Region/Radiation	
“Can you point and show me where your pain or symptoms are located?”	
“Does the pain move or radiate anywhere else?”	
Severity	
“How would you rate your level of discomfort right now on a 0 – 10 scale?”	
“Using the same scale, how bad was your discomfort when this first began?”	
Timing	
“When did your pain or symptoms begin?”	
“Is it constant or how does it change over time?”	

Setting	
Is there anything unique to place or events with this episode?	
Treatments	
“Have you taken anything to treat this problem?”	
Pertinent negatives	
Notes any signs or symptoms not present	
Converges	
Moves history from broad to focused to field impression	
Past medical history	
General health status	
What does the patient say about his/her health?	
Current medications	
“What prescribed medications do you currently take?”	
“What over-the-counter medications or home remedies do you currently take?”	
“When did you take you last dose of medications?”	
“Do you take all your medications as directed?”	
Adult illnesses	
“What other similar episodes were present?”	
“Is this an acute or chronic illness?”	
“What medical care do you currently receive for this illness?”	
“What medical care do you currently receive for other illnesses?”	
Allergies	
“Do you have any allergies to any medications, foods or other things?”	
Operations	
“What previous surgeries have you had?”	
Environmental	
Patient nutritional status	
“Do you have any habitual activities, such as drugs, alcohol or tobacco use?”	
Family history	
Questions patient about pertinent family medical history	
Psychological history	
Asks appropriate related history questions based upon patient presentation	
Verbal report	
Completes succinct report	
Identifies pertinent findings	
Identifies pertinent negatives	
Organization	
Organizes report in logical sequence	
Affective	
Makes the patient feel comfortable	
Uses good eye contact	
Establishes and maintains proper distance	
Uses techniques that show interest in the patient	
Professional appearance	
Takes notes of findings during history	
Preferably uses open-ended questions	
Follows patient lead to converge questions	

Uses reflection to gain patient confidence	
Shows empathy in a professional manner	

Actual Time Ended: _____

TOTAL /112

Critical Criteria

- ___ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate PPE precautions
- ___ Failure to complete an appropriate history
- ___ Failure to obtain vital information necessary for the proper assessment, management and diagnosis of the patient’s condition
- ___ Failure to receive a total score of 86 or greater

Comments:

STUDENT SELF-EVALUATION (The examiner is to ask the student to reflect on his/her performance and document his/her response to the following question:)

Were you successful or unsuccessful in this skill? Successful
 Unsuccessful