

SCCX Patient Note Case Instructions
Class of 2012

Time: 25 minutes total per case

- **15 minutes with the SP**, which includes reading the presenting situation. A **5-minute warning** knock will be given.
- **10 minutes for the Patient Note (PN)** in the computer lab. A **two minute warning** will be given.
- Any time you do not use during the SP encounter can be used on the Patient Note, so you should go directly from the exam room to the Computer room to complete your PN (there is no break in time).

SP Encounter:

- You may take the presenting situation into the exam room with you during these cases.
- **Do not to ask to do genital, rectal, or breast exams** during the SP encounter. If you believe any of these exams should be done, include them in the PN under **Diagnostic Work-up**.

Patient Notes: **All PNs must be typed: handwriting is no longer an option in USMLE, 2-CS.**

- The PN form will be on the computer desktop. **Select your name and the case name from the drop-down menus.** (Your ID# rather than your name will print on your PN for anonymous grading.) Tab to the first field and begin typing. You may tab from field to field.
- There are **space limitations** for the Patient Note. There is a *character counter* at the bottom of each field that tracks how many characters you have left.

Completing the PN Sections:

- The PN has 4 sections: **History, Physical Exam, Differential Diagnosis and Diagnostic Work-up.**
- You may complete the PN in *whatever order works best* for you. Previous students have recommended starting with *Differential Diagnosis* and *Diagnostic Work-up*, however, in case you are running out of time when you finish *History* and *Physical Exam*.
- Notes about *Diagnostic Work-ups*:
 - Remember to include **genital, rectal or breast exams** if you would have done them.
 - You may enter more than one item on a line (eg, enter basic blood tests together).
 - *Diagnostic Work-up* should NOT include drug treatment, therapeutic procedures, consultations, referrals or dispositions.
 - If you don't think any diagnostic tests are needed, say **no tests needed** rather than leaving *Diagnostic Work-up* blank.

Submitting your note:

- When time is up, the proctor will say **Stop writing; Hit the Submit Button**. The Submit Button is located at the bottom of the computer PN form. After hitting the Submit Button, do NOT reset the form. Just leave it. The proctor will take care of resetting after printing each note.
- Leave your handwritten notes in the recycle box as you exit the room.
- You have a few minutes before your next patient, but when ready, go to your next scheduled exam room.

Scoring:

- PNs will be rated globally based on the following criteria: **clarity, organization, quality of information, interpretation of data, and absence of egregious/dangerous actions.**
- PN Ratings are 1-9: Unsatisfactory (1-3), Satisfactory (4-6), and Very Good (7-9); Checklists are percent correct scores.
- The H&P Checklist and the Patient Note each contribute 50% to your score on the case.