

SCCX Patient Note Case Instructions

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 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 Study/Studies**.

Patient Notes: **All PNs must be typed: handwriting is not an option in USMLE, 2-CS.**

- Click on the appropriate icon on the desktop, enter your DAWG TAG # and complete the Patient Note.
- There are **space limitations** for the history and physical exam findings sections of the Patient Note. In Findings, a *character counter* is at the bottom of each field tracking the number of characters remaining.

Completing the PN Sections:

- The PN includes: **Findings (History, Physical Exam), Data Interpretation and Diagnostic Study/Studies.**
- You may complete the PN in *whatever order works best* for you.
- Notes about *Diagnostic Study/Studies*:
 - Remember to include **genital, rectal or breast exams** if you would have done them.
 - You may combine similar items (like blood tests) on the same line.
 - *Do not* include therapeutic treatment, consultations, referrals or dispositions.
 - If you don't think any diagnostic studies are needed, say **no studies indicated** rather than leaving the section blank.

Submitting your note:

- When time is up, the proctor will say **Times up; Hit the Submit Button**. The Submit Button is located at the top right hand corner of the computer PN form. After hitting the Submit Button, type **Yes** and exit out of the form.
- 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.
- Only the Physical Exam SP Checklist items are scored (the history items are not).
- The Patient Note contributes 75% to the case score, while the PE Checklist contributes 25%.