# CASE 44 DOORWAY INFORMATION

# **Opening Scenario**

Jay Keller, a 49-year-old male, comes to the ED complaining of passing out a few hours earlier.

# **Vital Signs**

BP: 135/85 mm Hg

Temp: 98.0°F (36.7°C)

RR: 16/minute

HR: 76/minute, regular

#### **Examinee Tasks**

- 1. Take a focused history.
- 2. Perform a focused physical exam (do not perform rectal, genitourinary, or female breast exam).
- 3. Explain your clinical impression and workup plan to the patient.
- 4. Write the patient note after leaving the room.

#### Checklist/SP Sheet

#### Patient Description

Patient is a 49 yo M, married with 3 children.

Notes for the SP

None.

#### Challenging Questions to Ask

"Do you think I have a brain tumor?"

#### Sample Examinee Response

"I think it's unlikely. To make absolutely sure, however, we will do a CT scan, which is a special imaging study of the brain. That will help us see the structure of the brain and rule out any bleeding or tumor."

#### **Examinee Checklist**

Building the Doctor-Patient Relationship

#### Entrance

- ☐ Examinee knocked on the door before entering.
- ☐ Examinee introduced self by name.
- ☐ Examinee identified his/her role or position.
- ☐ Examinee correctly used patient's name.
- ☐ Examinee made eye contact with the SP.

## Reflective Listening

- ☐ Examinee asked an open-ended question and actively listened to the response.
- ☐ Examinee asked the SP to list his/her concerns and listened to the response without interrupting.
- ☐ Examinee summarized the SP's concerns, often using the SP's own words.

# Information Gathering

☐ Examinee elicited data efficiently and accurately.

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☑ Question	Patient Response	
□ Chief complaint	I passed out.	
□ Describe what happened	This morning I was taking the groceries to the car with my wife when I suddenly fell down and blacked out.	
☐ Loss of consciousness before, during, or after the fall	I think I lost consciousness and then fell down on the ground.	
☐ Duration of loss of consciousness	My wife told me that I did not respond to her for several minutes.	
☐ Palpitations before the fall	Yes, just before I fell down, my heart started racing.	
☐ Sensing something unusual before losing consciousness (sounds, lights, smells, etc.)	No.	
☐ Spinning/lightheadedness	I felt lightheaded right before the fall.	
☐ Shaking (seizure)	Yes, my wife told me that my arms and legs started shaking after I fell down.	
☐ Duration of shaking	She said around 30 seconds.	
☐ Bit tongue	No. 176 1742	
☐ Lost control of the bladder	No.	
☐ Weakness/numbness	No. 1. 18 11 164 By:	
☐ Speech difficulties	No. 7 / 1/2-	
☐ Confusion after regaining consciousness	No. 7'1	
☐ Headaches	No. (12 H . 2	
☐ Chest pain, shortness of breath	No. J193 - 14 EAJ 9 72	
☐ Abdominal pain, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea/constipation	No. J193 - 福色的972. No 運転至了9月	
☐ Head trauma	No.	
☐ Similar falls, lightheadedness, or passing out before	No.	
☐ Gait abnormality	No.	
☐ Weight changes	No.	

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☑ Question		Patient Response
☐ Appetite changes /		No. ZARMIG.
☐ Current medications	4年12	Hydrochlorothiazide, captopril, aspirin, atenolol.
☐ Past medical history	toward your Lu	High blood pressure for the past 15 years; heart attack 1 year ago.
☐ Past surgical history	Lown 18	Appendectomy. parrythmia
☐ Family history	EK . Janin ann	My father died from a heart attack at age 55, and my mother died in good health.
☐ Occupation	1	Clerk in a video store.
☐ Alcohol use	3-blocker	Yes, I drink 3–4 beers a week.
☐ CAGE questions		No (to all 4).
☐ Illicit drug use		No.
☐ Tobacco		No, I stopped a year ago. I had smoked a pack a day for the previous 25 years.
☐ Sexual activity		Yes, with my wife.
☐ Drug allergies		No.

# Connecting with the Patient

 $\hfill\square$  Examinee recognized the SP's emotions and responded with PEARLS.

# **Physical Examination**

- ☐ Examinee washed his/her hands.
- ☐ Examinee asked permission to start the exam.
- ☐ Examinee used respectful draping.
- ☐ Examinee did not repeat painful maneuvers.

☑ Exam Component	Maneuver
☐ Head and neck exam	Inspection (head, mouth), carotid auscultation and palpation, thyroid exam
□ CV exam	Palpation, auscultation, orthostatic vital signs
☐ Pulmonary exam	Auscultation
☐ Extremities	Palpated peripheral pulses
☐ Neurologic exam	Mental status, cranial nerves (including funduscopic exam), motor exam, DTRs, cerebellar, Romberg test, gait, sensory exam

# Closure

- ☐ Examinee discussed initial diagnostic impressions.
- ☐ Examinee discussed initial management plans:
  - ☐ Follow-up tests.
- ☐ Examinee asked if the SP had any other questions or concerns.

# Sample Closure

Mr. Keller, I need to run some tests to determine the reason you passed out this morning, so I am going to get a CT scan of your head to look for bleeding or masses, and I will then order some blood tests to look for infections or electrolyte abnormalities. You mentioned that your heart was racing just before you passed out, so I will also ask you to wear a heart monitor for 24 hours. Doing so is just like having a constant ECG, and it will allow us to detect any abnormal heartbeats you might have. We will start with these tests and then go from there. Do you have any questions for me?

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