

Communication Scenario A (2021 NR)

Dental Foundation Training National Recruitment – Clinical Communication scenario A

This is a Communication station, and you will be assessed on the way you would communicate with a patient.

Applicant briefing:

You are a Foundation Dentist working in a busy multi-surgery dental practice.

You have been asked to see Chris Cooper, a regular patient at the practice, who is booked in with you for a one-hour emergency treatment appointment.

The patient is complaining of severe throbbing pain (8/10) which is made worse by just touching their upper right first permanent molar. The patient says they had a large filling in this tooth about two years ago and was warned at the time by the dentist that there may be problems later. They have experienced discomfort with food getting caught between back teeth in the upper right also.

You have completed a full examination, history, radiographs and diagnostic tests and reached the correct diagnosis of acute apical periodontitis of the upper right first permanent molar (16).

You note that the tooth also has caries distally which extends subgingivally by 2mm, there is food packing distally with an inflamed papilla, but no bone loss. There is a mild root curvature on the mesial buccal root. (of approximately 5 degrees.)

The patient is fit and healthy, doesn't smoke or drink alcohol and has an otherwise intact healthy dentition and good oral hygiene. There is no reported anxiety in relation to dental treatment.

You will be asked to demonstrate the communication you would provide to a patient based on the above clinical scenario. Questions will be asked as Prompts as required

This scenario is based on what you would say to a patient, there will not be a simulated patient present, so your answers to the questions provided should include the relevant and appropriate information that you anticipate the patient will require based on the scenario provided.