

Communication Scenario B (2021 NR)

Dental Foundation Training National Recruitment – Clinical Communication B

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 NHS dental practice.

Your patient Jamie Jones, 37years old, is a new patient to the practice. They have not been to the dentist for over a year but prior to that they attended regular appointments at a practice which is now only seeing private patients, the patient is booked in with you for an hours appointment.

The patient is complaining of some bleeding and tender gums when they brush their teeth, they are not experiencing any pain otherwise.

You have carried a detailed examination, history and bitewing radiographs. The patient has BPE scores of fours in all posterior sextants and threes in the anterior sextant. There is also bleeding on probing at most sites, together with supra and sub gingival calculus and plaque control is poor.

No caries or other pathological conditions can be detected.

The bitewing radiographs indicate 50 % horizontal bone remaining and no vertical bony defects are visible on the radiographs. The upper central incisors are grade 1 mobile.

The patients' medical history is clear. The patient has indicated that they smoke 20 cigarettes a day. 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 with 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.