Dental Foundation Training National Recruitment – Clinical Communication G

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 Ali Cooper, 72 years old, being a regular patient at the practice, who is booked in with you as they are complaining of a loose upper part denture. Only the Upper left central and upper right canine are remaining, both of these teeth are mobile (grade 2), with a BPE score of 4, bleeding on probing and periapical views highlight over 90% horizontal bone loss.

Reviewing the patient's records shows that the denture was made 10 years ago, and they have attended twice over the past year with a periodontal abscess associated with the upper right canine. At present the patient reports no pain. The denture is both unretentive and unstable, with the patient using denture fixative to help them with eating.

You have carried out a full history and examination. Your examination indicates the lower teeth are all present, caries free with sound restorations, with BPE scores of 2 in each sextant. You have noted there is some slight resorption of the alveolar ridges, they are bony with no significant undercuts.

The patient is fit and healthy, smokes 10 cigarettes a day and drinks about 10 units of alcohol in a week and has fair oral hygiene. The patient has no reported anxiety in relation to dental treatment. The patient has told you that no-one knows they have a denture and would be embarrassed if they were without it.

> 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
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> 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.