# **SAMPLE: OSPE – Interactive Station**

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<u>How to Use</u>: Review the station in a group of 3 minimum. 1 candidate, 1 standardized physician and 1 evaluator. Use the OSPE performance evaluation form provided. You can have multiple evaluators. Alternate the roles. Enjoy Your OSPE Practice!

# Interactive Station (Pharmacy Technician – Standardized Physician Interaction)

#### **Your (Candidate) instructions:**

#### Case description:

You are a pharmacy technician in a hospital pharmacy. Dr. Ali is waiting in the pharmacy to give you a new prescription for his patient Linda Thomas. Linda is suffering from headaches. You are expected to review the prescription below and answer as you would in practice.

#### Patient profile

Name: Linda Thomas Gender: Female Age: 27 years old

Medical History: Migraine headaches-recently diagnosed

Allergies: None

Current Medications (Rx & nRx): 1 Materna multivitamin daily, Maalox prn

Social/lifestyle: Non-smoker, no alcohol intake, physically active – gentle yoga 3 times a week

**Station references:** Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties (CPS)

This station must be completed in <u>6 minutes</u>.

## Prescription

Sunny Hospital 200 High Road Rainy City 888-9970

For: Linda Thomas Address: 88-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Correct date

Ergotamine

2 mg at onset of headache then 1 mg q1h prn x 3 doses

L. Ali

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L. Ali M.D.

#### Standardized physician's introduction and questions

If asked, the physician will provide the following additional information:

Lynda had a baby girl 5 months ago and she is breastfeeding.

<u>Important Note</u>: The use of Materna (refer to profile) must prompt this investigation on your behalf. If you fail to ask, this key information will not be provided.

"Hi, I am Dr. Ali. I have a new prescription for my patient Linda Thomas."

If the candidate refers the physician to the pharmacist without identifying the problem, the standardized physician will ask:

"Is there a problem? What is wrong with the prescription?"

If the candidate says to avoid the medication without explaining, the standardized physician will ask:

"Could you explain why?"

## **STATION REVIEW FORM**

Write notes, answers, interview and counselling to show how you would solve this case



#### **Interactive Station #1 - Solution**

#### Primary goals:

- Determine and confirm that the patient is a new mom who is breastfeeding.
- Identify and explain that ergotamine could suppress lactation.
- Explain that ergotamine could have adverse effects on the child as well since it is excreted in breast milk.
- Refer Dr. Ali to the pharmacist to discuss further.

### The candidate is expected to:

Determine and confirm that the patient is breast feeding by interacting with Dr. Ali. Identify that the newly prescribed drug (ergotamine) could suppress lactation. Ergotamine is also excreted in breast milk which can potentially have adverse effects on the child.

Refer Dr. Ali to the pharmacist to determine the most appropriate treatment.

## **OSPE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FORM**

Communication skills (circle one)	
4. Appropriate 3. Appropriate/Marginal 2. Poor/Marginal 1. Poor	
<u>Comments</u>	
Outcome (circle one)  4. Problem solved 3. Problem marginally solved 2. Problem not solved	
2. Problem not identified  Comments	

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- 4. Meets expectations
- 3. Meets expectations marginally2. Does not meet expectations1. Unacceptable

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Information inaccuracy No Yes

Risk to patient's safety Yes No

**Overall Mark** 

**PASS FAIL**