Completing the Objective Portion of a Virtual Visit



Vital Signs

Utilize what the patient has at home: phone, blood pressure cuff, pulse oximeter, thermometer, scale. Develop workflow to encourage patient to obtain data prior to visit.



Observation

Observe environment and overall well-being. Use common items like a quarter or pencil to determine size. Coach patient to help with changing their position, lighting, or breathing.



Palpation

Coach patient to be your hands. Demonstrate what should be done, watch for involuntary tensing muscles and facial expressions.



Auscultation

Listen to patient's breathing, joints creaking, and bowel sounds. Have patient move closer to microphone so you can hear.



