OET Sample role-play

ROLEPLAYER CARD NO. 1

MEDICINE

SETTING

Suburban Clinic

CARER

Your father, Harry Smith, is 68 years old. He has a history of atrial fibrillation (abnormal heart rhythm) and takes warfarin (anticoagulant) to reduce the risk of thrombosis and embolism (abnormal formation and migration of blood clots). You have come to see the doctor today to request a prescription of Panadeine Forte for Harry, who two days ago fell at home, and now has extensive bruising and pain on his right thigh but is otherwise well.

TASK

- Tell the doctor that yesterday your sister gave Harry a couple of her own Panaedeine Forte tablets, which significantly relieved his pain. Today, you have come to collect a prescription for Harry who is in too much pain to walk to the clinic himself.
- Become angry when the doctor refuses to give you a prescription. Demand an explanation.
- Reluctantly agree to the doctor making a home visit for Harry (although you really think this is unnecessary, as the doctor knows Harry's medical history).

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CANDIDATE CARD NO. 1

MEDICINE

SETTING

Suburban Clinic

DOCTOR

You are speaking to the son/daughter of your 68-year-old patient, Harry Smith. Harry has a history of atrial fibrillation (abnormal heart rhythm) and takes warfarin (anticoagulant) to reduce the risk of thrombosis and embolism (abnormal formation and migration of blood clots). The son/daughter is requesting a prescription of Panadeine Forte for Harry, who two days ago fell at home and now has extensive bruising and pain on his right thigh but is otherwise well.

TASK

- Tell the son/daughter that you will not write a prescription for a patient without a consultation.
- Explain your decision (standard of care; the importance of patient assessment in management decision; warfarin contraindication).
- Express concern about Harry's well-being and convince the son/daughter that a home visit, with Harry's consent, is most desirable.

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