



## OSCE Checklist: Chest Pain History Taking

Opening the consultation	
1	Wash your hands and don PPE if appropriate
2	Introduce yourself to the patient including your name and role
3	Confirm the patient's name and date of birth
4	Explain that you'd like to take a history from the patient
5	Gain consent to proceed with taking a history
Presenting complaint	
6	Use open questioning to explore the patient's presenting complaint
History of presenting complaint	
7	Site: ask where the pain is
8	Onset: clarify when the pain first started and if it came on suddenly or gradually
9	Character: ask the patient to describe how the pain feels
10	Radiation: ask if the pain moves anywhere else
11	Associated symptoms: ask if there are any other associated symptoms
12	Time course: ask how the pain has changed over time
13	Exacerbating or relieving factors: ask if anything makes the pain worse or better
14	Severity: ask how severe the pain is on a scale of 0-10
15	Explore the patient's ideas, concerns and expectations
16	Summarise the patient's presenting complaint
Systemic enquiry	
17	Screen for relevant symptoms in other body systems
Past medical history	
18	Screen for conditions that may be associated with chest pain
19	Ask about other medical diagnoses and previous surgical history
20	Ask if the patient has any allergies and if so, clarify what kind of reaction they had to the substance
Drug history	
21	Ask if the patient is currently taking any prescribed medications or over-the-counter remedies
22	Ask if the patient if they're experiencing any side effects from their medication
Family history	
23	Ask if there is any family history of diseases relevant to chest pain and clarify at what age the disease(s) developed (e.g. cardiovascular disease, thromboembolic disease)

Social history		
24	Explore the patient's general social context (accommodation, who the patient lives with, how the patient manages with activities of daily living, care needs)	
25	Take a smoking history	
26	Take an alcohol history	
27	Ask about recreational drug use	
28	Ask about problematic gambling	
29	Ask about diet and exercise	
30	Ask about the patient's occupation	
31	Ask if the patient drives	
Closing the consultation		
32	Summarise the salient points of the history back to the patient and ask if they feel that you've missed anything	
33	Thank the patient for their time	
34	Dispose of PPE appropriately and wash your hands	
Key communication skills		
35	Active listening	
36	Summarising	
37	Signposting	

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