



## OSCE Checklist: Dental History Taking

Opening the consultation		
1	Wash your hands and don PPE if appropriate	
2	Introduce yourself and the dental nurse including your names and roles	
3	Confirm the patient's name and date of birth	
4	Ask the patient to take a seat and ensure they are comfortable	
5	Briefly explain what the dental assessment will involve using patient-friendly language	
6	Gain consent to proceed with the dental assessment	
Presenting complaint		
7	Use open questioning to explore the patient's presenting complaint	
History of presenting complaint		
8	Gain further details about the patient's presenting complaint using a mixture of open and closed questioning.	
9	Explore the patient's ideas, concerns and expectations	
10	Summarise what the patient has told you and ask if you've missed anything	
Medical history		
11	Ask if the patient has any known medical conditions and if the patient does, you should gather more details to assess how well controlled the disease is and what treatment(s) the patient is receiving	
12	Check the patient's allergy status and clarify the details of any allergic reactions	
13	Check if the patient is currently taking any medications, including over the counter remedies	
14	Perform a systems review to screen for medical conditions which may be relevant	
Social history		
15	Record the patient's current and past smoking history, including the type and amount of tobacco or substance used	
16	Record the frequency, type and amount of alcohol consumed	
17	Record diet history in order to help assign caries and tooth wear risks	
18	Record the patient's current occupation	
Dental history		
19	Clarify the patient's recent dental history and assess their overall attendance frequency	
20	Ask the patient how they feel about visiting the dentist to get a sense of their level of dental anxiety	
21	Ask about the patient's oral hygiene routine including toothbrushing, interdental cleaning, and mouth rinsing	
Discussing the next steps		
22	Thank the patient	

<b>23</b>	Signpost what will happen next (most likely a dental exam)	
<b>24</b>	Provide an opportunity for them to ask questions or voice their ideas and concerns	
<b>Key communication skills</b>		
<b>25</b>	Active listening	
<b>26</b>	Summarising	
<b>27</b>	Signposting	

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