



OSCE Checklist: Loss of Consciousness 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	Explore potential triggers for the LOC
8	Ask about prodromal symptoms including auras
9	Ask about motor symptoms during the episode of LOC (e.g. flaccidity, stiffness, jerking)
10	Clarify the duration of the episode of LOC
11	Ask about tongue biting, incontinence and cyanosis during the episode of LOC
12	Clarify how long it took for the patient to recover after the episode
13	Ask if there were any obvious relieving factors for the episode of LOC
14	Screen for evidence of injuries sustained during the episode of LOC
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 and surgical history	
18	Ask if the patient has any medical conditions
19	Ask if the patient has had any relevant surgical procedures
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 about recent medication changes (e.g. new medications, recently stopped medications, dose changes)

Family history	
23	Ask the patient if there is any family history of cardiovascular disease or seizures
Social history	
24	Explore the patient's general social context
25	Take a smoking history
26	Take an alcohol history
27	Ask about recreational drug use
28	Ask the patient about their fluid intake
29	Gather details about the patient's occupation
30	Enquire if the patient drives and provide appropriate advice
Closing the consultation	
31	Summarise the salient points of the history back to the patient and ask if they feel anything has been missed
32	Thank the patient for their time
33	Dispose of PPE appropriately and wash your hands
Key communication skills	
34	Active listening
35	Summarising
36	Signposting

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