



## OSCE Checklist: PUO History Taking

<b>Opening the consultation</b>		
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	
<b>Presenting complaint</b>		
6	Use open questioning to explore the patient's presenting complaint	
<b>History of presenting complaint</b>		
7	Take a history of the patient's fever	
8	Ask about symptoms associated with the fever	
9	Ask about current infectious symptoms	
10	Ask about recent infections	
11	Ask about potential local exposure to infections	
12	Take a travel history to identify areas in which the patient may have been infected	
13	Screen for symptoms of autoimmune disease	
14	Screen for symptoms of malignancy	
15	Explore the patient's ideas, concerns and expectations	
16	Summarise the patient's presenting complaint	
<b>Systemic enquiry</b>		
17	Screen for relevant symptoms in other body systems	
<b>Past medical and surgical history</b>		
18	Ask if the patient has any medical conditions	
19	Ask if the patient has undergone any relevant surgical procedures	
20	Take an immunisation history	
21	Ask if the patient has any allergies and if so, clarify what kind of reaction they had to the substance	
<b>Drug history</b>		
22	Ask if the patient is currently taking any prescribed medications or over-the-counter remedies	
23	Ask about recent antibiotics	

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

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