



OSCE Checklist: Respiratory 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 symptom is (if relevant)
8	Onset: clarify when the symptom first started and if the onset was sudden or gradual
9	Character: ask the patient to describe how the symptom feels
10	Radiation: ask if the symptom moves anywhere else
11	Associated symptoms: ask if there are any other associated symptoms
12	Time course: ask how the symptom has changed over time
13	Exacerbating or relieving factors: ask if anything makes the symptom worse or better
14	Severity: ask how severe the symptom is on a scale of 0-10
15	Screen for other key respiratory symptoms such as dyspnoea, cough, haemoptysis, wheeze, chest pain and systemic symptoms
16	Explore the patient's ideas, concerns and expectations
17	Summarise the patient's presenting complaint
Systemic enquiry	
18	Screen for relevant symptoms in other body systems
Travel history	
19	Take a travel history if relevant to the presenting complaint
Past medical history	
20	Screen for conditions that increase the risk of respiratory disease
21	Ask about pre-existing respiratory disease
22	Ask about other medical diagnoses and previous surgical history
23	Ask about previous immunisations against respiratory disease
24	Ask if the patient has any allergies and if so, clarify what kind of reaction they had to the substance

Drug history	
25	Ask if the patient is currently taking any prescribed medications or over-the-counter remedies
Family history	
26	Ask if there is any family history of respiratory disease
Social history	
27	Explore the patient's general social context (accommodation, who the patient lives with, how the patient manages with activities of daily living, care needs)
28	Take a smoking history
29	Take an alcohol history
30	Ask about recreational drug use
31	Ask about problematic gambling
32	Ask about exercise
33	Ask about the patient's current and previous occupations
34	Ask about pets and hobbies which may be associated with respiratory disease
Closing the consultation	
35	Summarise the salient points of the history back to the patient and ask if they feel anything has been missed
36	Thank the patient for their time
37	Dispose of PPE appropriately and wash your hands
Key communication skills	
38	Active listening
39	Summarising
40	Signposting