



OSCE Checklist: Clozapine Counselling

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 the reason for the consultation	
5	Assess the patient's ideas, concerns and expectations	
Patient history		
6	Take a brief history to assess the patient's symptoms and management of schizophrenia (including hospital admissions and previous medications used), as this can aid in personalising the explanation	
7	Ask about current medications including prescribed and over the counter drugs	
Clozapine explanation		
8	Explain what clozapine is and its role in managing treatment-resistant schizophrenia	
9	Explain how clozapine is taken	
10	Explain the advantages of clozapine	
Side effects		
11	Explain the potential common side effects of clozapine (e.g. sedation, constipation, weight gain)	
12	Explain the rare but serious side effects of clozapine including agranulocytosis	
Monitoring requirements		
13	Explain the investigations required before clozapine can be started (e.g. ECG, BP, pulse, BMI and blood tests)	
14	Explain the clozapine monitoring service and the importance of regular full blood count monitoring	
Closing the consultation		
15	Summarise the key points and check the patient's understanding	
16	Provide leaflet or advice on where to find more information	
17	Thank the patient for their time	
18	Dispose of PPE appropriately and wash your hands	
Key communication skills		
19	Active listening	
20	Summarising	
21	Signposting	