

IACC 2023 Case-based discussion (CBD) scenario

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| Specialty: | Gastrointestinal Physiology |
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CBD Scenario

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| CBD Scenario Title | Safety in Anorectal physiology | | | | | | | | | |
| CBD Scenario Aim | To test candidate's awareness of red flag symptoms in patients with lower GI symptoms. | | | | | | | | | |
| CBD Focus (please provide the codes of the module(s) this scenario addresses) | SPS320 | | | | | | | | | |
| GSP Domains covered (enter X to indicate all that apply) | GSP 1 | | GSP 2 | | GSP 3 | X | GSP 4 | | GSP 5 | |
| CBD Scenario description | A patient has arrived in your department for anorectal physiology and endo anal ultrasound. When taking the patient's clinical history, the patient reports that she has had a recent change of symptoms. She is currently suffering from a significant change in bowel habit with rectal bleeding. What questions should you ask her and how should you proceed? | | | | | | | | | |
| CBD Scenario model answer/ assessor guidance Detailed guidance that will be available for the assessors. Include guidance on what kinds of behaviours, actions, comments should secure a pass. What should the assessor expect to see? Assessors will be asked to plan questions in advance including links | <p>This is to investigate candidates' awareness of red flag symptoms for colorectal cancer (CC) in which a patient should be referred on a two week wait pathway.</p> <p>It is acceptable that the candidate might want to speak to a senior colleague (e.g., manager, supervisor, colorectal surgeon) for advice.</p> <p>The candidate would be expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the test should be abandoned in light of the information provided for safety. • The candidate may ask about any relevant symptoms for CC such as: weight loss, abdominal pain, stool consistency, rectal bleeding and any obstructive symptoms. | | | | | | | | | |

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| <p>to trainee's IACC submission.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate may ask if the patient has had any prior investigations such as Faecal Immunochemical Testing or had a Flexible sigmoidoscopy/colonoscopy. If patient says no then the referrer should be informed. • They should advise of the appropriate next stages to flag this change in symptoms to ensure this is not missed e.g., ensure the referrer / GP is informed • The candidate should ensure the patient is informed of this. <p>If referred by a GP it might be prudent to inform them that the patient should be referred on a two week cancer priority pathway to the colorectal surgeons.</p> <p>The patient should be informed that the GP and referrer will be informed.</p> <p>The candidate should discuss some of these potential next stages.</p> <p>Fail criteria – the candidate does not mention the need to flag the change of symptoms appropriately and does not recognise the need to postpone the tests whilst the change in symptoms are investigated</p> |
| <p>Trainee instructions</p> <p>Please include any specific information to be provided to the trainee as part of the CBD scenario</p> | |

Criteria being assessed by this CBD scenario

| Aspect | Please indicate if this criterion is being assessed |
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| 1. Understands the clinical context of the scenario, including priority setting and testing strategies | X |
| 2. Understands scientific principles of scenario | |
| 3. Can discuss the relevant procedures involved in the scenario and associated health and safety issues | X |
| 4. Understands and applies the appropriate test validation, IQC, EQA, relevant professional/clinical guidelines | |
| 5. Understands and applies associated IT/bioinformatics and other appropriate resources | |
| 6. Is able to interpret and report patient results and provide appropriate clinical advice | |

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| 7. Can discuss the significance of patient results within the clinical context of the referral | |
| 8. Understands the ethical, legal and social implications of the scenario | X |
| 9. Is aware of the importance of audit and can use this tool effectively | |
| 10. Output meets accepted laboratory/professional standards | |
| 11. Demonstrates awareness of the limits of responsibility and when to seek advice | X |
| 12. Consideration of patient/professionalism | X |
| 13. Overall ability to perform | |