

DSH History

GLOBAL MARK			
CLEAR PASS	BORDERLINE PASS	BORDERLINE FAIL	FAIL

Criteria

Introduces Self, confirms patient identify, Washes hands,	2, 1
Offers analgesia, ensures comfort of patient, asks if can take notes	2
Confirms nature of the problem from patients perspective "Can you tell me why you are here?" Probes for more detail Reasons why	2
Past Medical History	1
Previous Psychiatric History Informal/sectioned Suicide attempts/DSH	1
Social History Support, Family, loved ones	1
Drug History (including illicit) Also include compliance, side-effects Any drug dependency?	1
Forensic History "Have you ever had any trouble with the police?"	1
Takes focused psychiatric history -ABSATPCI "Can you tell me how you spent yesterday? What time did you wake up? Did you sleep well? What did you do next?"	2
Appearance – clothing, posture, movements, facial expression, nutritional state, cleanliness	2
Behaviour – steady/labile distracted, eye contact, rapport	2
Speech – rate, volume, intonation, spontaneity, stammer, dysarthria Construction – flight of ideas, rhyming, punning, incoherent	2
Affect – subjective vs objective	2
Thoughts content, form 'What do you think about?' 'Do you ever get thoughts stuck in your head?' 'Can you think clearly, or does there seem to be some kind of interference with your thoughts?' 'Does anyone else have access to or control of your thoughts?' Anxiety – OCD, panic, phobia	2
Perceptions + Beliefs 'Sometimes people hear or see things they cannot or explain, or that others can't see or hear, has this happened to you?' Can you tell me more about them? How often is this happening? How does it affect you?	2

'Is there something special that only you can do?'	
Cognitive Function - AMT - Age, Time, Address for Recall, Year, Place, Identification of two people, DOB, WW2 end, Name of King or Queen, 20to1, Recall of address.	2
Insight How do you see your difficulties? Do you feel there is something wrong with your nerves? What kind of treatment do you feel is needed?	2
Provide Summary Asks for patient's questions	2
Provides appropriate action plan	2

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