

CLINICAL SKILLS (DME 4115/3125)

Paediatric History Taking

Introduction

- Establish a rapport with the patient/informant (Greet the patient &/or informant introduce yourself, state your role and gain consent).

Patient's Demographic Information

Name;

Age;

Sex;

Religion;

Tribe;

Residence;

Language of Interview;

Informant;

Date of Admission;

Date of Clerking;

Referral;

Chief Complaint (s)

- Brief bulleted primary complaint(s) in patient's/informant's words – including Duration.

History of Presenting Illness (HPI)

- Inquire about child's state of health prior to the current presentation.
- Develop symptoms in chronological order using informant's own words.
- Use OPQRST or SOCRATES to develop symptoms.
- Inquire about Constitutional symptoms.
- NB: *HPI should be recorded in paragraph format. Days of the week should not be indicated in hx as they do not indicate duration of disease.*

Review of Systems

State system(s) reviewed in the HPI

CVS - Palpitations, orthopnoea, body swelling, Paroxysmal Nocturnal Dyspnoea (PND). (In suckling children may inquire about excessive sweating/ difficulty /bluish discoloration during feeding)

RS - cough, chest pain, dyspnoea

CNS – Headache, Syncope, convulsions, blurred vision, limb weakness

GIT – Abd. Pain, Nausea, Vomiting, Jaundice, Abd swelling.

GUT – Frequency, Hematuria, Discharge, Dysuria, Menstruating? If female.

MSS – Joint Pain, Joint Swelling, Body rash(petechiae, purpura).

Past Medical and Surgical History

- Previous hospital admissions (if any), and reasons for admission.
- Hx of similar illness
- Trauma (accidents/injuries)
- Inquire about DM, Epilepsy, Asthma, TB, HTN, RVD, SCD, COVID-19
- Surgical Hx

Drug History

- Current Medication.
- Past Medication, if known.
- Use of Herbal Medication.
- Known Allergies

Birth History

- Antenatal:- any maternal illness or complications (TORCHS, STIs, DM, HTN/PIH)
- Place of birth:- home / hospital
- Pregnancy:- term or not
- Labor/natal:- spontaneous? Mode of delivery? cry at birth?
- Perinatal:- mode of feeding? pass meconium in first 24 hrs? any problems or complications?

Immunization History

- Under 5 card (seen or not)
- Immunizations given

Nutritional History

- Breast feeding
- When other feeds started? (Type of feeds and how much daily)
- Who feeds the child?
- Is the child able to finish food?

Developmental History

- Social smile
- Head support
- Sit
- Stand
- Walk
- Talk

School Performance

- Which school?
- Which Grade?
- Missing school?
- Performance at school?
- Gets along with friends?

Family History

- Parents alive?
- Siblings and their ages
- Deaths (miscarriages? stillbirths? terminations? early child death?)
- Family illness and allergies
- Family tree (DM, Epilepsy, Asthma, TB, HTN, RVD, SCD, COVID-19)

Social- Economic History

- Occupation of parents

- Monthly income
- Relationship of parent
- Alcohol
- Smoking
- Travel Hx
- House? Rooms? Roofing? Number of Occupants? Ventilation?
- Water Source? Treated or untreated prior to use?
- Type of Toilet?

Summary

- Important Positives and Negatives.

Provisional Diagnosis;

Differential Diagnosis;