Writing Test: Doctors

Time allowed: 40 minutes

Read the case notes below and complete the writing task which follows.

Bernard Smith is a patient in your General Practice.

13.11.01
Subjective: 77 yo retired farmer. 2mth history of severe pain in R hip and knee. 5 yrs of “trouble” with R hip. Weight bears normally. Pain increases over the day. No relief with Panadol.


Assessment: Osteoarthritis R hip.

Plan: X-ray R hip – degenerative changes consistent with osteoarthritis
X-Ray R knee – normal
Course of Indomethacin tabs 50mg t.d.s.

12.01.02
Subjective: Flare up of R hip pain. Had ceased medication of own accord six weeks ago.

Objective: Decreased range of movement in R hip, unable to weight bear.

Assessment: Exacerbation of osteoarthritis in R hip.

Plan: Recommence Indomethacin tabs 50mg t.d.s.

18.01.02
Subjective: Complaining of dyspepsia after recommencing Indomethacin tablets.

Objective: Mild epigastric tenderness. Hip unchanged.

Assessment: Dyspepsia secondary to Indomethacin.

Plan: Add Mylanta; change to Tilcotil 25mg two tabs mane.