

# **Opening the Consultation (Patient's profile) (Score: 1/10)**

- 1. **Introduction**: Introduce yourself and your role.
- 2. **Consent**: Explain the purpose of the history taking and obtain consent.
- 3. **Patient's Profile**: Take the necessary information from the patient such as his where he lives, Martial status & Occupation.

# Presenting Complaint (Score: 1/10)

4. **Open Question**: Ask the patient to describe their symptoms in their own words.

# History of Presenting Complaint (Score: 4/10) (OPERATES)

- 5. **Onset**: Clarify when the symptoms started and whether they were sudden or gradual.
- 6. **Duration**: Determine how long the symptoms have been present.
- 7. **Character**: Ask the patient to describe the nature of the symptoms (e.g., fatigue, weight changes, palpitations). (1P)
- 8. Severity: Use a scale of 0-10 to gauge the intensity of the symptoms.
- 9. Exacerbating/Relieving Factors: Ask what makes the symptoms worse or better (e.g., stress, medications).
- 10. **Associated Symptoms**: Inquire about symptoms like changes in appetite, bowel habits, skin changes, or menstrual irregularities.
- 11. **Pattern**: Determine if the symptoms are constant or intermittent and if they vary with time of day or activity. (1P)

# Systemic Enquiry (Score: 1/10)

- 12. **General**: Ask about general symptoms like fatigue, weight changes, and temperature intolerance.
- 13. Cardiovascular: Inquire about cardiovascular symptoms (e.g., palpitations, chest pain).
- 14. **Gastrointestinal**: Ask about gastrointestinal symptoms (e.g., changes in bowel habits).
- 15. Neurological: Inquire about neurological symptoms (e.g., tremors, mood changes).

#### Past Medical History (Score: 1/10)

- 16. **Thyroid Diseases**: Screen for conditions like hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, or thyroid nodules.
- 17. **Other Relevant Conditions**: Ask about diabetes, autoimmune diseases, or other chronic illnesses.



18. **Surgical History**: Inquire about any past surgeries, especially thyroid or neck surgeries.

## Drug History (Score: 1/10)

- 19. **Current Medications**: Ask about all current medications, including over-the-counter and herbal remedies.
- 20. **Allergies**: Inquire about any drug allergies and the nature of the reactions.

## Family History (Score: 1/10)

- 21. **Thyroid Diseases**: Ask about family history of thyroid conditions like hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, or thyroid cancer.
- 22. Autoimmune Diseases: Inquire about family history of autoimmune diseases.

## Social History (Score: 1/10)

- 23. **Smoking**: Take a detailed smoking history.
- 24. **Alcohol**: Inquire about alcohol consumption.
- 25. Recreational Drugs: Ask about the use of recreational drugs.
- 26. **Diet**: Discuss dietary habits and any recent changes.
- 27. **Recent travel History**: Ask the patient if he has traveled in the last 2 years to another country.

# Closing the Consultation (Score: 1/10)

- 28. **Summary**: Summarize the key points of the history back to the patient.
- 29. **Questions**: Ask if the patient has any questions or if there's anything else they want to add.
- 30. **Thank You**: Thank the patient for their time and cooperation.