

OSCE

Candidate information

You have been asked to see Julie and John, a married couple. Julie is 42 years old and has been under investigation for two years for ongoing weight loss and general decline. She has now been diagnosed with motor neurone disease.

Julie has presented with acute dyspnoea. She and her husband would like to ask several questions regarding her condition/treatment.

Domain	%
Medical expertise	
Prioritisation and decision making	20
Communication	40
Teamwork and collaboration	
Leadership and management	
Health advocacy	40
Scholarship and teaching	
Professionalism	

MND with dyspnoea

Actor (Julie and John) information

42 year old Julie has been brought to ED by her husband due to acute dyspnoea. She has been investigated for two years for weight loss and general decline. She feels unable to expectorate sputum and believes this is the cause of her dyspnoea. She uses a CPAP machine at night with 17mmHg of PEEP to help her sleep.

Her neurologist has now diagnosed motor neurone disease.

The consultant is to discuss her diagnosis and answer any questions they have.

Prompts:

- What is my prognosis with MND?
- Will I need intubation if I can't breathe properly?
- What treatments are available for my dyspnoea?

Marking:

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Explains prognosis of MND clearly and kindly	2
Explores resuscitation status and futility of intubation	2
Offers treatments for mucous plugging – NS nebs, buscopan, etc	1
Offers CPAP as symptomatic management for dyspnoea	1
Offers calmatative medications for anxiety/etc	1
Answers questions clearly without jargon	1
Admits patient to hospital for increased medical assessment/supports	1
Manner of approach – no false hope, clear, kind, offers emotional support etc	1