

OSCE

Candidate information

It is a typically busy winter's day in ED. Your RMO has been seeing a 45 year old male who was playing golf. Although the bad weather kept many away from the course, fellow golfers found him lying on the ground with a decreased conscious state and unable to move his lower limbs.

He has an unusual rash and his left pupil is dilated and non-reactive. The golfers stated they had glimpsed him shortly before the collapse and he appeared well.

The RMO is unsure whether to call a code stroke and would like to discuss the patient with you.

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

Lightning strike

Actor (RMO) information

You have been seeing Peter, a 45 year old male with no past medical history. Peter was playing golf by himself and was found by fellow golfers collapsed on the course with a decreased level of consciousness and inability to move his lower limbs.

He has an unusual rash and his left pupil is dilated and non-reactive. The golfers stated they had glimpsed him shortly before the collapse and he appeared well.

You are unsure whether to call a code stroke and would like to discuss his management with the consultant. You have also noted an unusual rash and are wondering whether to start antibiotics.

****Props:** picture of “rash”.

Prompts:

- Should we call a code stroke? Or do a CTB?
- What do you think caused his collapse?
- What is the rash?

Marking:

	Mark
Recognises possible lightning strike given history/findings	2
States neurological deficits do not fit stroke pattern	2
Requests CTB to exclude CVA/traumatic ICH/neck injury	1
Identifies keraunoparalysis	1
Identifies anisocoria	1
Identifies Lichtenberg figures	1
Demonstrates knowledge of other lightning injuries – ECG, burns, reverse triage	1
Mentions other differentials – dissection, MI, ICH, etc	1

