

OSCE

Candidate information

Your RMO has been seeing 12 month old Declan, who was brought in by his mother with an episode of coughing. The mother is concerned about pneumonia, as most of the family have viruses. The mother has already been to the GP, who ordered an Xray and bloods, which were normal. The child is fully immunised.

Your RMO has asked you to speak to the mother, as she is insistent that her child is less active than usual and must therefore be unwell.

Please take a history from the mother and act accordingly.

Domain	%
Medical expertise	50
Prioritisation and decision making	
Communication	30
Teamwork and collaboration	
Leadership and management	
Health advocacy	20
Scholarship and teaching	
Professionalism	

Paediatric ingestion of magnets

Actor (mother) information

You are the mother of 12 month old Declan. You have brought him to ED after a coughing episode today, following which he has been less active than usual. You are worried about pneumonia, as most of your family have viruses. You are a sensible mother. Declan is fully immunised.

You have been to the GP and had CXR and bloods done. You were told these were normal, but have come to ED as your mother's instinct tells you something is wrong. The RMO has asked the consultant to see you, as you are insistent Declan is ill. Declan has refused to eat since the coughing attack.

If asked, you remember that Declan was crawling around the lounge room playing with his sibling's toys just before the coughing episode.

****Props: CXR and bloods from GP – can be given to consultant if asked for**

Prompts:

- I really think Declan is sick
- Why is he off his food?
- Is the xray really normal?

Marking:

	Mark
Recognises foreign metallic objects in abdomen on xray	2
Interprets bloods as non-specific for pneumonia/other pathology	2
Recognises history as suggestive of choking episode	1
States risk that foreign objects are metallic/batteries	1
States need for further investigation	1
Admits child to paed	1
Explains risk of magnets to mother	1
Approach to mother – calm, non-judgemental, addresses her concerns	1



Bloods:

Hb 134

WCC 12.2

Plat 340

CRP 24

LFTs normal