

OSCE

Candidate information

An 82 year old female, usually fit and well, has presented to ED with an injury to her hand. She was folding up a “banana lounge” when it snapped shut on the ring finger of her left hand.

You have a medical student shadowing you, who will be observing how you assess this patient. You are not expected to teach the medical student directly, but may mention concerning features to the patient in the expectation the medical student will learn from this.

Please take a focussed history on this patient and examine her hand.

Domain	%
Medical expertise	60
Prioritisation and decision making	
Communication	20
Teamwork and collaboration	
Leadership and management	
Health advocacy	
Scholarship and teaching	20
Professionalism	

Open crush # finger examination

Actor (patient) information

You are an 82 year old female, usually fit and well. You have no medical history. You were closing a “banana lounge” today when it snapped shut on your left hand, trapping your ring finger.

This is your dominant hand, and you are due to play a golf tournament in two weeks.

The consultant is to take a focussed history from you and do a hand examination, then explain management of the injury to you if time permits.

You cannot recall your last tetanus shot.

You have three ragged lacerations to the pulp of the finger, with significant swelling which prevents the wounds from opposing. You have an Xray with you, which you may give to the doctor if they mention imaging.

Prompts:

- Will this need sutures?
- Do I need a tetanus booster?

Marking:

- Must ask hand dominance
- Must ask tetanus status
- Must ask for imaging/offer imaging to exclude fracture
- Referral to plastic surgery – open fracture
- Check past medical history
- Management: plastics, sutures, theatre for washout, tetanus, antibiotics
- Performs adequate hand exam

	Mark
Checks hand dominance of pt	2
Checks tetanus status	1
Asks for imaging/suggests imaging to exclude fracture	1
Performs appropriate hand exam	2
Refers to Plastics/Hands – open fracture	1
Checks past medical history	1
Discusses management – theatre for washout, antibiotics etc	1
Approach to patient – avoids jargon, answers questions	1

