

OSCE

Candidate information

An intern has asked to see you regarding a colleague. They are concerned about their friend Dave, who is also an intern and has been having a difficult time at work.

Please ask focused questions of the junior doctor and advise them on how the situation must be managed.

Domain	%
Medical expertise	
Prioritisation and decision making	
Communication	30
Teamwork and collaboration	
Leadership and management	
Health advocacy	
Scholarship and teaching	
Professionalism	70

Impaired doctor

Actor (intern) information

You have asked your consultant for a private meeting to discuss your friend Dave, a fellow intern. You are worried about Dave, who has been having a difficult time at work and at home.

Dave has presented to work today after a “big night” on the town. He was upset after breaking up with his girlfriend, whom he had met at work after treating her for a situational crisis.

You are worried that Dave may still be under the influence of alcohol and are unsure how to manage this.

You are also worried about the effect of the breakup on him.

The consultant is to ask you about the problems Dave is facing. You are to give him details as prompted only. If the consultant asks why Dave was upset last night, you are to mention his breakup and the fact that he had only been seeing the girl for a few weeks “after meeting her at work”. Only if asked directly should you tell the consultant that Dave was seeing an ex-patient.

Prompts:

- Do I have to notify anyone that Dave may be drunk?
- When does a doctor have to be reported to the Medical Board?/What is mandatory reporting?
- What should happen to Dave today?

Marking:

- Removes Dave from work
- Non-judgemental, etc etc
- Identifies reasons for notification – potentially impaired, sexual misconduct with patient
- Advises intern on mandatory notification requirements
- Thanks intern for raising this to their attention
- Offers support for intern and for Dave

	Mark
Removes Dave from duties today	2
Identifies need to notify AHPRA	2
Identifies reasons for notification	1
Teaches intern on requirements of mandatory notification	1
Non-judgemental, kindly approach	2
Thanks intern for raising this to their attention	1
Offers support for intern and for Dave	1