

OSCE

Candidate information

You are the consultant on remote call and have been called by a senior Registrar at a peripheral hospital. The Registrar has been managing a 26-year-old female who was BIBA after her husband found her at home, hanging from the second floor balcony on a home-made noose. The husband cut her down and called the ambulance. The Reg has intubated the patient and needs to discuss further management and investigation with you.

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

Actor (Reg) information

You are the senior Registrar at a peripheral hospital and have been managing a priority 1 patient. She is a 26-year-old female who was found by her husband suspended from the second floor balcony, using a homemade noose. The husband cut her down and called ambulance. You have intubated the patient but need to discuss the case with your consultant.

You are unsure if this is a true hanging and have concerns that this may be a DV case. You are only to mention this to the consultant if they suggest it as an option.

Prompts:

- What imaging should be done? CT neck, vessels, CTB and facial bones (based on photo – see prop)
- What bloods should I order? BHCG, basic bloods
- What is the difference in cause of death between judicial and non-judicial hanging?

Marking:

	Mark
Identifies likely strangulation as cause	2
Appropriate investigations	2
Identifies need to contact police with concerns	2
Explains difference in cause of death between strangulation/hanging	1
Mentions white ribbon legislation/DV screening/or similar	1
Takes brief, focussed history from Registrar	1
Manner – open, organised, etc	1

Prop:

Photo of face (description) – no plethora. Petechiae present. Subtle bruising consistent with finger marks around neck, black eye on left.

