



# Physician Associate National Examination

## OSCE Sample Scenario 1

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Please note that this Physician Associate National Examination (PANE) sample OSCE scenario is designed to provide the following:

- An example of how candidate instructions are presented during the PANE OSCE
- An example of the marksheet used by examiners when assessing a candidate's performance (candidates will not see on the day of their OSCE).

The scenario is no longer suitable for use in the real exam because it is either out of date, too technical, or has been used for a long time previously.

Publishing of the scenario as a sample should not be seen as an indicator as to the content that will appear in forthcoming PANE OSCEs. It is intended for general guidance only.

**Candidate Instructions**

You are a physician associate working in the emergency department.

The next patient cut their arm on some old chicken wire whilst gardening. Their wound has already been irrigated and anaesthetised with lidocaine.

**TASKS**

- Obtain appropriate consent from the patient
- Suture the laceration (use the skin pad provided), placing three interrupted sutures
- Provide any appropriate information/advice to the patient (you may do this whilst suturing).

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## Marksheet

	Marks
<b>Introduction</b>	
Introduces self (full name) and role	1
Checks patient's name	1
Additionally, confirms identity using hospital armband	1
Explanation of procedure and informed consent	3
<b>Pre-procedure Checks</b>	
Hand hygiene	1
Checks and gathers all required equipment including checking expiry date on sutures	2
Opens suture pack and needle onto paper in no-touch manner	2
Puts on gloves	1
Checks wound is anaesthetised BEFORE suturing (does = 2, not done = 0)	2
<b>Placing Sutures</b>	
Safely mounts needle on needle holder	1
Passes needle through both sides of the wound holding needle at 90 degrees to skin edge at appropriate distance from skin edge. Everts wound edge with forceps	3
Ties at least one well tensioned "reef knot": 2 x 1 x 1 throws	2
Cuts ends of each thread leaving trail of approximately 1 cm	1
Inserts 2nd and 3rd stitches with all knots on the same side of the wound at appropriate distance from skin edge (one point each stitch and one point for knots on same side of wound)	3
<b>Post Procedure Care</b>	
Clears up and disposes of needle in sharps bin	2
Indicates that they would apply dry dressing	1
Enquires about tetanus and realises patient might need tetanus jab	1
Advises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep wound clean, dry and covered</li> <li>• Advice about signs of infection</li> <li>• Remove sutures 7-10 days</li> </ul>	3
<b>Professionalism and Communication</b>	
Good communication throughout procedure	2
Demonstrates empathy and sensitivity	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>