OSCE checklist for community health nursing: antenatal visit

OSCE checklist for community health nursing: an antenatal home safety review identifies support needs and concerns that should be passed to the maternity team. Use this original practice checklist with your course guidance and supervised skills teaching.

Numbered practice steps

1. Confirm identity using the setting's required identifiers. Introduce yourself as a student, explain the task, obtain consent and perform hand hygiene before contact or equipment use.
2. Confirm the pregnancy care plan and purpose of the visit. Ask about communication needs and find a safe opportunity to speak with the pregnant person privately.
3. Ask about current wellbeing and symptoms that concern them. Bleeding, severe pain, severe headache or concerns about fetal movement need prompt maternity assessment.
4. Explore food access, housing, smoke exposure, support and ability to attend appointments. Ask permission before offering advice or discussing sensitive circumstances.
5. Use sensitive questions about emotional wellbeing, control or harm at home. Explain how concerns can be shared safely with the maternity or safeguarding team.
6. Agree support and follow-up with the maternity service. Record unmet needs, referrals and an individual contact plan rather than treating the visit as a replacement for antenatal appointments.
7. Close by checking understanding, ensuring comfort and cleaning your hands and equipment as appropriate. Document findings and hand over any unresolved safety concern to the supervising practitioner.

Common omissions

Asking about abuse in front of a controlling partner can increase risk. Focusing on the home can distract from urgent symptoms. A student should not offer independent reassurance about reduced movements.

Try an original practice task

Rehearse a visit in which a partner answers every question. Practise requesting private conversation naturally and handing over a concern without confronting the partner.

These steps support learning, rather than authorising independent treatment. Follow your school's task and local policy; ask for help when a decision exceeds your competence.

Related nursing practice

Return to community nursing OSCE practice or use the full checklist directory.

For a related communication exercise, try an antenatal safeguarding station. Its task and clinical setting may differ from this checklist.

Common questions

Is this a school marking sheet?

No. This is an original learning checklist. Your school sets the task and assessment criteria.

Can I print this checklist?

Yes. Use the PDF download on this page for practice.

Sources

- NMC: The Code
- NICE NG201: antenatal care

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