OSCE checklist for home visit

An OSCE checklist for a home visit covers preparing, introducing yourself, ensuring safety, assessing the patient and home, giving care and teaching, recording and planning the next visit.

OSCE checklist for home visit: steps to practise

1. Prepare for the visit by reviewing the record, the reason for the visit and the equipment needed, and follow your lone worker policy, telling a colleague where you are going and when you will return.
2. Pack and check your bag with clean equipment, hand hygiene supplies, PPE, a sharps bin if needed and documents.
3. Introduce yourself, show your identification, confirm the patient's name and date of birth, greet the family respectfully and explain the purpose of the visit.
4. Ask for consent and arrange a private, well-lit space.
5. Wash your hands and place your bag on a clean surface.
6. Assess the patient, including observations, symptoms, medicines and allergies, and any wounds or equipment.
7. Look at the home environment for safety, hygiene, ventilation, water and sanitation, and note any safeguarding concern.
8. Give the care that is needed, using a clean or aseptic technique as appropriate, check allergies and the prescription before any medicine, and dispose of sharps and waste safely as your policy says.
9. Teach the patient and family about the condition, medicines, diet and warning signs, and check their understanding.
10. Wash your hands, record the visit, arrange the next visit, and escalate abnormal observations or a deteriorating patient to the GP, senior nurse or emergency services as your policy says.

What candidates commonly forget

- Not following the lone worker policy

- Not checking the bag
- Not confirming identity or asking permission to examine
- Missing the home environment and safeguarding concerns
- Not escalating abnormal findings
- Not recording and arranging follow-up

Local policy comes first

This is our own practice checklist. Your college, hospital or country may do some steps differently. Where local policy and this list disagree, follow local policy.

Practise the hands-on steps with a classmate or in a skills lab, because an AI patient cannot watch your technique. You can practise the talking part with an AI patient, and try one station free with no sign-up. Next, try Falls assessment during a home medication review. Back to the community health nursing OSCE page: community health nursing OSCE, or see the full OSCE checklist list.

Common questions

What is the OSCE checklist for a home visit?

Prepare and tell a colleague, check the bag, introduce, confirm identity and get consent, wash hands, assess the patient and home, give care safely, teach, record, escalate and plan follow-up.

What is in a community bag?

Equipment for hand hygiene, PPE, observations and basic care, packed as your service says.

How do I stay safe?

Follow your lone worker policy, tell a colleague your plan, carry identification and leave if you feel unsafe.

Sources

- Indian Nursing Council
- NMC: The Code

Checked 2026-11-13. Fees and rules change, so confirm them with the regulator before you book.