OSCE checklist for community health nursing: TB treatment

OSCE checklist for community health nursing: tuberculosis treatment support checks barriers to a prescribed plan and connects the person with their specialist team. Use this original practice checklist with your course guidance and supervised skills teaching.

Numbered practice steps

1. Before entering or making contact, review the tuberculosis team's infection-control plan and arrange the required precautions and protective equipment with your supervisor. Introduce yourself, confirm identity, explain the visit, obtain appropriate consent and perform hand hygiene.
2. Confirm the diagnosis and treatment plan from the tuberculosis team. Clarify any infection prevention instructions before planning the visit or handling specimens.
3. Ask non-judgementally how treatment is going. Explore missed medicines, unwanted effects, food needs, transport, housing and difficulty collecting prescriptions.
4. Check what the person understands about continuing the prescribed course. Do not shorten treatment, replace medicines or advise doubling a missed dose.
5. Ask about new symptoms or worrying medicine effects and refer promptly to the treating service. Use the agreed urgent pathway if the person is acutely unwell.
6. Agree practical support with the person and specialist nurse. Discuss any supervised treatment arrangement only through the care team, and document the follow-up responsibility.
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

Assuming that a missed appointment means refusal overlooks access problems. Promising to keep all infection information secret may conflict with public health responsibilities. Explain necessary information sharing respectfully.

Try an original practice task

A person has stopped collecting treatment because of travel costs. Practise identifying the barrier and contacting the specialist team without changing the prescription yourself.

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.

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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 NG33: tuberculosis

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