OSCE checklist for community health nursing: vaccine choice

OSCE checklist for community health nursing: a vaccine concerns conversation explores why a person is unsure and supports an informed choice without pressure. Use this original practice checklist with your course guidance and supervised skills teaching.

Numbered practice steps

1. Confirm identity and introduce your student role. Explain that this is a discussion, clarify who can consent to the discussion and obtain their agreement. Use hand hygiene before contact or equipment use. Consent to discuss a vaccine is separate from consent to administer it.
2. Confirm whose vaccination is being discussed and the person authorised to consent. Offer an interpreter where needed rather than relying on a child to translate.
3. Ask what the person has heard and which concern matters most. Listen before giving information, and distinguish a previous reaction from a general worry.
4. Check the relevant vaccine information and explain its purpose, expected effects and important risks in plain words. Say when a question needs specialist advice.
5. Explore practical barriers such as transport, appointment access or difficulty reading the information. Offer options within the local vaccination service rather than making promises.
6. Check understanding and allow the person to decide. Record consent or refusal respectfully, the information given and how they can return with further questions.
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

Calling a parent difficult can close the conversation. Reassurance without checking the actual concern may be unhelpful. Agreement to hear information is not consent to give a vaccine.

Try an original practice task

Ask a partner to raise a worry from an information leaflet. Practise answering that concern, checking understanding and accepting uncertainty without inventing safety statistics.

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 the vaccine concerns practice 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
- UKHSA: consent, Green Book chapter 2

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