

Patient Script

Scenario 2

Name: Own Choice DOB: 01/04/XXXX Age: to be 50+ Location: A&E

Reason for attending: You have been having chest pain since last night and your partner was worried that it wasn't going away so brought you to A&E to get it checked out.

The rest of the information below is to be given **only when asked** by the students. If they ask a general question like "tell me more" please supply the first bit of information provided only.

More about the symptoms:

- It's a sharp stabbing pain on the left side of the chest
- Started last night, maybe about midnight, is still there now
- You have noticed that taking deep breaths seems to make it worse
- There is no change with movement, nothing makes it better
- Pain does not go anywhere else (not in arm or jaw)
- You have been feeling breathless since the pain appeared, like can't get a good breath in
- The oxygen the nurse put you on when you arrived seems to have helped a bit
- Not taken any pain relief yet
- Pain approx. 6/10 in severity
- Not had this before

Your thoughts and ideas – you are glad your partner brought you in, as you are beginning to get a bit worried, you have no idea what is happening to you and are a bit scared as you have no idea what is wrong. You are not worrying about any particular condition in particular. You just want to know what's going on.

Your own health:

- You are well and do not consider yourself to have any health conditions
If female: you are on Elleste Duet Conti tablets every day for HRT, started these approx. age 48
- You have no allergies and not on any other medications.

Family Health – your parents are alive and well (their age is appropriate to patient partner's selected age) with no known health problems. You are an only child and have no children.

Lifestyle:

- You work/worked as a librarian
- You smoke 20 cigarettes a day and have done so for 40 years
- You do not drink regularly, once a month you may have a couple of gin and tonics
- You live with your partner in a house
- You go for a long walk about twice a week but not much other exercise
- You are vegetarian so eat mostly veg, pasta, fruit etc.

If the students ask anything else not included above then feel free to ad lib as needed!

NB The students will then carry on to conduct a physical examination on yourself (likely the chest).