

TIME ALLOWED:

READING TIME: 5 MINUTES
WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

Task 55

Read the case notes below and complete the writing task which follows.

notes:

Julian McDonald (Mr) is a 68-year-old male recovering from total left knee joint replacement and needing transfer from your acute care hospital (The Alfred, 55 Commercial Rd, Melbourne VIC 3004) to the rehabilitation hospital (Cabrini Hopetoun Rehabilitation) who will take over his care. Mr B Mossley is the name of the specialist who performed the surgery.

Patient details

Name: Julian McDonald (Mr)

DOB: 12/1/50

Other: Gold Card Veterans Affairs, DVA234965

Admission date: 20/7/18 for elective L TKJR

Transfer date: 24/7/18

Reason for transfer: Rehabilitation care

Transfer type: One-way

Patient history

Osteoarthritis (past 10 years)

Gout (since 2010)

Smoker - 20cigs/day

Htn

Obesity- BMI 35

Hypocholesteremia

PTSD

Alcohol > 6-10 SD /day

Discharge medications

Zyloric 300 mg daily

Lipitor 20mg nocte

Karvina 300mg daily

Mogadon 5mg nocte (ceased)

Paracetamol 1gm qid

Ibuprofen 400mg tds

Nicabate 21 mg patch

Targin 20/10 bd
Oxycodone 5-10mg q4hr prn

Allergies

Penicillin allergy rash as child

Social

Lives alone in caravan back of friend's property w. 3 dogs, 6 chickens, cat

Outdoor shower

Uses BBQ to cook

Reg'd w. Dept. Vet. Affairs

Divorcee, 2 estranged children, few friends

Operative report

Medial prepatellar approach

Stryker triathlon x3 Prosthesis

Reinfusion drains in situ

Spinal plus GA

Post op

Significant post op pain requiring a no. of medical reviews

Morphine PCA inadequate

48 hr ketamine infusion used w effect

Ongoing pain following

Amitriptyline commenced - difficulty urinating so ceased w effect

Significant somnolence and snoring noted despite inadequate analgesia, needs formal sleep studies

CSU grew Staph saphrolyticus - prob. contaminant - specialist v concerned

5 d Keflex given in addition to normal 24 hr post op antibiotics

Some mild agitation and insomnia noted

Not significant alcohol withdrawal

Nicotine replacement instituted

Slow to mobilize partly from pain

Treatment plan

ROS at d10

Specialist at 6w (appointment made 7/9/18)

Significant rehab including physiotherapy and occupational therapy home visit to assess suitability and fitness of returning to caravan

Social work

Drug and Alcohol input appreciated

Sleep studies? OSA

Transfer plan

Immediate one-way transfer to the Cabrini Hopetoun Rehabilitation hospital for immediate treatment

WRITING TASK

Mr McDonald was admitted 4 days ago for knee surgery at the Alfred Hospital where you work. Using the information in the case notes, write a transfer letter to the Admissions Officer at Cabrini Hopetoun Rehabilitation, 2-6 Hopetoun Street, Elsternwick, Vic 3185, for Mr McDonald's immediate treatment.

In your answer:

- **Expand the relevant notes into complete sentences**
- **Do not use note form**
- **Use letter format**

The body of the letter should be approximately 180 - 200 words