

Taking patient records – asking appropriate questions

General information

Social history

- What/your family name? First name? Any other names?
- What/your job? What/do/living?
- Where/live? What/your address?
- You/smoke?
- You/drink?

Presenting complaint

Introduction	What/do/for you? What/bring you/here? What/seem/bothering you? What/seem/the problem?
Onset	How/it/start? When/start?
Duration	How long/troubling you? How long/last? How long/have it?
Exacerbation	Anything/the pain/make worse?
Alleviation	Anything/the pain/make better?
Site	Where/hurt? Where/get/the pain?
Move	The pain/move? The pain/go/anywhere else? The pain/spread/anywhere else?
Character	What/the pain/like? Describe/the pain? Wake you/night?
Trigger	What/cause/the pain? Aware/anything/trigger/the pain? Anything/brings it on?
Previous episode	You/experience/it/before? You/have/it before?

Family History

- Your parents/alive?
- Anyone/your family/suffer from/it? Anyone/your family/had anything similar?

Listening exe

Chest pain: What questions did the doctor ask?

- brought?
- painkillers?
- show?
- long?
- constant?
- go?
- describe?
- start?
- same time?
- before?
- do about?
- last?
- felt sick?
- been sick?