

Patient Instructions

Name of Patient: Aidan Talbot 73 and partner Charlotte

age 73

Description of the patient & instructions to simulator:

You have been encouraged by your new wife (of 3 months to come) today to see the GP because of a swelling in your belly. You are a bit vague about how long you have had the swelling. A few weeks maybe.

You think that you have lost some weight. Half a stone maybe. It's been a busy few months.

You take co-codamol for some aches and pains.

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Your first wife died of dementia 7 years ago. You remarried 3 months ago but you have known your new wife Charlotte for years.

You gave up smoking at the age of 26. You don't drink much alcohol.

You are a retired solicitor. You enjoy bowls.

First line and history

Thank you. This is my good lady - Charlotte.

Well, I've come about a problem that I have, here in this area, the stomach area. I've got, like a lump that comes down, and I do go and have a camera for my bladder and that's due on the, I think it's the eleventh or twelfth of July – but it should have been the second. But this seems to be getting bigger, this lump. I was just wondering if it was my bladder or what.

Ideas – No, no, I don't have any theories, no.

(Charlotte - He's very... he doesn't tell you a lot, he's very reticent.

If the doctor asks again Charlotte will admit that she thinks it is a hernia.)

Concerns – Well, that it shouldn't be there, so, I fear that I'm not sure what it could be, really. I think it could be associated with the bladder.

If the doctor asks again: you admit that you are worried it might be the cancer that has spread.

Expectation – To be reassured that you don't have cancer. You will take the doctor's recommendation for treatment if the doctor tells you that you have a hernia.