

Activity 2.2: Noting important details in the medical history

It is important to make note of any positive medical history findings. Any positive findings in the medical history questionnaire should be confirmed with the patient. For example, "In the medical history you wrote that you have had diabetes for 5 years; is this correct?"

Using the information provided for Patients 1 and 2 on the following pages, circle boldly or highlight all positive factors in the patient's medical history. After you have identified all of the positives, role play with a partner. Take turns being the doctor. Interview your patient about the positives in their medical history. Ask questions about the positives to get more information.

Patient 1:

Medical History

Patient Name: use your name or a pseudo-name of your choice

Age: 43 **Birthdate:** your birthday **Gender:** Male

Occupation: jack hammer operator

Chief Complaint: numbness and tingling in fingers and hands, weakness in hands and arms

Current Medicines:

1. Aspirin 325 mg as needed for headaches and hand pain
2. Advair steroid inhaler

Past Medical Conditions:

1. asthma since childhood

Last Medical Evaluation: 8 years ago

Childhood Illnesses:

1. Chicken pox
2. Measles
3. Mumps

Past Medical History

1. Asthma since childhood
2. Allergies to cat dander, grasses and pollens
3. Broken left wrist 11 years ago

Family Medical History

Mother: type 2 diabetes

Father: heart condition

Siblings: sister has type 1 diabetes

Surgical History

Tonsillectomy age 4

Appendectomy age 14

Wisdom teeth removed (4) age 23

Patient 2:

Medical History

Patient Name: use your name or a pseudo-name of your choice

Age: 61 **Birthdate:** your birthdate **Gender:** Female

Occupation: outside sales

Chief Complaint: headaches and occasional palpitations in chest

Current Medicines: aspirin for headaches, Maalox for stomach upset, estrogen

Past Medical Conditions: stomach ulcer treated 10 years ago

Last medical Evaluation: 5 years ago

Childhood Illnesses: strep throat, pink eye, roseola

Past Medical History

1. Stomach ulcer treated 10 yrs ago
2. 2 children by C-section many years ago

Family Medical History

Mother: uterine cancer

Father: hypertension and heart condition

Siblings: older brother has heart condition and hypertension

Surgical History

Cataract left eye 2 years ago

C- Section 39 and 41 years ago

Hysterectomy age 54