# COMLEX LEVEL 2 PE EXAM EXAM FIRST ANTENATAL VISIT

Interview and physical examination

## PATIENT DATA SHEET

- Patient Name : Ms. Paula Kettering
- Clinical Settings : Medicine Office
- CC: A 26 years old female present with routine check up for pregnancy.

#### Vital Signs:

- Blood Pressure : 130/78 mm Hg
- Respirations : 12 per minute
- Temperature : 97.8 °F
- Pulse: 80 bpm, regular
- Height: 65 inches
- Weight : 162 lbs.
- BMI : 27 kg/m2

## KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Pelvic exam and obstetric maneuvers are not allowed in examination.
- Always respect the dignity of the patient.
- Explain that sensitive information will remain confidential and it will be used only for medical purposes.
- General counseling as well as nutritional and pregnancy related specific counseling should always be done.

- Good morning Ms. Kettering, my name is Dr. Shaw. I am a physician in this hospital and I will take care of you today. So how are you today?
- I am great doctor, thank you for asking. How are you?
- I am well, thank you. So what brings you to my office today?
- I thought I would get myself checked doc, now that I am pregnant.

- Congratulations. When did you learn of this?
- Thank you doc, I took a home pregnancy test 5 weeks ago and it was positive. I re-took it 2 wks later and it was positive again.
- Well great. Is this your first pregnancy?
- Yes it is, doctor.
- You must be excited.

Yes doctor I am.

- Great. I am glad you came in. it is essential to take very good care of yourself and the coming baby too. I will help set up things for you for the entire pregnancy.
- Thank you.
- Sure, you are welcome. I will ask you some basic questions about your health and then we will run some basic tests.

- Okay.
- So are your periods regular?
- Yes.
- When was your last period?
- 2 months ago.
- Do you have any symptoms right now?
- No, but my breasts kinda feel heavy sometimes.

- I see. Have you gained weight in these 6-7 wks?
- Yes, I am up by 4-6 lbs.
- I see. Do you feel nauseated or have you thrown up recently?
- I feel a little nauseous in the morning doc, but I guess that's normal.
- Yes it is, with pregnancy.

- Have you noted any vaginal spotting?
- No.
- Okay. Any other symptoms like itching or dry skin?
- None.

- That's great. Now let me ask you about your health in general, social habits and gynecological history. I assure you all sensitive information will be confidential and will be used only for medical purposes.
- Sure, I understand that. You can ask me.

- Do you suffer from any medical problems?
- No doc.

- Are you on any medications including vitamin supplements, herbal or Chinese medicines?
- No.
- Are you allergic to any substance or medication?
- None that I know of.

- Have you been hospitalized in the past?
- No.
- How have your bowel movements been?
- They are fine.
- How about urination any trouble with that?
- No doc.

- Have you been sleeping okay?
- Yes.
- You said your periods have been regular and this is your first pregnancy.
- That is right.
- How many days do they normally last?
- 4 to 5 days.

- What is your flow like?
- Its normal I guess. I use up a whole pack of 20 pads during a period.
- I see. Do you have any pain or bloating or discomfort during periods?
- No.

- Have you ever conceived or aborted before?
- No.

- How many sexual partners do you have?
- Just my husband.
- I see. Do you use protection ?
- Yes we did but now we wanted a baby so we stopped for 2 months.
- Okay. Has any one of you ever suffered a sexually transmitted infection?
- No.

- Great. Do you smoke?
- No and I have never smoked.
- Do you drink alcohol?
- Only on occasions.
- Have you ever used recreational drugs?
- Never.
- Great now let me wash my hands and examine you.

## OBJECTIVE

- Wash your hands.
- Drape the patient.
- Do a good general examination.
- Repeat BP in sitting and supine positions.
- Examine all systems.
- Look for pedal edema.
- Explains, offers and performs OMM if indicated.

- Thank you for your cooperation Ms. Kettering.
  Let me help you sit up.
- Thank you.
- Lets talk about what we should be doing over the course of your pregnancy to take best care of you and your coming baby.
- Okay.
- I will first explain how many visits you will need.

- Sure.
- Do you have an OBGYN or would you like me to find one for you?
- I have one.
- Great. During the first 3 months, I would like you to visit your OBGYN every month. Then every 2 wks over the next 3 months and during later pregnancy it would be weekly visits. As your due date approaches, he or she may ask you to visit more frequently as needed.
- Sure.

- Your BP was a little high today, but when I repeated measurements, it was closer to normal. But I would like to repeat this in a couple of weeks time to make sure everything is okay.
- I see.
- We would also do some basic labs today, to get a baseline measure of your body systems. Some of these will be repeated over your pregnancy to keep track of things.

- Okay doctor. What kind of labs?
- Just some blood work to make sure your systems are okay, especially glucose.
- I see. Any other tests?
- Yes, although you already confirmed pregnancy, we would test your urine again for it. We will also check your urine for any infection as its common in pregnancy.
- Okay.

- I would advise you to start taking a vitamin supplement and a folic acid pill every day. After these labs are back, we might start other supplements. Also I would set up your meeting with a nutritionist to ensure you know what are the right foods to eat in pregnancy.
- Thank you.
- We will do an ultrasound which is a picture of your tummy today. This will also be repeated later to see if the baby is doing okay.

- Okay.
- Is there any question or concern at this time?
- No doc, thank you I really appreciate your advice.
- You are welcome. I will make calls to set up your appointments. I would also keep in touch with your OBGYN regularly. Please leave their contact information with my secretary.
- Sure, I will.
- Thank you. Take care.

## ASSESSMENT AND PLAN

- Assessment :
- 1. Routine care of pregnancy (Antenatal check up)
- Plan:
- 1. P/V and pelvic examination
- 2. Prenatal vitamins including Folic acid and Iron
- 3. Beta-hCG urine test, CBC with differential, CMP, UA with microscopy, Blood group with Rh type, pap smear, tests for Syphillis, Hepatitis B, Chlamydia, HIV and TSH
- 4. Ultrasound abdomen
- 5. Referral to OB-GYN and Nutritionist
- 6. Follow-up in a month
- 7. Patient education and counseling

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