

CT1 2024 Scoring Guidance Professional Behaviour & Communication

Demonstrates capacity to communicate effectively and behave professionally with recognition of the need for these skills to underpin medical practice

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Unsatisfactory	Weak	Typical	Very Good	Outstanding
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Used poor verbal	Borderline verbal	As expected of a	Good verbal	Excellent verbal
communication.	communication.	Foundation	communication,	communication at
Poor verbal	Conversation was not	Doctor,	clear and	ease. Good
engagement with	maintained through all	communicated	concise.	information flow.
assessor.	of the interview, easily	mainly good		
	distracted.	verbal		
		engagement		
		with assessor.		
Inconsiderate or	Occasional rudeness or	Was	Showed	Planned and
rude.	lack of empathy	considerate,	considered	considered responses
Poor response to	demonstrated.	responded well	response to	to challenges made
challenges made.	Inconsistent responses	to challenges	challenges made	all of the time with
	to challenges made.	made most of	all of the time.	empathy.
		the time.		
Poor eye contact and	Occasional eye contact	Good eye	Good eye	Good eye contact
was unable to adapt	but not maintained,	contact and non	contact and non	and effective non-
body language/	ineffective use of non	verbal	verbal	verbal behaviours, 2
behaviour.	verbal behaviour.	behaviour.	behaviour,	way conversation
	Hesitation.	Some hesitation	interview flowed	flowed easily.
		and pauses.	most of the time.	
Was	Defensive on probing,	Appeared	Comfortable and	Remained relaxed
defensive/aggressive/	occasional agitation	comfortable	relaxed through	and comfortable
agitated during	when challenged.	during	out.	throughout. Easy 2
assessment.	when endlenged.	assessment	000	way conversation
		most of the		way conversation
		time.		
Demonstrates no	Demonstrates little	Has an	Demonstrates a	Demonstrates an
understanding of the	understanding of the	adequate	good	excellent
importance of	impact of poor	appreciation for	understanding	appreciation of the
effective	communication.	the importance	of importance of	need for doctors to
communication.		of effective	effective	communicate
		communication.	communication.	effectively.
Poor understanding	Limited understanding	Basic	Good	Excellent
of the concepts of	of the concepts of	understanding	understanding	understanding of the
Good medical	Good medical practice.	of the concepts	of the concepts	concepts of Good
practice.		of Good medical	of Good medical	medical practice.
		practice.	practice.	