

**HEALTH CAREERS EXPO
BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Patient Case Study**



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Patient Name: Rachel Romero
Age: 24
Gender: Female

Reason for today's visit: Rachel is a 24 year-old IV drug user, who has occasionally shared needles since she was 21. She came to the clinic because she had been experiencing unusual symptoms for several months. These included headaches, recurring periods of extreme fatigue and a persistent respiratory infection.

Medical history: Rachel had a history of good health up until the age of 22 when she began to experience recurrent fevers and tiredness. In the past year she had been treated for several yeast infections.

Diagnosis: HIV infection

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Patient Name: Kari Hannon
Age: 17
Gender: Female

Reason for today's visit: Kari tripped during a basketball game and injured her right leg. E.M.T.'s brought her to the emergency room. The physician examined Kari and ordered a series of X-rays.

Medical history: Kari is a healthy teenage girl. She is seen by her primary care doctor for regular wellness check-ups. She has had all required inoculations for a person of her age.

Diagnosis: Compound fracture in her lower right leg (tibia)

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Patient Name: Mr. Jackson
Age: 87
Gender: Male

Reason for today's visit: Questioning his bill and payment

Medical history: Some mental and physical decline over the last few years and his wife began taking care of everything.

Diagnosis: His wife who was his caretaker died and now he needs more assistance with handling of his finances and understanding the procedures of the nursing home where he is moving.

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Patient Name: Jorge Diaz
Age: 46
Gender: Male

Reason for today's visit: Jorge has been having trouble reading the newspaper and his prescription bottle. It has also been difficult for him to use his cell phone. He also has been experiencing headaches when he tries to read more than a short time.

Medical history: Mr. Diaz has no other remarkable health issues. It was recommended at his last annual physical examination that he reduce the amount of sodium in his diet, and eat less meat products. He recently bought a pair of \$8.00 magnifying glasses at CVS.

Diagnosis: Change in status of eyesight and in need of appropriate prescription glasses

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Patient Name: Mary Whalen
Age: 79
Gender: Female

Reason for today's visit: The patient is recovering from a stroke. Although she is feeling stronger, she is still experiencing difficulty with her speech. It was recommended that she be transferred to a rehabilitation Center for needed therapies. Mrs. Whalen and her family are concerned as her insurance benefits are running out, and they don't know how they will pay for the rehabilitation.

Medical history: Mrs. Whalen was hospitalized for three weeks due to suffering a stroke. Prior to the stroke, she was on medication for hypertension and high cholesterol.

Diagnosis: Stroke

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