

**HISTORY & EXAM FORMAT**  
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**1- PERSONAL DATA: Age, sex & Hx source**

**2- C/O; parents wards & the duration of the symptoms**

**3-; HPI**

**A; Chronologically**

**B, Details of the major symptoms eg pain, vomiting....**

**1- WHEN: (onset, duration, frequency)**

**2 - WHAT characteristics**

**3 - WHERE, site & radiation**

**4 - WHAT FACTORS increase it or decrease it.(feed, drink, travel,,)**

**5 - WHAT associations?**

- Fever, cold symptoms, contact with sick patient , animals, travel
- Abdomen, Nausea, Vomiting, Bowel movements, Urination
- Wt changes & appetite
- Rash, Joint
- Bruises, bleeding & Jaundice

**6- Severity; what is the effect of the symptom on sleep, school, social life, sports**

**7- Progression of the events (investigations if done in other hospital & management given, medications, procedures,,etc)**

**4- PREG Hx:**

**- Mother age, planned pregnancy?**

**- Mother illness during pregnancy (fever, rash, joint pain), meds, smoking**

**- ANTENATAL FU (screens, US, Ix,, if relevant)**

**- LABOUR: Term, mode of delivery, resuscitation, Birth Wt**

**- NEONATAL: when discharged with mom, how he was doing in the first month of his life basically in regards of of (fever , Jundice, Seizures, sleep, colic, infections, respiratory Sx)**

**5- NUTRITION; his current diet, restrictions, wt gain**

**if detailed required eg FTT:**

- Br milk, formula (frequency, amount, latching, sucking, swallowing, chocking, cyanosis)
- solids; what, when introduced, amounts
- Supplementations; vitamin eg vit D

**6- VACCINATIONS: When the last vaccines?, if no vaccine was give ask why?**

**7- DEVELOPMENT: start with screen Qs:**

- **IS IT NORMAL /COMPARE TO SIBILINGS**
- Any regression, loosing skills at any time?
- How did U find him as an infant (for big kids?)

**THEN; GM, FMV, HREL, Communications with others (parents, siblings, strange adults, other kids, play.. for autism)**

**Self-care (feeding himself, dressing, undressing, toilet training)  
Behaviors; mood (irritable, agitated, depressed, sad, happy + CAPS;  
Concentration, Activity, Play with others, Sleep)**

**GROSS M;**

**If parents not remembering the details just ask what can s/he do now?**

- **Head control when pulling to sit-down 3- 4 m**
- Rolls from Front to back on 4 m (use the help of the hand).
- Rolls from Back to front on 5 m
- **sit alone on 6m**
- Crawl 7-8 m
- Pull to stand from 9-10m
- Cruise 10-11 m
- **To walk alone 12 m (can be used as a start & move forward for big kids or if  
Parents are not remembering the initial milestones)**
- runs by 18 m
- walk up & down the stairs (one step at a time on 2 y )
- Walk up stairs alternatively, ride tricycle on 3 yrs
- walk downstairs alternatively by 4 yrs, hops on one foot 4 yrs
- Skips- ride bicycle with no training wheels 5Yrs

**FINE & VISION; Start with asking about vision?**

- Open hand spontaneously (un-fisted > 50% of the time) ... 3m
- **transfer objects to mouth 4 m**
- **Transfer objects from 1 hand to another ... 6- 7 m**
- **Pencil grip.... 9-12 m**
- release objects on command...12 m
- **drink from a cup...1yr**
- **Is he printing/ drawing/ coloring? What can he does? Scribble... 18 m, vertical  
& horizontal lines 2, circle 3, + 3.5, sq 4, triangle 5, rectangle 6**
- 2 cubes..14 m
- 4 cubes.... 18 m
- 6 blocks... 2y
- Persons with 6 parts.... 5yrs
- Others: Train 2.6(30m), Bridge 3, gate 3, steps 6.

**HEARING, Receptive & Expressive LANGUAGE, Communications & play;**

**Receptive: Do U feel that his hearing is normal? Was it assessed?**

- turn head to sound 4m
- understand No... 12m
- understand commands.. 15 m (2 steps)
- identify body parts (18 m)
- -----5 ----- (2 yrs)
- Match colors .... 2.5 yrs
- Count to 10 ... 5yrs

**Expressive:**

- babbles... 6ms
- say mom/dad specifically + other 3-4 word vocabulary... 12 m

- point to several body parts ... 16 m
- 50 words vocabulary/ 2 word sentences... 2 yrs
- 3 words sentences....3 yrs
- name colors... 4yrs

### **Communications & play (for autism)**

#### **PERSONAL-SOCIAL;(feed, dressing, toilet, play)**

- Social smile spontaneously...3m
- discriminate social smile /show like and dislike...6m
- pat a cake, peek-a-boo ....9m
- comes when called.... 1y
- mimic actions of other ...18m
- **play with others... 24 m**
- **engages in cooperative play... 4yrs**
- **Toilet trained ... 3-4 yrs**
- **Feed from a spoon.... 15-18m**
- **Undress** himself / undo buttons .... 2 y
- dress himself / do up buttons .... 3yrs
- dress without assistance ... 5y

#### **8- PH;**

- **CHRONIC DIS & its severity assessment**
- **Previous admissions, surgery, head trauma**
- **Meds & Allergy**

#### **\* FOR CHRONIC ALLNESSES ASSESSMENT eg BA or Seizures** **DX; when, age, How (Sx & Ix)**

#### **A; details of the attacks;**

- Frequency, last attack
- Severity (home/ER/hospitalization; frequency- duration)
- Between attacks & general

#### **P; PPT/Trigger factors**

**D; drugs;** doses,response, SE,compliance  
Other Mx' (nutrition, alternative Tx, surgery)

#### **P; Progress**

- General course
- Home Mx
- Hosp frequency-duration-Rx
- Outpatient F/U; Where- frequency- IX-

**COM ; complications (disease- medications)**  
Compliance

**SR:**

HEAD: HA, Sz,

EYE: vision, concerns,

EARS: pain, recurrent infections,

THYROID: swelling, feeling hot/cold/ sweaty (GAMES; growth, appetite, motion of the bowel, mood changes, skin & hair changes)

CHEST, CVS: SOB, wheezes, chest pain

ABDM: pain, V, BM,

LIVER; Jaundice, bruising, bleeding

GUS: Urinary Sx, change in color, smell, steam

MSK: joint pain, limping

SKIN: rash, itching

**9- FH.:**

- Parents ages & health status- consanguinity (DRAW FAMILY TREE)
- Occupation (financial status & whom take care of the kids when they at work)
- Hx of SNABLS (Same illness, Neonatal death, Abortions, Birth defects learning disability, Sz )

**10- SH;**

**1-With whom is the child living? / Who is the primary caregiver? With whom is the child staying stay if parents work (day care, babysitter, servants, and grandparents)**

**2- Occupation**

**3 -impact & coping of chronic illness on the family:** social lifestyle, having time for rest, marriage stability, depression/denial, financial support,

**4- Stresses, new changes (move, new baby, divorce.. )**

**5- Physical home environment** eg for asthma; types of the house, smoking, pets, Plants, carpeted/ ceramic floor

**11- ALLERGY HX**

**12- MEDICATION HX**

**PHYS EXM;**

**1- Wash hands**

**2- ASK** the parents what is the best setting U think he will be more comfortable for exam (your lab, bed ... esp for 2-3 years) also ASK to **EXPOSE** his upper body.

**3- General Look; PAUSE TO OBSERVE & COMMENT VERBALLY ON:**

1- Wellbeing & sickness / comfort ability

2- Nutrition status: well nourished, thin, good muscle bulk,,,

3- RD

4- Dehydration status

5- Colure: pale, pink, jaundice

6- Facial dysmorphic features & neuro-cutaneous stigmata

7- His position, limbs movements (important for neuro patients)

**MAKE COMMENT THAT U WILL CHECK YOUR OBSERVATIONS MORE WITH MORE SPECIF EXAMS.**

**5- Vital Signs: HR: RR: Temp: BP: O2 sats:**

GP; Height\_\_\_ % Weight\_\_\_ % HC\_\_\_%

BMI\_\_\_\_\_

**6- Hand: clubbing, paleness, pulse,,,**

**7- HEEN :**

Head: size, shape, fontanel & scalp

Eyes: pale, jaundice, nystigmus , squint ... use the ophthalmoscope for red reflex & to assess the EOM.

Ears; otoscope (mention U want to do it at the end)

Nose & Mouth: dental status, palate, uvula, tonsils

Neck; thyroid , LAP

**8- Resp:**

- Inspection: RR- chest movements/ expansion – shape – scars
- Palpate trachea
- Auscultate : Air entry : compare sides & front/back
- Percuss if applicable: -----

**9 - CVS:**

- Clubbing - priph pulses/ femorals – CRF
- palpate precordium (Apex beat, PS heave)
- Auscultate : H sounds + murmurs ( change positions , 4 areas & the back)

10- Abdomen: observe, auscultate and palpate as in adults. Children often have a palpable liver edge...always palpate from the pelvic brim up. Consider a rectal exam if applicable to presenting complaint.

11- GUT; for tanner stage , inguinal hernia

12- CNS; HMF, Cr N, TPR, Sensation, Prioception, Gait, spine if indicated

13- MSK

14- Skin; rash, bruises, birth marks

**IMPRESSION**

- In 2 to 3 sentences, provide a summary of the patient with main findings.
- For example: 1 year old previously healthy Caucasian boy presented to ER with complaint of cough and increased work of breathing. Neither Chest x-ray nor the physical exam showed any focality and the NPW is pending. He has been admitted for likely RSV bronchiolitis and is currently stable on 3 L of oxygen).

**PROBLEM LIST**

- List all of the acute and chronic problems using patient descriptions (cough, fever, difficulty breathing).

- Do not to list diagnosis as the problem i.e. asthma, pneumonia etc.
- List a differential diagnosis for each problem with reasons for and against each diagnosis.
- This list should be in order of significance.
- There may be problems that were elicited in history which were not part of the presenting symptoms.

## **FOLLOW UP NOTES: SOAP**

### **S (Subjective):**

- Information provided by parents / patients about their condition. Get details of the symptoms the patient was admitted with and if symptoms have improved.
- Example: if the child was admitted with diarrhea – has he had any more loose stools, change in number of stools, colour etc.
- Is the patient eating better? With an infant you might want to quantify the amount of milk / fluids taken as per mother. Passing urine stools.

### **O (Objective):**

- The information gathered from the physical examination and from the tests.
- Begin with weight (if new weight available), vitals. If febrile, maximum temperature in last 24 hours.
- Total input and output – especially in a child admitted with dehydration or with a renal problem. Also important in children not gaining adequate weight due to any reason.
- Physical examination conducted on that day. Include all pertinent positives and negatives.
- New laboratory results and other tests done with results i.e, renal ultrasound – normal. Also mention tests already done with pending results.

### **A (Assessment):**

- Assessment of the patient – what you consider the problems with the patient, with the most relevant problem listed first.
- It is also the summary of how the patient is doing and what has changed from previous day.

### **P (Plan):**

- What are the plans for the patient according to each problem?
- Some people like to merge assessment and plan together.
- The most significant problem should be mentioned first.
- This section should include all the medications, lab tests to be ordered and to be followed, consults to be asked.
- It is very important to write the plan after the rounds as most of the decisions are made in the rounds.