

Medical VIVA Advice

Directly From the Examiners

- Candidates who score well:
 - Demonstrate respect for the patient
 - Elicit a comprehensive history relevant to the system
 - Evaluate the functional impact of the condition
 - Perform a fluent and accurate physical examination
 - Integrate the information into a reliable and succinct summary (see below)
 - Prioritise and correctly interpret relevant investigations

Med Viva Structure & Summary

My order that I wrote down before each viva to structure my history and presentation was ...

- name,
- age,
- occupation,
- diagnosis & severity score,
- function,
- (any significant background) PMH,
- stability/progression,
- treatment received,
- optimisation

Then

⇒ salient examination findings

Then

⇒ investigations I'd like and what I'd expect to see.