

OET Writing practice – Sample answer (Foster)

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Dear Dr Williams,

Re: Zach Foster, 22 years old

Thank you for your assistance in managing this patient who has unstable asthma, possibly complicated by gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GORD).

Mr. Foster has had asthma since age 3, with two previous hospitalisations, the most recent three years ago. He is currently on Ventolin prn and Pulmicort b.d but often forgets his Pulmicort. He has also been a smoker (10-20 cigarettes/day) for the last four years.

On 11. October, he complained of SOB when playing sport, and wheezing and cough which woke him at night and increased his Ventolin use. He also reported postprandial chest burning, consistent with GORD. Examination was unremarkable (chest clear, peak flow 500L/min) and he was counseled on consistent use of his Pulmicort and on cessation of smoking, and was started on pantoprazole for the GORD.

Today on review he is still smoking and forgetting to use his Pulmicort. His GORD has, however, been relieved by the pantoprazole. Correct use of Pulmicort and help to stop smoking were again emphasised, and his GORD treatment was extended for another seven weeks, at which time he will be again reviewed.

In the interim, however, he would benefit from specialist lung function assessment and management of his unstable asthma.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,
Doctor

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