GP Stage 3 Simulated Consultation (Relative)

Consultation Focus

This is a challenging consultation made harder by the asymmetric information. Whilst it is not wrong to inform or suggest that additional factors may have contributed to Mr Smith’s death, better candidates are likely to arrange a further meeting in the presence of senior colleagues, in order to discuss this sensitive matter further, rather than breaking this news with limited information. Ignoring the matter completely or lying about the cause of Mr Smith’s death would be seen as wholly unacceptable.

On a separate note, whilst encouraging patients/relatives to make donations is unacceptable, providing them with the necessary information (after receiving a request) is appropriate and supportive.

Additionally, whilst emotional support is essential, providing medical advice would not be appropriate. Good candidates may advise Mr Smith’s child to arrange a GP appointment in order to further explore and manage their low mood.