



Mini CEX Renal Biopsy

Breaking Bad News Simulation Format

6 Questions (6 Mandatory)

NA	1*	2*	3	4	5*
Not sufficient time to discuss.	Critical Deficiency	Unsatisfactory for level of training	Satisfactory for level of training	Superior for level of training	Aspirational (Rarely seen)

* Comments must be included for ratings of 1, 2, or 5.

1. Explanation of Indications/Contraindications for Renal Biopsy.

Critical deficiencies: Confused, disorganized, or omitted explanations of indications for renal biopsy. Does not recognize contraindications or screen for them. Does not indicate whether biopsy is necessary or optional. Does not know potential diagnoses and their therapies.

Aspirational: Clear, organized explanation of indications, possible diagnoses, and treatments. Recognizes and screens for contraindications comprehensively. Indicates clearly whether biopsy is optional or necessary and explains why.

2. Explanation of Process of Biopsy.

Critical deficiencies: Does not explain or plan for laboratory screening, and BP control. Does not describe the procedure and post-procedure steps, omits steps, or incorrectly describes them.

Aspirational: Explains laboratory screening. Indicates which medicines must be held, and for how long. Plans BP control. Explains pre-, intra-, and post-procedure events, including need for lying supine for correct time period, need for patient to have someone drive them home, and exercise restrictions for 2 weeks.

3. Explanation of Risks.

Critical deficiencies: Does not describe risks or misrepresents them.

Aspirational: Reviews all risks, including failure to obtain tissue, pain, bleeding, obstruction, transfusion, AV shunt, nephrectomy, death, and estimates risk clearly, taking hypertension and CKD into account. Describes steps to ameliorate these risks. Explains risks of not having renal biopsy, as well.

4. Soliciting Questions.

Critical deficiencies: Does not answer patient questions. Does not ask if the patient has questions, or answers in a disrespectful or dismissive way.

Aspirational: Answers questions, and solicits them. Answers plainly, sympathetically, and without jargon.

5. Consent (Consent Form use will not be tested).

Critical deficiencies: Does not ask patient if he/she wishes to proceed. Does not appropriately deal with patient who refuses—is unprofessional or unkind.

Aspirational: Specifically asks if patient wishes to proceed. If patient does not wish biopsy, offers further discussion at a later time or with another nephrologist, and discusses an alternate plan of care.

6. Comments. (Comments must be entered for 1, 2, and 5 ratings.)