

Family Medicine Core Clerkship Adaptive Communication and Shared Decision-Making Case

Physician Role:

You are a family medicine physician and today you are seeing a patient that recently moved to your town. You have seen them once previously and they are returning today, three months later for a follow up visit. In preparing for clinic, you notice that your electronic medical record has flagged that this patient is “overdue” for a pap smear.

Patient Role:

You are the mother and legal guardian of a 28-year-old female who has a rare genetic condition, epilepsy, a history of aspiration pneumonia, and severe intellectual disability. The patient is non-verbal and has the developmental age of a 2-year-old.

Round 1:

Physician prompt: You welcome your patient back to clinic today and let them know that they are due for a pap smear. You do not yet know if your patient has had a pap smear in the past. Your main goal in this round is to discuss screening recommendations for the pap smear.