Reflection on own practice: Assessment

Use the space below to discuss a case study from your own clinical experience. Try to choose an acute oncology presentation that has not been covered within the previous case studies or topics covered in subsequent sections of the Passport.

Answer the questions below based on the case study you have selected. Refer to source literature to support your clinical decision making.

1. What initial symptoms did the patient present with?
2. How were they referred to the AOS team? Discuss what referral pathway/admission route this followed.
3. List what tools are available to grade and assess the symptoms the patient presented with.

4. How does the patient's oncology and medical history affect the context of the symptoms?
5. What differential diagnosis was suggested by these symptoms?
6. Discuss what underlying causes could be related to these possible diagnoses.

7. What initial investigations were requested? Explain why these were useful and relevant to this patient's assessment.
8. Discuss the approach you took to assessing this patient using skills that are within your scope of practice.

Reflection on own practice: Symptoms Management Plan

Following on from the case study that you have discussed within the Clinical Assessment section above, answer the questions below about the treatment plan for this patient.

1. What inter-professional communication occurred as part of the assessment and initial care of this patient?
2. Describe the initial management of this patient. How did you assess the effectiveness of the interventions within your management plan?
3. Did any co-morbidities or other contra-indications affect the treatment plan?

4. What clinical factors impacted the decision to admit/discharge the patient? Consider the role of risk stratification in the clinical decision-making process.
5. Which specialities or multi-disciplinary teams was this patient referred to during this episode of care?
6. Discuss the ongoing treatment plan following the initial management of this patient. What decisions were agreed about the patients ongoing treatment and care? Including non-clinical factors?

7. What ethical, professional, or legal issues did you encounter?
8. Describe how you managed and documented any challenges in treating and/or caring for this patient.

9. Reflect on the patient's overall treatme	ent and care that went well. What aspects might have been improved?	
10. Where you would find information a	and guidance to help formulate treatment plans for other AO indications?	
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