

Focused



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How to take Focused History

The general structure of focused history is:

- 1- Chief compliant analysis
- 2- Associated symptoms (by system or by DDx)
- 3- Risk factors for the DDx
- 4- Others (family, past medical and social history)

Everyone must ask about these main points for a proper focused history but the order could be different.

In this guide we used the following:

- For the C.C analysis we used the (SOCRATES) mnemonic for all the symptoms, so by collecting the questions of the analysis in this mnemonic that makes them easier to remember
- □ For the associated symptoms, we organized the related symptoms by system, so you ask about the related symptoms (from each system) to your chief compliant ONLY;

That makes them easier to remember (you only have to memorize the systemic review symptoms (page 45) and start picking the related symptoms instead of memorizing the symptoms of each DDx),

Another advantage is that this way won't repeat the same questions so many times and waste time in the OSCE

- In risk factors you ask about the risk factors (obviously!) for your DDx
- □ In others, same as associated you ask about the main related things

P.S. Organizing the associated symptoms by system is NOT the same as doing a systemic review.

So in this guide you will know why you asked each question (in the C.C analysis or the associated symptoms) and what DDx go with each symptom

Note: This way of organizing the associated symptoms by system is not from me, it was explained by an internal medicine resident during the rounds and I found it useful.

1) CHEST PAIN

(DDx: ACS, Angina, PE, Pneumonia, Pericarditis, Shingles, Trauma)

- A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :
 - I. Site
 - a) Retrosternal \rightarrow ACS, Angina, Pericarditis
 - b) Lateral \rightarrow PE, Pneumonia, Shingles
 - II. Onset (duration, sudden or gradual, progression, first time)
 - a) Sudden \rightarrow ACS, PE
 - b) Gradual → Angina, Pneumonia
 - III. Character
 - a) Heaviness \rightarrow ACS, Angina
 - b) Stabbing \rightarrow PE, Pneumonia, Pericarditis
 - c) Tearing \rightarrow Aortic dissection
 - IV. Radiation
 - a) Left shoulder, neck and teeth \rightarrow ACS, Angina
 - b) Back \rightarrow Aortic dissection
 - V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
 - VI. **T**iming
 - a) Continuous or intermittent
 - b) Day or night
 - c) At exertion or at rest
 - d) Time of each episode
 - VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors
 - Exacerbating:
 - a) Exertion \rightarrow ACS, Angina
 - b) Movement, respiration and cough \rightarrow PE, Pneumonia, Pericarditis
 - Relieving:
 - a) Rest \rightarrow Angina
 - b) NTG \rightarrow Angina
 - c) Leaning forward \rightarrow Pericarditis
 - VIII. Severity
- B. Associated symptoms



- I. General
 - a) Sweating \rightarrow MI
 - b) Nausea & vomiting $\rightarrow MI$
 - c) Fever & chills \rightarrow Pneumonia
- II. CVS
 - a) SOB b) Orthopnea c) PND d) Ankle swelling
- III. RS
 - a) Cough and sputum \rightarrow Pneumonia
 - b) Hemoptysis \rightarrow Pneumonia, PE
 - c) Cyanosis $\rightarrow PE$
- IV. GI
 - a) Heart burn or regurgitation \rightarrow GERD, Esophagitis
- V. MSS
 - a) Skin rash \rightarrow Shingles
 - b) Joint pain \rightarrow SLE
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. ACS \rightarrow Age, HTN, DM, Hyperlipidemia, Family history, Smoking
 - II. PE (DVT) \rightarrow Recent travel, Surgery, Immobility, Pregnancy, OCP, Previous DVTs
- D. Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs
 - V. Allergy
 - VI. Trauma



F. Social history

- I. Smoking
- II. Alcohol

**Investigations:

- 1. ACS + Angina \rightarrow ECG and cardiac enzymes
- 2. Pneumonia \rightarrow CXR
- 3. PE \rightarrow CT-angiogram , D-dimer

2) SOB

(DDx: HF, Anemia, Asthma, COPD, Pneumonia, Bronchiectasis, PE, Restrictive Lung Disease, Pneumothorax)

- A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :
 - I. Site
 - II. Onset (duration, sudden or gradual, progression, first time)
 - III. Character
 - IV. Radiation
 - V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
 - VI. Timing
 - a) continuous or intermittent
 - b) Day or Night:
 - \circ Night \rightarrow Asthma
 - c) At exertion or at rest
 - d) Time of each episode
 - VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors
 - VIII. Severity

B. Associated symptoms

- I. General
 - a) Fever and chills \rightarrow Pneumonia
 - b) Weight loss
 - c) Fatigue and dizziness \rightarrow Anemia
- II. CVS



- a) Chest Pain
- b) Palpitations
- c) Orthopnea
- d) PND
- e) Ankle swelling
- III. RS
 - a) Cough \rightarrow Asthma, COPD, Pneumonia, Bronchiectasis, RLD

Heart Failure

- b) Sputum :
 - \circ Dry \rightarrow Asthma, RLD
 - Small amount $\rightarrow \text{COPD}$
 - \circ Large amount \rightarrow Bronchiectasis
 - Yellow or green \rightarrow Pneumonia
- c) Hemoptysis \rightarrow PE, Pneumonia, Bronchiectasis (blood streaked)
- d) Pleuritic Chest pain \rightarrow PE, Pneumonia
- e) Wheezing \rightarrow Asthma, COPD
- IV. GI
- a) Upper or lower GI bleeding \rightarrow Anemia
- V. MSS
 - a) Lymphadenopathy
 - b) Skin rash
 - c) Arthritis
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. $HF \rightarrow$ Previous MI, HTN, DM, Smoking, Vulvular heart disease
 - II. COPD \rightarrow Smoking
 - III. $PE \rightarrow Previous DVT$, Recent travel, Long surgery, OCP, Pregnancy, Immobility

RLD

- IV. Bronchiectasis \rightarrow Recurrent infections and admissions
- V. RLD \rightarrow Exposure to asbestos or dust, Occupation
- VI. Anemia \rightarrow UGI bleeding (aspirin use), Bleeding from another site, Hemolytic anemia (jaundice / family Hx), Nutrition
- **D.** Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness



E. Past medical history

- I. Previous attacks
- II. Surgeries or admission
- III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
- IV. Drugs
- V. Allergy
- F. Social history
 - I. Smoking + Alcohol
 - II. Occupation \rightarrow RLD
 - III. Married with kids \rightarrow Rule out Bronchiectasis associated with Cystic fibrosis

**Investigations:

- 1. CXR \rightarrow Pneumonia, Pulmonary edema, Asthma, COPD
- 2. Spirometry \rightarrow Asthma, COPD, RLD
- 3. CT-angiography And D-dimer \rightarrow PE
- 4. CBC \rightarrow Anemia

3) Palpitation

(DDx: Arrhythmia, Thyrotoxicosis, Anemia, Pheochromocytoma)

A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :

l. <mark>S</mark>ite

- II. Onset (duration, first time)
- III. Character
 - a) Regular
 - b) Irregular

IV. Radiation

- V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
- VI. **T**iming
 - a) Continuous or intermittent:
 - \circ Continuous \rightarrow Thyrotoxicosis
 - \circ Intermittent \rightarrow Arrhythmia
 - b) Duration of each episode
 - c) Has a Specific timing?
- VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors



- Exacerbating (Precipitating) :
 - a) Exercise
 - b) Large meals
 - c) Stress
 - d) Alcohol
 - e) Coffee
 - f) Smoking
- Relieving?
- VIII. Severity \rightarrow Cause syncope?
- B. Associated symptoms
 - I. General
 - a) Fever
 - b) Fatigue \rightarrow Anemia
 - c) Weight loss \rightarrow Hyperthyroidism, CA
 - d) Increased appetite \rightarrow Hyperthyroidism
 - e) Sweating \rightarrow Hyperthyroidism / Pheochromocytoma
 - f) Heat intolerance & irritability \rightarrow Hyperthyroidism
 - g) Headache \rightarrow Pheochromocytoma
- II. CVS

a) SOB

c) PND

- b) Orthopnea
- Heart Failure
- d) Ankle swelling
- e) Chest Pain
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. Arrhythmia \rightarrow IHD, Family Hx, HF, Valvular heart disease, Rheumatic fever
- D. Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history



- I. Previous attacks
- II. Surgeries or admission
- III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
- IV. Drugs \rightarrow Digoxin, Salbutamol
- V. Allergy
- F. Social history
 - I. Smoking
 - II. Alcohol
 - III. Heavy coffee drinking
 - IV. Marital status
 - V. Occupation

4) Cough

(DDx: Asthma, GERD, COPD, Pneumonia, CA, TB, PE, RLD, HF, Atopy)

A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :

l. <u>S</u>ite

- II. Onset (duration, sudden or gradual, progression, first time)
- III. Character
 - a) Dry \rightarrow Asthma, RLD, GERD
 - b) With sputum (amount / color / smell) → COPD, Pneumonia (yellow or green)
 - c) With hemoptysis (Frank blood / blood stained) \rightarrow Pneumonia / CA / TB / PE

IV. Radiation

- V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
- VI. Timing
 - a) Continuous or intermittent
 - b) Day or night :
 - \circ Night \rightarrow Asthma, GERD
 - Day (Morning) \rightarrow COPD
 - c) Time of each episode
- VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors



- VIII. Severity \rightarrow Is it so severe that it causes syncope or vomiting?
- B. Associated symptoms
 - I. General
 - a) Fever & chills \rightarrow Pneumonia, TB
 - b) Weight loss \rightarrow CA, TB
 - c) Fatigue
 - d) Night sweating $\rightarrow TB$
 - II. RS
 - a) Pleuritic chest pain \rightarrow Pneumonia, PE
 - b) Wheeze \rightarrow Asthma, COPD
 - c) SOB \rightarrow Asthma, COPD, PE, RLD, HF
 - d) Nasal discharge \rightarrow Atopy
- III. CVS
 - a) Orthopnea
 - b) PND Heart Failure
 - c) Ankle swelling
- IV. GI
 - a) Heart burn or regurgitation \rightarrow GERD
- V. MSS
 - a) Skin rash
 - b) Arthritisc) Neck mass- RLD (sarcoidosis)
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. COPD \rightarrow Smoking
 - II. Asthma \rightarrow Allergy, House ventilation
 - III. $TB \rightarrow Previous TB$, Contact with TB
 - IV. $PE \rightarrow Previous DVT$, Recent travel, Long surgery, OCP, Pregnancy, Immobility
 - V. RLD \rightarrow Exposure to asbestos or dust, Occupation
 - VI. $HF \rightarrow$ Previous MI, HTN, DM, Smoking, Vulvular heart disease

D. Family history



- I. Same condition
- II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs \rightarrow ACE inhibitors
 - V. Allergy
- F. Social history
 - I. Smoking
 - II. Alcohol
 - III. Marital status
 - IV. Occupation
 - V. House Ventilation



5) Hemoptysis

(DDx: CA, TB, Bronchiectasis, PE)

A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :

l. Site

- II. Onset (duration, first time)
- III. Character
 - a) Amount of blood
 - b) Painful?
 - c) Fresh blood or streaked or stained with sputum?
- IV. Radiation
- V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
- VI. **T**iming a) Times per day
- VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors
- VIII. Severity

*IMPORTANT: ask if there is bleeding from other site, or any drug use

B. Associated symptoms

- I. General
 - a) Fever & chills \rightarrow TB, Pneumonia
 - b) Weight loss \rightarrow TB, CA
 - c) Night sweating $\rightarrow TB$
 - d) Fatigue
- II. CVS
 - a) SOB
 - b) Orthopnea
 - c) PND
- Heart Failure
- d) Ankle swelling
- e) Chest pain

III. RS



- a) Cough and sputum
- b) SOB
- c) Chest pain
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. Bleeding disorder \rightarrow Bleeding from other site, Drugs {Anti-coagulants (Heparin or Warfarin) / NSAIDS (Aspirin) }
 - II. CA \rightarrow Age > 50, Male, Smoking, Family Hx
 - III. $TB \rightarrow Hx$ of TB, Contact with TB
 - IV. Bronchiectasis \rightarrow Recurrent infections
 - V. $PE \rightarrow Hx$ of DVT, Risk factors of DVT
- **D.** Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs \rightarrow Anti-coagulants (Heparin or Warfarin), NSAIDS (Aspirin)
 - V. Allergy
 - VI. Trauma

F. Social history

- I. Smoking
- II. Alcohol
- III. Marital status / children
- IV. Occupation



6) Leg Swelling

(DDx: DVT, Cellulitis, HF, Liver cirrhosis, Renal failure, Trauma, Hypoproteinemia, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Hypothyroidism)

- A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :
 - I. Site
 - a) Extent of swelling
 - b) Other site of swelling
 - II. Onset (duration, sudden or gradual, progression, first time)
 - III. Character (with)
 - a) Redness
 - b) Hotness
 - c) Tenderness
 - IV. Radiation
 - V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)

VI. Timing

- VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors
- VIII. Severity \rightarrow loss of the limb function?

B. Associated symptoms

I. Unilateral Swelling

a) DVT :

Limb \rightarrow Redness, Hotness, Tenderness

PE Symptoms \rightarrow Chest pain, SOB, Hemoptysis

Risk factors \rightarrow recent travel, surgery, immobility, pregnancy, OCP, previous DVTs

- b) Cellulitis \rightarrow Fever & Chills, Brown areas, Rapid progression, Ulcers
- c) Rheumatoid Arthritis \rightarrow Morning stiffness, Joint Pain
- d) Trauma



II. Bilateral Swelling

- a) HF \rightarrow Cough, Orthopnea, PND
- b) Liver cirrhosis → Bleeding tendency, Abdominal distention, Hx of HBV infection, spider nevi
- c) Renal failure → Frequency, Nocturia, Urine (color/smell/ amount)
- d) Hypoproteinemia \rightarrow Nutrition, Malabsorption
- e) Hypothyroidism \rightarrow Weight gain, Cold intolerance, Lethargy and Fatigue
- C. Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness
- **D.** Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs
 - V. Allergy
 - VI. Trauma
- E. Social history
 - I. Smoking
 - II. Alcohol
 - III. Occupation

**Investigations:

- 1. Doppler U/S and D-dimer \rightarrow DVT
- 2. Liver function test (LFT) \rightarrow Liver cirrhosis
- 3. Kidney function test (KFT) \rightarrow Renal failure
- 4. Thyroid function test (TFT) \rightarrow Hypothyroidism
- 5. CBC \rightarrow Cellulitis



7) Neck Mass

(DDx: Lymphadenopathy: (TB / Sarcoidosis / Lymphoma / Metastasis / URTI),

Thyroid enlargement: (Multinodular goiter / Grave's disease / Thyroid CA))

- A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :
 - I. Site
 - a) Central \rightarrow Thyroid enlargement, Thyroglossal cyst
 - b) Lateral \rightarrow Lymphadenopathy, branchial cyst
 - II. Onset (duration, progression)
 - III. Character
 - a) Consistency
 - b) Tenderness
 - c) Mobility
 - d) Movement with swallowing
 - e) Due to Trauma?

IV. Radiation

V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)

VI. Timing

VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors

VIII. Severity

*IMPORTANT: ask if there is trauma or previous radiation exposure

B. Associated symptoms

- I. Lymphadenopathy
 - a) URTI \rightarrow Fever & Chills, Sore throat, Cough, Nasal discharge
 - b) TB \rightarrow Fever, Hemoptysis, Night sweats, Weight loss
 - c) Lymphoma or Leukemia → SOB, Fatigue, Bleeding tendency, Recurrent infections, Bone pain
 - d) Sarcoidosis \rightarrow SOB, Skin lesions, Joint pain, Uveitis
- II. Thyroid
 - a) Hyperthyroidism (Grave's disease, Toxic Multinodular goiter)
 - □ Due to mass effect → Breathing difficulty, Hoarseness of voice,
 Dysphagia, Chronic sore throat



- □ Due to ↑ TH → Fatigue, Sweating, Weight loss, Increased appetite, Headache, Restlessness, Palpitation, Diarrhea, Heat intolerance
- b) Hypothyroidism (Hashimoto's thyroiditis, lodine deficiency)
 - Pallor, Jaundice, Cold intolerance, Brittle hair, Limb swelling, Slow speech, Hoarseness of voice, Decreased appetite, Weight gain, Constipation
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. TB \rightarrow Hx of TB, Contact with TB
 - II. Malignancy \rightarrow Smoking, Alcohol, **Previous exposure to Radiation**
 - III. Autoimmune thyroid diseases → Female, Hx of other autoimmune diseases
- D. Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs
 - V. Allergy
 - VI. Trauma
- F. Social history
 - I. Smoking
 - II. Alcohol
 - III. Occupation
- **Investigations:
 - 1. Biopsy
 - 2. Thyroid function test (TFT)



8) Upper GI bleeding

(DDx: Mallory-Weiss tears, Esophageal varices (complication of cirrhosis), PUD complication)

- A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :
 - I. Site
 - II. Onset (duration, progression, first time)
 - III. Character
 - a) Amount \rightarrow Large and fresh \rightarrow Esophageal varices
 - b) Color (fresh / clotted / coffee ground)
 - c) Smell
 - IV. Radiation
 - V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
 - VI. Timing
 - a) How many times?
 - b) Recurrent vomiting before bleeding?
 - VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors

VIII. <u>Severity</u>

*IMPORTANT: ask if there is bleeding from other site, any drug use

B. Associated symptoms

I. GI

- a) Heartburn and regurgitation
- b) Dyspepsia
- c) Nausea & Vomiting
- d) Abdominal Pain \rightarrow Epigastric \rightarrow PUD
- e) Abdominal Distention
- f) Jaundice / change in urine & stool color / itching \rightarrow Cirrhosis
- g) Diarrhea or constipation
- h) Melena
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)



- I. Bleeding disorder \rightarrow Bleeding from other site, Drugs {Anti-coagulants (Heparin or Warfarin) / NSAIDS (Aspirin) }
- II. PUD \rightarrow Smoking, NSAIDS, Alcohol
- III. Cirrhosis \rightarrow Alcohol, Blood transfusion, HBV infection, Easy bruising, Limb swelling
- IV. Mallory-Weiss \rightarrow Binge drinking
- **D.** Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs \rightarrow Anti-coagulants (Heparin or Warfarin) / NSAIDS (Aspirin)
 - V. Allergy
- F. Social history
 - I. Smoking + Alcohol

9) Epigastric pain

(DDx: PUD, GERD, Inferior wall MI, Hepatitis, Cholecystitis, Pancreatitis, Gastritis)

- A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :
 - I. Site
 - II. Onset (duration, sudden or gradual, progression, first time)
 - III. Character
 - IV. Radiation
 - a) RUQ & scapula \rightarrow Cholecystitis
 - b) Back \rightarrow Pancreatitis
 - V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
 - VI. Timing
 - a) Continuous or intermittent
 - b) Time of each episode
 - VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors
 - Exacerbating:



a) Food \rightarrow Gastric ulcer, Cholecystitis

- b) Position & Movement
- Relieving:
 - a) Food \rightarrow Duodenal ulcer
 - b) Position & Movement (leaning forward) \rightarrow Pancreatitis
- VIII. Severity
- B. Associated symptoms
 - I. General
 - a) Fever
 - b) Weight loss
 - c) Loss of appetite
- II. GI
 - a) Heartburn & regurgitation \rightarrow GERD
 - b) Dysphagia
 - c) Dyspepsia \rightarrow PUD
 - d) Nausea & Vomiting \rightarrow bloody \rightarrow PUD
 - e) Abdominal Distention
 - f) Jaundice / change in urine or stool color / itching \rightarrow Hepatitis
 - g) Diarrhea or Constipation
 - h) Melena

III. CVS

- a) Chest pain
- b) SOB MI
- c) Sweating
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. PUD \rightarrow Smoking, NSAIDS, Alcohol
 - II. Hepatitis \rightarrow Alcohol, blood Transfusion, HBV infection, DM, contact with patient having Hepatitis
 - III. $MI \rightarrow Smoking, HTN, DM, Hyperlipidemia, Family Hx$
 - IV. Cholecystitis \rightarrow Family Hx of gall bladder stones
- D. Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness



E. Past medical history

- I. Previous attacks
- II. Surgeries or admission
- III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
- IV. Drugs
- V. Allergy
- VI. Trauma
- F. Social history
 - I. Smoking
 - II. Alcohol
 - III. Marital status
 - IV. Occupation

**Investigations:

1. PUD \rightarrow Upper GI endoscope

10) Abdominal Distension

(DDx: Fluid (HF/RF/Liver Cirrhosis/Protein losing

enteropathy/Malnutrition/Overhydration), flatus or feces (constipation/obstruction), fetus, fat) {The 5 F's}

A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :

I. Site

- II. Onset (duration, progression, first time)
- III. Character
 - a) Painful?
 - b) Swelling on other site?
- IV. Radiation
- V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
- VI. **Timing**
- VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors
- VIII. Severity
- B. Associated symptoms





- a) SOB
- b) Orthopnea
- c) PND
- d) Ankle swelling
- e) Palpitations
- II. GI
 - a) Nausea & Vomiting \rightarrow Intestinal Obstruction, Cirrhosis, RF

- Heart Failure

- b) UGI bleeding \rightarrow Cirrhosis (\uparrow Bleeding tendency)
- c) Diarrhea $\rightarrow RF$
- d) Constipation
- e) Jaundice \rightarrow Cirrhosis
- III. UGS
 - a) Renal Pain
 - b) Urine (amount/color/frequency) Renal Failure
 - c) Edema around the eyes
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. $HF \rightarrow$ Previous MI, HTN, DM, Smoking, Vulvular heart disease
 - II. Cirrhosis \rightarrow Alcohol, Hx of hepatitis, Hx of blood Transfusion
 - III. $RF \rightarrow DM$, Polycystic kidney disease, HTN
- D. Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs \rightarrow Steroids, IV Fluids
 - V. Allergy
 - VI. Blood Transfusion
- F. Social history
 - I. Smoking
 - II. Alcohol
 - III. Marital status
 - IV. Occupation



**Investigations:

- 1. Abdominal X-Ray
- 2. Abdominal CT scan

11) Jaundice

(DDx: Hemolytic anemia, Hepatitis, Cirrhosis, Obstructive Jaundice)

- A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :
 - I. Site
 - a) Eyes
 - b) Skin
 - II. Onset (duration, sudden or gradual, progression, first time)
 - III. Character
 - a) With Itching
 - b) with change in urine & stool color (dark urine + pale stool \rightarrow Obstructive Jaundice)

IV. Radiation

- V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
- VI. Timing
- VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors
- VIII. Severity

B. Associated symptoms

- I. Anemia \rightarrow Fatigue, Dizziness, Pallor, SOB, Chest pain, Cold hand and feet
- II. Hepatitis \rightarrow Fever, RUQ pain, Nausea & Vomiting
- III. Cirrhosis \rightarrow Ascites, Limb swelling, Bleeding tendency
- IV. Obstructive Jaundice → Fever, RUQ pain, Dark urine and pale stool
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. Anemia \rightarrow Family Hx of blood diseases (Thalassemia / G6PD)
 - II. Hepatitis \rightarrow Family member with Jaundice, Hx of blood Transfusion
 - III. Cirrhosis \rightarrow Alcohol, Hx of hepatitis
 - IV. Obstructive Jaundice \rightarrow Family Hx of gallstones, Hx of cholecystitis



D. Family history

- I. Same condition
- II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs \rightarrow INH, Rifampicin, Methotrexate
 - V. Allergy
 - VI. Trauma
- F. Social history
 - I. Smoking
 - II. Alcohol
 - III. Marital status
 - IV. Occupation

**Investigations:

- 1. Serum bilirubin
- 2. ALT/AST \rightarrow Acute Hepatitis
- 3. ALP/GGT \rightarrow Biliary disease
- 4. PT/albumin \rightarrow Cirrhosis
- 5. CBC/retics \rightarrow Hemolytic anemia
- 6. U/S , CT , ERCP \rightarrow stones, masses, strictures



12) Diarrhea

(DDx: Gastroenteritis, Bacillary dysentery or Ameba, IBD, Colon CA, PUD, IBS, Celiac disease)

A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :

l. Site

- II. Onset (duration)
- III. Character
 - a) Consistency:
 - \circ Normal
 - Watery \rightarrow IBD (Crohn's)
 - Loose \rightarrow Ameba
 - b) Color (fatty /pale)
 - c) Volume:
 - Small \rightarrow IBD (Ulcerative Colitis)
 - Large \rightarrow Ameba
 - d) Smell
 - e) With Blood:
 - \circ Fresh \rightarrow Ameba, IBD (Ulcerative Colitis)
 - Clotted
 - Black tarry \rightarrow PUD
 - f) With pain and straining
- IV. Radiation
- \forall . Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
- VI. Timing
 - a) Times per day
 - b) Specific time
- VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors
 - Exacerbating:
 - a) Food
 - Relieving:
 - a) Defecation
 - b) Drugs

VIII. Severity



B. Associated symptoms

- V. General
 - a) Fever & chills \rightarrow Gastroenteritis
 - b) Weight loss \rightarrow Colon CA, Celiac disease, Crohn's disease
 - c) Fatigue and dizziness \rightarrow Colon CA, Celiac disease

VI. GI

- a) Mouth ulcers \rightarrow IBD, Celiac Disease
- b) Nausea & Vomiting \rightarrow GE, PUD (if bloody vomit)
- c) Abdominal pain \rightarrow GE, IBD (Crohn's), Celiac disease, CA
- d) Abdominal distention $\rightarrow IBS$
- e) Alternating constipation $\rightarrow IBS$
- VII. MSS
 - a) Skin rash

b) Joint Pain



- c) Eye Symptoms
- VIII. Dehydration Symptoms
 - a) Dry mucous membranes
 - b) Headache
 - c) Fatigue
 - d) Dizziness
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. $GE \rightarrow Eating anything spoiled$
 - II. Bacillary dysentery / ameba \rightarrow Recent travel to endemic area
 - III. IBD \rightarrow Family hx
 - IV. Colon $CA \rightarrow Low$ fiber diet, family hx
 - V. Celiac \rightarrow Family hx, hx of allergy
- D. Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs \rightarrow Antibiotics, NSAID, Laxatives
 - V. Allergy
- F. Social history



- I. Smoking
- II. Alcohol

**Investigations:

- 1. Stool Culture \rightarrow Infectious Colitis
- 2. Endoscope \rightarrow Colon CA, IBD, Celiac disease

13) Constipation

(DDx: IBD, IBS, Colon CA, Hypothyroidism, DM, Intestinal obstruction, Hemorrhoid, Perianal fissure)

- A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :
 - l. <mark>S</mark>ite
 - II. Onset (duration, sudden or gradual)
 - III. Character
 - a) Consistency (hard/soft/watery)
 - b) Color (fatty /pale)
 - c) Volume (small/large)
 - d) Smell
 - e) With mucous
 - f) With Blood \rightarrow Hemorrhoid, Perianal fissure, Colon CA
 - g) With Pain \rightarrow Hemorrhoid, Perianal fissure
 - IV. Radiation
 - V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
 - VI. Timing
 - a) Times per day
 - b) Specific time
 - VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors
 - Exacerbating:
 - a) Food
 - b) Drugs
 - Relieving:
 - a) Drugs

VIII. Severity

- B. Associated symptoms
 - I. General



- a) Weight
 - \circ Loss → Colon CA, IBD (Crohn's disease), DM
 - \circ Gain \rightarrow Hypothyroidism
- b) Fatigue \rightarrow Colon CA, Hypothyroidism
- c) Anorexia \rightarrow Colon CA
- d) Cold intolerance \rightarrow Hypothyroidism
- e) Polyuria, Polydipsia, Polyphagia $\rightarrow DM$

II. GI

- a) Mouth ulcers $\rightarrow |BD|$
- b) Nausea & Vomiting \rightarrow Intestinal obstruction
- c) Abdominal pain \rightarrow IBD (Crohn's), Intestinal obstruction
- d) Abdominal distention \rightarrow IBS, Intestinal obstruction
- e) Alternating diarrhea \rightarrow IBS
- f) Anal pain or itching \rightarrow Hemorrhoid, Perianal fissure

III. MSS

- a) Skin rash
- b) Joint Pain IBD
- c) Eye Symptoms
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. IBD \rightarrow Family hx
 - II. Colon $CA \rightarrow Low$ fiber diet, family hx
 - III. Intestinal obstruction (Adhesions) \rightarrow Previous surgeries

D. Family history

- I. Same condition
- II. Chronic illness

E. Past medical history

- I. Previous attacks
- II. Surgeries or admission
- III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
- IV. Drugs
- V. Allergy

F. Social history

- I. Smoking
- II. Alcohol



**Investigations:

- 1. Endoscope \rightarrow IBD, Colon CA
- 2. Rectoscope \rightarrow Hemorrhoid
- 3. Blood Sugar $\rightarrow DM$
- 4. Thyroid Function Test (TFT) \rightarrow Hypothyroidism

14) Fatigue with low Hb

(DDx: Nutritional Anemia (Iron or B12 deficiency), Bleeding disorders, Hemolytic anemia)

A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :

l. Site

- II. Onset (duration, sudden or gradual, progression, first time)
- III. Character
- IV. Radiation
- V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
- VI. **T**iming
 - e) Continuous or intermittent
 - f) Day or night
 - g) At exertion or at rest

VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors

VIII. Severity

- B. Associated symptoms
 - I. CVS
 - a) Palpitation
 - b) SOB
 - c) Orthopnea
 - d) PND
 - e) Ankle swelling
 - II. Other



- a) Bleeding disorders → Hematemesis, Melina, Bleeding per rectum, Hematuria, Menorrhagia, Epistaxis, Gum Bleeding, bruises, Petechiae, Ecchymosis
- b) Hemolytic anemia → Dark Urine, Pallor, Jaundice, Pale stool
- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. Nutritional Anemia \rightarrow Diet
 - II. Bleeding disorders → Bleeding from other site, Drugs {Anti-coagulants (Heparin or Warfarin) / NSAIDS (Aspirin) }
 - III. Hemolytic Anemia \rightarrow G6PD deficiency, Family Hx
- D. Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs
 - V. Allergy
- F. Social history
 - I. Smoking
 - II. Alcohol



15) Bleeding

(DDx: ITP, TTP, HUS, DIC, Leukemia, Lymphoma, Renal Failure, Liver Failure, Malabsorbtion, Hemophilia)

- A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :
 - I. Site
 - a) From Mucous Membranes
 - b) Under the skin
 - c) Inside joints
 - II. Onset (duration, sudden or gradual, progression, first time)
 - III. Character (of rash if the bleeding is under the skin)
 - a) Type (Petechiae/Purpura/Ecchymosis)
 - b) Color
 - c) Size
 - d) Shape
 - e) Site
 - f) Itching
 - g) Pain
 - h) Blanchable or not

IV. Radiation

- V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
- VI. **T**iming
 - a) Continuous or intermittent
 - b) Time of each episode of bleeding
- VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors

VIII. Severity

B. Associated symptoms

- I. ITP \rightarrow Bleeding from mucous membranes
- II. TTP \rightarrow Fever, Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia, Renal failure, Neurological manifestations
- III. HUS \rightarrow Same as TTP but without Fever or Neurological manifestations
- IV. Leukemia \rightarrow Fatigue, Weight loss, Anorexia, Recurrent infections

C. Family history



- I. Same condition
- II. Chronic illness
- D. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs
 - V. Allergy
- E. Social history
 - I. Smoking
 - II. Alcohol

16) Joint Pain

(DDx: RA, SLE, Scleroderma, Inflammatory myopathy, Spondyloarthropathies, Gout, Enteropathic Arthritis, Septic arthritis, FMF, Behcet's disease)

- A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :
 - I. Site
 - a) Which joints?
 - Small \rightarrow RA
 - \circ Large \rightarrow Septic arthritis
 - b) How many joints affected?
 - One → Gout (1st MTP joint), FMF
 - Multiple \rightarrow RA, SLE
 - c) Symmetrical joint involvement?
 - $\circ \text{ Yes} \rightarrow \text{RA}$
 - No → Ankylosing spondylitis (Spondyloarthropathy)
 - II. Onset (duration, sudden or gradual, progression, first time)
 - III. Character
 - a) Migratory $\rightarrow RA$
 - b) Redness
 - c) Swelling
 - d) Joint deformities $\rightarrow RA$
 - IV. Radiation
 - V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)



- VI. Timing
 - a) Continuous or intermittent
 - b) Day or Night \rightarrow Night: Gout
 - c) Morning Stiffness \rightarrow RA, Ankylosing spondylitis

VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors

- Exacerbating:
 - a) Movement
 - b) Cold weather $\rightarrow RA$
- Relieving:
 - a) Rest
 - b) Movement \rightarrow Ankylosing spondylitis
 - c) Drugs
- VIII. Severity \rightarrow affect movement and daily activities?
- B. Associated symptoms
 - I. General
 - a) Fever \rightarrow FMF, Septic Arthritis
 - b) Weight loss
 - c) Anorexia
 - d) Fatigue

- a) Skin rash \rightarrow SLE, Dermatomyositis (Inflammatory myopathy)
- b) Skin Nodules $\rightarrow RA$
- c) Muscle weakness → Polymositis (Inflammatory myopathy)
- d) Skin thickening \rightarrow Scleroderma
- e) Back pain \rightarrow Ankylosing spondylitis
- III. CVS
 - a) Chest pain \rightarrow SLE, FMF
 - b) SOB
- IV. RS
 - a) Cough
 - b) Hemoptysis
- V. UGS
 - a) Hematuria
 - b) Flank Pain

II. MSS

c) Genital Ulcers \rightarrow Behcet's disease

- VI. GI
 - a) Mouth Ulcers \rightarrow Behcet's disease, SLE
 - b) Dysphagia \rightarrow Scleroderma
 - c) Vomiting
 - d) Abdominal pain \rightarrow FMF, Enteropathic Arthritis
 - e) Diarrhea or Constipation

VII. Eye Symptoms \rightarrow Ankylosing spondylitis, Behcet's disease

- C. Disease Characteristics
 - I. RA \rightarrow Female, Age > 40, Small joints with swelling, Symmetrical, Deformities, Rheumatoid nodules
 - II. SLE \rightarrow Malar rash, Discoid rash, Photosensitivity, Serositis (pleura+ peritoneum), Renal involvement, Oral ulcers, Neurologic involvement, Hematologic involvement
 - III. Scleroderma \rightarrow Thickening of skin, Raynaud phenomenon, Esophageal deformities, Renal Failure, CREST syndrome, Lung fibrosis
 - IV. Inflammatory Myopathy → Polymositis : proximal muscle weakness, difficulty swallowing, arthralgia, myalgia Dermatomyositis : same but with skin rash
 - V. Ankylosing spondylitis \rightarrow Lower back joints, Morning stiffness, Asymmetrical involvement, uveitis
 - VI. Gout \rightarrow Mono arthritis, first MTP joint, comes at night, with redness, hotness, swelling, pain goes after 3- 4 weeks
 - VII. Septic Arthritis \rightarrow after infection
 - VIII. FMF \rightarrow Fever, Abdominal pain, Mono arthritis, Chest pain

IX. Behcet's disease \rightarrow Oral and genital ulcers, Erythema nodosum, Uveitis **D.** Family history

- I. Same condition
- II. Chronic illness



E. Past medical history

- I. Previous attacks
- II. Surgeries or admission
- III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
- IV. Drugs
- V. Allergy
- VI. Trauma

F. Social history

- I. Smoking
- II. Alcohol
- III. Marital status
- IV. Occupation

**Investigations:

- 1. RA \rightarrow RF/anti-CCP/ESR
- 2. SLE \rightarrow ANA/anti-smith AB/ant-ds DNA AB
- 3. Scleroderma \rightarrow ANA/anti-centromere AB
- 4. Inflammatory myopathies \rightarrow creatinine phosphokinase/aldose
- 5. Gout \rightarrow synovial fluid analysis (urate crystals)



17) Red Urine

(DDx: Bloody (Hematuria): (Kidney Stones / Pyelonephritis / Renal CA Transitional cell CA/ Polycystic kidney disease / Prostate enlargement /Nephritic syndrome),

Dark brown: (Obstructive Jaundice due to gallstones or CA / Hemolytic anemia / Rhabdomyolysis ,Drugs, Dyes)

A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :

I. Site

- II. Onset (duration, sudden or gradual, progression, first time)
- III. Character
 - a) Color
 - \circ Red \rightarrow Blood, Dyes, Drugs
 - \circ Dark brown \rightarrow Hemolytic anemia
 - b) Part of stream
 - \circ Initial \rightarrow Urethritis
 - o Total → Polycystic kidney disease, Nephritic syndrome, Pyelonephritis, Renal CA
 - \circ Terminal \rightarrow Prostate enlargement
 - c) Clots \rightarrow indicates severity
 - d) Smell
 - Foul \rightarrow UTI
 - e) Amount
 - f) With Pain
 - \circ Yes \rightarrow Pyelonephritis
 - \circ No \rightarrow Malignancy
- IV. Radiation
- V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)
- VI. Timing
 - a) Continuous or intermittent
 - b) Times per day

VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors

VIII. Severity

*IMPORTANT: ask if there is bleeding from other site, any drug use, or dyes



B. Associated symptoms

- I. General
 - a) Fever & Chills \rightarrow Pyelonephritis
 - b) Weight loss \rightarrow Malignancy
- II. UGS
 - a) Flank pain \rightarrow Kidney Stones
 - b) Dysuria \rightarrow Urethritis
 - c) Frequency
 - d) Urgency
 - e) Nocturia Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia
 - f) Straining
 - g) Poor stream
- III. GI
 - a) Nausea & Vomiting \rightarrow Pyelonephritis, Obstructive Jaundice
 - b) Abdominal pain
 - c) Jaundice Obstructive Jaundice (due to
 - d) Pale stool ga
- gallstones)

- IV. CVS
 - a) Chest pain \rightarrow Nephritic syndrome secondary to SLE

SLE

- b) Palpitations \rightarrow Pyelonephritis
- c) Ankle edema \rightarrow Nephritic syndrome
- V. MSS
 - a) Skin rash (malar rash)
 - b) Joint Pain
 - c) Raynaud phenomena
 - d) Muscle pain or trauma \rightarrow Rhabdomyolysis

- C. Risk Factors (always ask about smoking and alcohol)
 - I. Kidney Stones \rightarrow Family Hx of stones, Diet



- II. Hemolytic Anemia \rightarrow G6PD deficiency, Family Hx
- III. Nephritic Syndrome (due to PSGN) \rightarrow Sore throat in the last 10 days
- IV. Rhabdomyolysis \rightarrow Strenuous exercise
- V. Food \rightarrow Dyes, Beetroot
- VI. Malignancy \rightarrow Age > 50
- D. Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs \rightarrow Rifampicin, Cyclophosphamide, Aspirin, Anticoagulants
 - V. Allergy
 - VI. Trauma
- F. Social history
 - I. Smoking
 - II. Alcohol
 - III. Occupation
- **Investigations:
 - 1. CBC with reticulocytes \rightarrow Hemolytic Anemia
 - 2. U/S & X-Ray \rightarrow Stones
 - 3. Cystoscopy \rightarrow Malignancy



18) Weight Change

(DDx: Loss: Malabsorption syndromes, Hyperthyroidism, DM, Malignancy, Addison's disease, IBD, PUD

Gain: Hypothyroidism, Cushing syndrome, Binge eating disorder)

A. Chief Compliant analysis (SOCRATES) :

l. <mark>S</mark>ite

II. Onset (duration)

- III. Character
 - a) How many Kg?
 - b) Your current weight
 - c) Last time you weigh yourself / How much?

IV. Radiation

V. Associated symptoms (finish the CC analysis then ask about them \downarrow)

VI. Timing

- VII. Exacerbating & Relieving factors
- VIII. Severity

*IMPORTANT: ask if it's intentional or not? , How is appetite? How is diet? , is there any problem that prevents eating (teeth pain/odynophagia)?

B. Associated symptoms

- I. Malabsorption \rightarrow Abdominal pain, Abdominal distention, Diarrhea, Anemia (pallor/fatigue/SOB), Dry skin
- II. Hyperthyroidism → Sweating, Heat intolerance, Diarrhea, Palpitation, Increased Appetite, Tremors
- III. $DM \rightarrow Polyuria$, Polydipsia, Polyphagia
- IV. Malignancy \rightarrow Fever, Night sweating
- V. Addison's disease → Hyperpigmentation, Postural hypotension, Fatigue, Changes in hair distribution

- VI. IBD \rightarrow Lower abdominal pain, Nausea & Vomiting, Constipation, Diarrhea, Flatus, Loss of appetite
- VII. $PUD \rightarrow Epigastric pain related to food, Bloating, Melena, Upper GI bleeding$
- VIII. Hypothyroidism → Decreased appetite, Constipation, Cold intolerance, Hair loss
 - IX. Cushing syndrome → Moon face, Abdominal striae, Buffalo hump, Skin thinning, Amenorrhea
- C. Family history
 - I. Same condition
 - II. Chronic illness
- D. Past medical history
 - I. Previous attacks
 - II. Surgeries or admission
 - III. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
 - IV. Drugs
 - V. Allergy
- E. Social history
 - I. Smoking
 - II. Alcohol

**Investigations:

- 1. Malabsorption \rightarrow Lower GI endoscopy
- 2. Hyperthyroidism/Hypothyroidism \rightarrow TFT
- 3. DM \rightarrow Fasting blood glucose level, OGTT
- 4. Addison's disease \rightarrow ACTH stimulation test
- 5. PUD \rightarrow Upper GI endoscopy
- 6. Cushing \rightarrow 24-h urine cortisol, low-dose dexamethasone test

19) Follow up DM

A. Analysis



- I. Onset \rightarrow How long do you have DM?
- II. Character \rightarrow Is your blood sugar controlled? / Do you measure it regularly? / How much is the reading?
- III. Drugs \rightarrow on insulin or oral hypoglycemic drugs? / any drug complications?
- IV. Exercise and diet
- V. Obesity and BMI
- VI. Polyphagia or Polydipsia?
- VII. Lab results (if the patient is educated)

B. Complications

- I. Retinopathy \rightarrow Decreased or loss of vision
- II. Nephropathy \rightarrow Polyuria, Anuria, Frothy urine, Uremia (Nausea & Vomiting / Abdominal pain)
- III. Neuropathy \rightarrow Paresthesia of limbs, Urinary incontinence
- IV. Atherosclerosis → MI (Chest pain / SOB), CVA (Headache / Paralysis), PVD (Foot ulcers / Intermittent claudication), Hx of MI or CVA
- V. Hypoglycemia \rightarrow Hunger, Tremor, Palpitation, Sweating, Pallor, Irritability, Confusion, Seizures
- VI. DKA → Nausea & Vomiting, Polyuria, Polydipsia, Anorexia, Kussmaul breathing, Tachycardia, Dehydration
- VII. Other \rightarrow Hair loss, Easy bruising, Delayed wound healing, Sexual dysfunction

C. Family history

- I. Same condition
- II. Chronic illness

D. Past medical history

- I. Surgeries or admission
- II. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, Hyperlipidemia)
- III. Drugs
- IV. Allergy

E. Social history

- I. Smoking
- II. Alcohol



20) Follow up IBD

A. Analysis

- I. Onset \rightarrow How long do you have the disease? / what was the first symptom?
- II. Character \rightarrow Is it controlled? / how many attacks until now?
- III. Drugs \rightarrow what drugs do you take? / Compliance? / any drug complications?
- **B.** Current Symptoms
 - I. General
 - a) Weight loss
 - b) Fever
 - c) Fatigue
 - d) Anorexia
 - II. GI
 - a) Mouth ulcers
 - b) Abdominal pain (analysis page)
 - c) Diarrhea (analysis page)
 - \circ Watery \rightarrow Crohn's disease
 - \circ Bloody \rightarrow Ulcerative colitis
 - d) Rectal Bleeding
 - III. MSS
 - a) Skin Rash
 - b) Joint Pain
 - c) Eye Symptoms



C. Complications

- Crohn's Disease
- I. Intestinal Obstruction \rightarrow change in bowel habit, constipation, tenesmus
- II. Anal fistulas \rightarrow anal or perianal discharge , pruritus
- III. Enterovesical fistulas \rightarrow dysuria, recurrent bladder infections
- IV. Enterovaginal fistulas \rightarrow dyspareunia , feculent vaginal discharge
- V. Anemia and malnutrition \rightarrow fatigue, pallor, dyspnea, tachycardia , easy bruising

Ulcerative Colitis

- I. Toxic megacolon \rightarrow severe diarrhea, cramps, fever, abdominal distention
- II. Perforation \rightarrow Severe abdominal pain, Abdominal distension, Fever, Nausea & Vomiting
- III. Colon CA
- IV. Primary sclerosing cholangitis \rightarrow jaundice, symptoms of liver failure (upper GI bleeding, ascites, encephalopathy)

D. Family history

- I. Same condition
- II. Chronic illness
- E. Past medical history
 - I. Surgeries or admission
 - II. Chronic illnesses (DM, HTN, hyperlipidemia)
 - III. Drugs
 - IV. Blood transfusion
 - V. Allergy

F. Social history

- I. Smoking
- II. Alcohol



Systemic Review

I. General

- a) Fever
- b) Fatigue
- c) Weight Loss
- d) Anorexia
- e) Sweating

II. CVS

- a) Chest Pain
- b) SOB
- c) Orthopnea
- d) PND
- e) Palpitations
- f) Syncope attack
- g) Ankle Swelling
- h) Intermittent Claudication

III. RS

- □ Upper
 - a) Sneezing
 - b) Nasal Discharge
 - c) Nasal obstruction
 - d) Epistaxis
 - e) Sore throat
 - f) Hoarseness of voice
 - g) Stridor
- Lower
 - a) Chest Pain
 - b) SOB
 - c) Cough
 - d) Sputum
 - e) Wheezing
 - f) Hemoptysis



IV. GI

- a) Mouth ulcers
- b) Dysphagia / Odynophagia
- c) Heart burn
- d) Nausea & Vomiting
- e) Abdominal Pain
- f) Abdominal Distension
- g) Change in Bowel habits (Diarrhea / Constipation)
- h) Change in stool color
- i) GI bleeding (Hematemesis / Hematochezia / Melena)

V. UGS

- Urology
 - \circ Pain
 - a) Dysuria
 - b) Flank Pain
 - c) Supra-pubic Pain
 - \circ Urine
 - a) Color
 - b) Amount
 - c) Smell
 - d) Any Blood
 - Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (LUTS)
 - a) Frequency
 - b) Urgency
 - c) Nocturia
 - d) Straining
 - e) Poor stream
 - f) Intermittency
 - g) Incontinence



- Male tract
 - a) Erectile Dysfunction
 - b) Urethral Discharge
 - c) Ejaculation Problem
- Female Tract
 - a) Age of menarche and menopause
 - b) Regularity and amount or menstruation
 - c) Number of births and abortions
 - d) Vaginal discharge or pruritus

VI. MSS

- a) Skin Rash
- b) Joint Pain or Swelling
- c) Muscle Pain

VII. CNS

- a) Loss of consciousness
- b) Headache
- c) Sleep disturbances

VIII. ES

- a) Cold or heat intolerance
- b) Excessive sweating

IX. HLS

- a) Symptoms of anemia (Pallor/Fatigue/SOB/Palpitations)
- b) Recurrent fevers
- c) Increased Bleeding tendency





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