SAQ7

A 19 yr old female presents to your Emergency Department complaining of gradual onset of Right Iliac Fossa pain.

Vital signs:

HR 80

BP 128 / 62

RR 16

Sats 99% (Room air)

Temp 36.5 °C

a. List six potential gynaecological causes for the patient's pain. (6 Marks)

Ectopic pregnancy
Ovarian torsion

PID Ovulatory pain / Mittleschmerz
Cyst accident / rupture Pelvic congestion syndrome

Intra-ovarian haemorrhage Endometriosis

Pelvic adhesions Fibroid

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b. An intern is about to review the patient. List four key topics that should be covered in the clinical history (4 Marks)

History of presenting complaint Gynae / menstrual history Obstetric history Surgical history Sexual history

c. Following clinical review you make a diagnosis of ovulatory pain (Mittleschmerz). List your management options. (1 Mark)

Analgesia - simple only - nil marks for complex / advanced analgesic use OCP - COCP or progesterone

d. Prior to discharge the intern tells you the patient's mother has arrived and is unhappy with the diagnosis and management plan. Outline how you would deal with this situation (4 Marks)

See the mother and patient with patient's consent
Acknowledge complaint / complainant
Attempt to address complain / defuse
Document discussion / outcome
Provide information on formal complains procedure