

Roleplayer Card**Medicine**

SETTING Medical ward in a hospital

PATIENT You are 54 years old and you were admitted to hospital 2 days ago with pneumonia. Your symptoms have improved with intravenous antibiotics and you are due to go home. Your doctor has come to advise about going home.

- TASK**
- Explain that you are very worried about going home as you still don't feel back to normal
 - Say that you live with your partner and 2 teenage children and you work in a busy retail job, ask if you will need more time off work.
 - Be reluctant to take time off due to finances
 - Ask if there is anything you need to look out for once you are at home
 - State that you do not want to take more time off work for a chest x-ray if your symptoms are better by then

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Candidate Card**Medicine**

SETTING Medical ward in a hospital

DOCTOR You are a medical doctor working in an inpatient ward. Your patient is 54 years old and was admitted 2 days ago with right lower lobe pneumonia. They have made significant improvement with intravenous antibiotics and the decision was made by the team to discharge home with a further 3 days of oral antibiotics from today.

- TASK**
- Explain that the intravenous antibiotics have treated the pneumonia; the blood tests and vital signs are all reassuring and the plan is for discharge today with tablet antibiotics for another 3 days
 - Ask about their home and work situation and recommend a medical certificate for a further week off work.
 - Advise them to return to hospital if they are not feeling better after 1 week, or sooner if they have worrying symptoms (e.g. chest pain, acute shortness of breath, high fever).
 - Inform that they will need a chest x-ray in 6 weeks to ensure full resolution of the x-ray findings
 - Explain that the x-ray is very important to rule out the small possibility of serious underlying disease, for example cancer. Reassure that appointments for x-rays can be flexible around working hours.

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