

Role: Medical Student

You are a third-year medical student on an ob-gyn rotation. Every week, you are required to write-up at least one H&P (history and physical) and submit it for grading. It is your last day on the rotation, and you haven't had a chance to find a good patient yet this week. Fortunately, a woman with abdominal pain and no other past medical history is being admitted and you think the case is probably pretty straight forward. You don't have a lot of time though before team sign out (about 10 minutes?), so you really need to take a very concise and direct history and do a quick physical exam so you can rush to write the note before you leave for the day.

This exercise begins with the nurse receiving and admitting the patient to the inpatient acute care ward. Once they have taken their focused history and her vitals, you can join to do your interview and examine the patient. Afterward, a resident will enter the room and perform an abdominal exam to monitor for acute abdomen. Finally, the attending will arrive and explain the plan to the patient.