

Department of Family Medicine

Chart Stimulated Recall Instructions

The Chart Stimulated Recall (CSR) worksheet can be used for a variety of teaching opportunities:

- 1. Post patient encounter teaching session
- 2. After a resident run clinic, ambulatory clinic or consult
- 3. As a teaching session to help a learner in difficulty

The CSR can be useful:

- 1. As a teaching tool; to help structure a teaching session
- 2. As a tool for providing feedback
- 3. to improve documentation skills
- 4. to help demonstrate and evaluate CanMEDS-FM roles and competencies
- 5. To stimulate reflective practice
- 6. As a tool for residents in difficulty
 - a. To identify gaps in knowledge
 - b. To identify critical thinking and reasoning skills

Instructions

- 1. Prepare the learner by informing them that you will be reviewing a chart note and you would like to discuss the patient encounter. Let the learner know that this is a teaching session and they will receive feedback on their chart note and review of the case.
- 2. Select a chart note for review. The chart can be electronic or hand written.
- 3. Review the chart note and write comments for feedback in Box A. Suggestions for comments are included at the top of Box A
- 4. Select a few Discussion Questions from the list under Box A. The possible questions should help guide your discussion, but not all questions need to be asked.
- 5. Write comments for feedback on the Case presentation and discussion questions in Box B.
- 6. Give the learner your feedback Add the CSR to their portfolio, learning file or achievement system.

Chart Stimulated Recall (CSR) Worksheet

Resident or Student:		Date of CSR:
Preceptor/Supervisor:	Chart # or Patient Initials:	Date of Visit:

Box A: Comments and Feedback from the Chart Note		
May include some or all of the following:		
1. Record keeping and legibility	3. Follow-up documented	
2. Information documented is pertinent and relevant	4. General comments	

Case Review – Possible Discussion Questions

(note which questions were asked)

1. General Case Review

- a. Clinical assessment Family Medicine Expert, Communicator
 - i. Can you give me an overview of the case?
 - ii. What features of the patient's presentation led you to your top two (or three) diagnoses?
 - iii. Did you inquire about the patient's illness experience (feelings, ideas, effect on function and expectations) and what did you learn?
 - iv. If there was ambiguity or uncertainty about the case, how did you deal with it?
 - v. Is there anything else you wish you would have asked?

b. Investigations and Referrals - Collaborator, Manager

i. Why did you choose the investigations that you did?

- ii. Were there other tests that you thought of but decided against? Why?
- iii. How did you decide whether to refer to a health care team member or consultant?
- c. Treatment and Management Scholar, Communicator
 - i. What features led you to choose the treatment that you did?
 - ii. What were the patient's expectations for treatment?
 - iii. Do you feel you reached common ground with the patient?
 - iv. Were there other treatments that you thought of but didn't offer? If so, why did you decide against them?
- d. Follow-up
 - i. What did you decide was appropriate for follow up? Did you document your plans?
 - ii. What factors influenced your decision?

2. Comprehensive Care – Health Advocate

- a. Monitoring Chronic Disease
 - i. Did you discuss his/her chronic disease/progress?
 - ii. On reflection, can you think of monitoring strategies that would be appropriate?
- b. Health Promotion and Prevention
 - i. Did you discuss preventive interventions? (e.g. BP, smoking cessation, alcohol use, screening tests, diet, exercise, etc.)
 - ii. On reflection, do you think there are some interventions should be discussed?

3. Patient Factors – Health Advocate

- a. Was there anything special about this patient that influenced your decisions regarding management? (e.g. compliance issues, past medical history, support systems, employment)
- b. On reflection, is there anything about this patient you wish you knew more about?

4. Practice or System factors – Collaborator, Manager

- a. Is there anything special about your practice setting that influenced your management in this case? (e.g. a nurse educator, Care Network, lack of access services)
- b. On reflection, how could you improve health care delivery to this patient?

Box B: Comments and Feedback from the Case Review		
May include some or all of the following: 1. General comments about case presentation 2. Analysis of information and reasoning skills	5. Demonstrated Patient-Centeredness and CanMEDS-FM Competencies	
3. Approach to management and ambiguity 4. Use of evidence-based medicine	6. Comprehensive care and health promotion 7. Evidence of reflective practice	
Preceptor or Supervisor Signature:		
Resident or Student Signature:		
Date:		

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