

**Lesson plan: Communication skills - patient history taking**

**Dates/times:** 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 / 9:30hrs – 12:30hrs

**Venue:** One clinic room, National Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics, University of Strathclyde

**Class:** 39 1<sup>st</sup> Year BSc (Hons) Prosthetics and Orthotics students  
The class should be in two groups with one group attending on each date.

**Tutors:** Sandra Sexton, Rehabskills with Sarah Deans, NCPO

**Aims of patient communication session:**

- To communicate about communication
- To understand the importance of clinical note keeping, and develop skill in this area.
- To provide a first experience of history taking

**Method:**

<b>09:30am -</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>students &amp; tutors</b>
<b>10.15am -</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>patient briefing/student break</b>
<b>10.30am -</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>students, tutors &amp; demonstration patients</b>
		<b>students in groups of 2 or 3</b>

**Lesson style:** This is an interactive learning session with theoretical and practical teaching engaging students with their peers and students with patients. It is best delivered in a clinical environment with simple seating and projection facilities.

**Students** must be punctual and present themselves in a professional manner wearing clinical dress at 9.30am. They should ensure they have a name badge on their top pocket or collar and should have a pen and a something to lean on when writing.

**Patients:** Demonstration patients with a range of aetiologies should be invited to attend each session from 10:15am – 12:30pm. 6 patients for 21<sup>st</sup> Oct and 7 patients for 28<sup>th</sup> Oct are needed.

**Hand-outs:** Sandra Sexton to prepare and send for printing to NCPO for photocopying. Please note that as well as 39 sets of hand-outs, patient assessment forms will be sent for 120 copies.

**Room layout:** Clinic room laid out lecture style with 20 student chairs, projection screen (plasma screen, whiteboard or projectors & screen). 6 patient chairs set aside. 2 chairs and 1 assessment couch at front, flip chart & pen, large white paper towel roll.