

CRITICAL THINKING

Date: _____ Name: _____ Observer: _____ Patient Initials: _____

In which of the following areas do I need to focus my attention with this patient review?

- Data gathering
 Synthesis
 Differential diagnosis
 Investigation
 Management
 Organization/charting
 Identifying gaps
 Self-direction

Synthesis:

Patient problem list:	Prioritize list:	Positive/negative findings Red flags	Missing information from history & physical exam
1.			
2.			
3.			

Differential Diagnosis for each problem:

Problem:	3 possible diagnosis:	Supportive clinical findings:	Which is most likely (1,2,3) & which should not be missed (*)?
1a.			
b.			
c.			
2a.			
b.			
c.			
3a.			
b.			
c.			

Investigation:

Differential diagnosis:	Most appropriate investigation:	Evidence for choice of investigation:
1a.		
b.		
c.		
2a.		
b.		

Differential diagnosis cont.	Most appropriate investigation cont.	Evidence cont.
c.		
3a.		
b.		
c.		

Problem Management:

Problem:	Patient education:	Patient context:	Management strategy:	Evidence for strategy
1a.				
b.				
c.				
2a.				
b.				
c.				
3a.				
b.				
c.				

Self Directed:

Strengths:	Gaps	Suggested remediation	Preceptor Feedback

Develop an action plan: _____

Preceptor review & feedback: _____

Reassessment Date: _____