

## Subungual Haematoma – MCEM January 08

### Marking Criteria

Quick examination of the finger to confirm diagnosis	1	0
Explain to patient that this is a common injury – known as subungual hematoma	1	0
Explain that the severe pain is caused by bleeding under the nail with a build up of pressure under the nail.	1	0
Explain that this can easily be treated by making a hole in the nail so that the blood can drain out, therefore relieving the pain.	1	0
Offer pain medication but state that it will not work until after the procedure is done	1	0
Offer a ring block, but explain that the procedure is very quick and not very painful so it might not be necessary	1	0
As the patient requests a ring block, explain and demonstrate the process	2	1 0
Prepare the equipment – alcohol swab / needle / flame (or cautery)	2	1 0
Demonstrate how the procedure is done	2	1 0
Explain that the area may continue to drain some blood in the next few hours	1	0
States that the finger should have a dressing	1	0
Consider X Ray to rule out underlying fracture as antibiotics would need to be prescribed	1	0
Offers pain medication for discharge	1	0
Asks the patient if he has any questions	1	0
Explain that the hole formed in the nail will remain and grow out at the rate the nail grows. The nail may fall off.	1	0

### Global Score from Examiner

Please refer to global score grid – <i>score out of 5</i>	5	4	3	2	1
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### Global Score from Role Player

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### For Purpose of Research

Overall subjective view	Pass	Fail
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