

# PATIENT ENCOUNTERS

It's all about reassessment.

## Timeline

### My 1st 30 Minutes

Read Triage Note  
 Read Previous ED Visit Note  
 Read Internal Medicine Note  
 Write Differential Diagnosis  
 Write Decision Rules  
 Listen to Patient for 60s  
 Evaluate the Patient  
 Write out Presentation Outline  
 Present to Attending

### The Other 2.5 Hours

Reassess Treatments  
 Reassess Tests  
 Reassess Patient  
 Write my Notes  
 Disposition the Patient

## Approach to Patient Encounters

### 1) Pre-Research

Triage Note. Previous ED Note. Internal Medicine Note.

### 2) Write out your differential diagnosis and decision tools

### 3) Their Turn: Listen for 60 seconds

What does the patient want and expect?

### 4) Your Turn: Take a focused history and exam

### 5) Present case to attending

Presentations are THE MOST IMPORTANT SKILL as a med student  
 Breath. Write out your outline. Keep it organized and focused.

### 6) REASSESS: Tests sent to lab?

### 7) REASSESS: Treatment effective?

### 8) REASSESS: Any interesting results?

### 9) REASSESS: Is the patient ready to leave?

### 10a) Disposition Home

Prove that your patient is ready to go.

Eating without vomiting? Normal ambulation? Pain resolved?

Follow up established? PICK ONE

### 10b) Disposition Hospital

Summarize diagnosis and treatment for attending