



Administrative Medicine Part II Fellowship Examination 2010

Q5 You are the HCE at a large teaching hospital and, in your spare time, an avid golfer. On one of your few days away from the office you participate in an invitational golf competition and are partnered with Superintendent Chan (the Local Area Commander of the Police Force). During your general chatting whilst walking around the course he asks you if you know Dr Wong who he believes to be a newly appointed cardiologist.

You certainly know the name of the doctor as he was recently appointed following a very protracted (and expensive) recruiting campaign. Your only contact with him was during his selection interview where you noted that he had trained overseas in Australia and worked for ten years in the Middle East. He had a very impressive CV, excellent references and had been credentialed to perform general and procedural cardiologist. You have heard nothing since his appointment and have assumed that all is well within the Department of Cardiology.

You acknowledge to the Superintendent that you know him, but not well, and enquire as to why he has asked. The Superintendent is now a little coy about the matter but after a bit of prompting he volunteers that Dr Wong has been charged on two occasions with Driving Under the Influence and has lost his driver's licence. He also mentions that Dr Wong's family is getting a bit of a reputation amongst his officers as they have been called to the home on several occasions for domestic incidents where both parties appeared to be heavily intoxicated by alcohol although other drugs could have been in use.

You thank the Superintendent for sharing this information with you and quickly note that your game has now deteriorated sufficiently to give the Superintendent a very easy win. After a rather restless night's sleep you return to your office the following morning.

What are you going to do with the information supplied by the Superintendent?



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Q5 Key Points

For Examiner

Introduction

Impaired practitioner
Clinical governance
Communication

Immediate

Fact-finding..... Director Cardiology, Director Nursing,
Speak to the practitioner

Short term

If convinced, refer to Medical Board.....

Long term

Clinical governance, so that don't find out on golf course