Psychiatric History



Presenting complaint(s)

• Determine symptoms which brought patient in

History of presenting complaint(s)

- Explode every symptom
 - Time-frames
 - o Symptom-specific questions (see OSCEstop notes on exploding symptoms)
- Psychiatric system review
 - Schizophrenia 1st rank symptoms: 1. 3rd person auditory, 2. Running commentary, 3. Delusions of thought, 4. Delusions of control, 5. Delusional perception
 - o Depression screen: core (mood, anhedonia), biological (sleep, energy), future (hopelessness, suicidal thoughts)
 - Other: memory loss, anxiety, insight
 - o **RISK!!!:** to self, to others

Past Medical History

- Past psychiatric history
 - Diagnoses
 - o Place episode in history context
 - o First and last episodes
 - How many episode and admissions
 - o Mental health worker
- Past medical history

Drug History

As usual

Family History

- Family psychiatric history
- Other family history as usual

Social History

- Alcohol and drug use (VERY IMPORTANT!)
- Social circumstances
 - o Current situation
 - o Relationships
 - Home (support, home state)
 - Finances (benefits, debts)
 - Education/work
 - o Dependants
- Forensic history
- Personal upbringing history
- Pre-morbid personality

NEVER FORGET RISK!!!!!!!!!