

## Facilitator Notes For SG

- What is one way the health care team can collaborate to improve the care of this patient?
- What other providers can/should be involved in the care of this patient?
- What is one skill specific to your role on the health care team that can be implemented that is not already in use for this patient?
- What actions do you think are contributing to her healing?
- What might be enhancing her pain and disease process?
- What role can a nurse play in helping this patient return to her ADLs?
- How can the health care provider help this patient?
- Is a history of smoking, with a quit date of 1979, relevant to S.G.'s medical history? History of caffeine use relevant?
- What could S.G.'s primary care doctor have done differently when SG first approached him/her with a complaint of painful and swollen knees?
- Where would you begin as a health care provider for this patient?
- Has she tried any other therapy?
- Does she need financial assistance?
- How can a psychiatric evaluation help this patient?
- How can her family help S.G. deal with his conditions?
- What additional assessments would be relevant for this patient?
- What resources besides medication exist for SG? Rheumatoid Arthritis Support Groups?
- What pain techniques have you seen or used in a clinical setting that have been effective?
- How does someone in your profession know when they've made a mistake?
- Do you think it is important for healthcare professionals to give feedback to other healthcare professionals when they think that they have missed an important aspect of a patient's signs/symptoms?
- Have you seen any example where there was a process in place for inter- or intra-professional feedback to help a practitioner learn from his or her errors in diagnosis or treatment?
- What judgments or assumptions are you aware of about your own profession? About other health professions?
- How would someone from your profession help a person who has difficulty sleeping?
- Will you come in contact with patients like this in your practice?
- What are some attitudes that medical professionals may have of this patient?
- How does a specific treatment affect the work of other providers?
- How could you support the efforts/treatments of providers in other fields?
- How could you support the patients' exploration of other therapeutic options?

### Additional Resources

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist: Preoperatively renal labs like a creatinine and BUN should be checked.

Medical Student: Ask "review of systems" questions related to her general health, musculoskeletal, psychological, cardiovascular, and pulmonary systems. Full PE including ROM and neurological testing in extremities, spine, and neck. Assess for joint pain and tenderness in bilateral metacarpophalangeal, proximal interphalangeal, and metatarsophalangeal joints. Complete a dermatology exam to assess for presence of rheumatoid nodules over extensor surfaces of tendons, vasculitic lesions. Complete eye exam to rule out inflammatory eye diseases caused by RA such as uveitis or scleritis

Nursing: pain scale, ask lifestyle goals, consult her rheumatologist, PT consult, pain specialist, neuro and joint assessment, assess how RA affects her life and career

Occupational Therapist: Function Mobility Assessment, Occupational Profile, Home Evaluation, ADL Assessment – focus on dexterity

Pharmacy: creatinine clearance test

Physical Therapist: Manual muscle testing and observation/goniometry

Physician Assistant: In depth history, PE to include joint observation, Up to Date, Medscape.com