

Occupational English Test**WRITING SUB-TEST: MEDICINE****SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER OF DISCHARGE**

Dr Christine Hodges
2 Hill Forest Road
Newtown

11 February 2019

Dear Dr Hodges

Re. Mr John Aloisius, DOB: 4.9.85

Mr Aloisius was admitted to Newtown Hospital Emergency Department on 01.02.19 where he was diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis, most probably contracted during his recent stay in Latin America. He is making good progress and will be discharged back into your care today.

Mr Aloisius presented with night sweats, fever, cough with sputum with some hemoptysis. Sputum acid-fast stain and mycobacterial culture were positive for Tuberculosis. He was placed on respiratory isolation and four TB medications were commenced: Isoniazid 5 mg/kg PO/IM qDay, Rifampin 10 mg/kg/day PO, Pyrazinamide 15-30 mg/kg PO qDay, Ethambutol 2.8 g PO twice weekly, plus Vitamin B-6 50 mg orally once daily. His sputum acid-fast stain was negative today.

The four-drug regimen should be continued for 2 months, after which pyrazinamide and ethambutol can be stopped. Isoniazid plus Rifampin should be continued as daily or intermittent therapy for 4 more months. Mr Aloisius should continue his Vitamin B-6 supplement.

It would be appreciated if you could monitor the patient's medication compliance and observe for any possible side-effects. Please also arrange a complete blood cell count; baseline and periodic liver enzymes as well as serum uric acid and creatinine assessments. Finally, Mr Aloisius should periodically take the Ishihara colour-blindness test.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Doctor