

OET Writing practice – Sample answer (DMcCrae)

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Date: 22 February, 2014

Dear Professor Anderson,

Re: Daniel McCrae, DOB 17 Oct, 1962 (51 years old)

Thank you for your urgent intervention and management of this patient who has adenocarcinoma of the ascending colon, confirmed by colonoscopy and biopsy.

This busy barrister, husband and father of four presented two weeks ago complaining of “feeling off-colour”, with abdominal discomfort, gas, alternating diarrhoea and constipation, and fatigue, and as if he had not recovered from the mild viral infection he had suffered months previously. At the time, there were no abnormal physical findings, including on abdominal examination, however a complete blood count and faecal occult blood test were ordered, as well as a colonoscopy arranged.

Now today, two weeks later, tests have confirmed his malignancy as well as revealed anaemia and elevated haematocrit (Hb 9.1, Hct 34%). And he continues to feel unwell.

Please note, Mr. McCrae has no family history of the disease, but he is a smoker.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,

Doctor

*Body 151 words
Time 5 + 28 minutes*