



OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

WRITING SUB-TEST: NURSING

SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER OF DISCHARGE

Dr Martins
29 Cowslip Avenue
Berkeley

10/04/18

Re: Robert Smithson

Dear Dr Martins,

Your patient, Robert Smithson, was recently hospitalised at our Burns Unit with partial-thickness burns on 18% of his body, mostly chest and neck, and respiratory distress following a fire at his home. Fiberoptic laryngoscopy did not, however, reveal the necessity for intubation. He was closely monitored for wheezing, coughing and stridor, all of which were absent. He will be discharged tomorrow pending the consultant's report. Your monitoring of his condition would be greatly appreciated.

Robert's burns are healing well and there is no infection. His wound dressings should be changed regularly and the area cleansed, either by yourself or the community nurse. Alternatively, Robert could attend the Burns Outpatients Department.

Robert has been advised to apply a high-factor sunscreen when he is out, and to moisturise and massage the affected area. He should follow a light, high-protein diet, and maintain a high fluid intake. It is essential for Robert to perform deep breathing exercises for lung expansion and to allow secretions to drain.

It would be appreciated if you or the community nurse could see Robert daily for the next week to check his breathing and monitor his compliance in these recommendations. Robert is due for a follow-up evaluation at our Unit on 17.04.2018.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ward Nurse