Clinical Genetics Observation Capture Example

Trainee & Program Details

Training Program
Clinical Genetics

Training Program Phase *
Specialty Foundation

Date of Observation *
21/05/2026

Observation Capture Details

Observation Capture Type *
Clinical assessment and management

Summary of Activity *
Clinically assess and manage the ongoing care of patients

Complexity *
2 - Medium

Primary Learning Goal
8 - Communication with patients

Learning Goal Components

Select the learning goal components observed during the Observation Capture.

Name	Observed	
identify and access sources of relevant information about patients, including gathering clinical background through histories and examinations	Yes	No
examine patients	Yes	No
synthesise findings to develop provisional and differential diagnoses	Yes	No
discuss findings with patients, families, and/or carers	Yes	No
request appropriate investigations, relevant to differential diagnoses, in a timeline appropriate to the status of patients	Yes	No
choose appropriate treatments, such as targeted and precision therapies for genetic conditions, based on an understanding of disease pathophysiology and pharmacology	Yes	No
generate management plans	Yes	No
present findings to other health professionals.	Yes	No

Trainee Reflection

The below section is to be filled in by the **Trainee**

What did you do well? *
I believe that I did a good job at examining my patient, synthesising this examination and other findings into a differential diagnosis, and also discussing these findings with the patient and their family. I was comprehensive in my examination, gathered an accurate and problem-focused medical history including a comprehensive family history. I had prepared prior to the appointment, and was able to offer appropriate genetic testing options. When communicating with my patient I was sure to listen and understand their concerns and included the family where appropriate in consent and decision-making.

What could you improve next time? *
I believe that I could improve my documentation and my communication skills when presenting findings to other health professionals. I sometimes find it challenging to present in front of senior colleagues and groups across multidisciplinary teams. I get nervous and flustered and feel I don't speak well. It is an area I am very keen to improve upon.

Assessor Feedback

The below section is to be filled in by the **Assessor**

How much supervision did the trainee require during this activity?
3 - Is able to act with indirect supervision (i.e, ready access to a supervisor)

What did the trainee do well? *
A comprehensive family and medical history was gathered, with relevant information explored to inform the clinical assessment. Communication with the patient and their family was clear and empathetic, particularly when discussing genetic testing options and responding to their questions and concerns. The patient and family were appropriately involved throughout the consent and decision-making process.

What could the trainee improve upon to improve their performance? *
Further development of confidence when presenting clinical information to senior colleagues and multidisciplinary teams would be beneficial. Case presentations could be strengthened by clearly synthesising the key clinical findings, relevant family history and rationale for proposed investigations. Seeking opportunities to present cases and receive feedback from colleagues will support continued development in this area.