

The exam that I recalled doing was a chest x-ray on a lady between the age of 40 to 45 years. She looked healthy and she was very nice to me. So, I started by asking her the routine questions such as if there was any chance of being pregnant since she was in that age range that we need to ask that question. She said no, so I started asking her the other questions if she was feeling sick, having chest pain, cough, fever, or any other symptoms, However she said she was feeling good no issues, and she started telling me that she didn't know why the doctor had ordered a chest x-ray since she was feeling well. So, we checked her chart for her history, and we read that it was just a routinely chest x-ray because it was her wellness checkup. So, we explained to her that it was part of her wellness check. Then we had her change into a gown because she agreed to do the x-ray. So I proceeded to do the x-ray and afterwards she was feeling very uneasy telling us that she still didn't know why the doctor had ordered the chest x-ray since she had one done 3 to 4 months ago. So, after that we did offer to talk to her doctor, but at that point it was too late. We had already x-rayed her. Therefore, I think that if I ever was in this situation again, I will give them the option to talk to their doctor first before doing the exam. Then after that the patient can be at ease and know the reasons on why they are getting the exam done and not feel confused or uneasy about the exam. Another think I could have done differently is reading her chart or her history more in detail. Also asking her when the last time she had a chest x-ray. Because is the patients right to refuse the exam. So, I grade myself around 7 for not listening to the patient concerns and for not taking the time to research her medical history. The impact for the patient is that she would probably never want to do a chest x-ray anymore.