

At my first rotation at the Children's hospital, I did a hand. I went in the room introduced myself and the tech that was with me, and what department I was with. Then I asked the patient to verify their full name and date of birth. After I got confirmation, it was the right patient I explained what we were going to be doing and explained that I needed him on the side of the bed and how I needed his hand to be placed on the board (the IR). I also verified that it was his left hand. I asked him how he hurt his hand and he answered back during football practice that someone landed on it with their helmet. I asked him when it happened because it was really swollen already, and he answered back that it was that day and happened a few hours ago. I also asked him if it started hurting right after it happened, and he stated that he heard a pop, and it started hurting and swelling soon after. After I finished, I told him that I hope his hand gets better and thank you for his time.

These questions that I asked helped me get a better understanding of how his hand got hurt, when it happened and how long it took for it to start hurting. Since the tech puts everything in the notes for the radiologist, I went over all of the information I got with her, and she put it down. These questions will help the radiologist because he will know how, and when it happened, and how long it took for it to start hurting.

Looking back, I should have also asked him if it hurt anywhere else or where it hurts more. I also should have asked if there is a shooting, a sharp or a throbbing pain. These questions could have benefited the radiologist knowing which side hurt more or where it hurt more. The pain could have benefited the radiologist knowing if it was a sharp pain where it was located or if it was a shooting pain if it was just in his hand or if it was going up into his arm. If I did not get the information I did the radiologist would not have known how it happened or when it happened. The radiologist would have just been looking at an x ray of a hand not knowing what

happened or anything. On a scale of 1 to 10 I would say my patient history techniques would be right in the middle. Not the best but not the worst. I should have asked a little bit more questions and that would have helped the radiologist out a little bit more. I just need to think of questions along the way before I go to the patients room or go get them.