

**Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences
Medical Imaging Program
MI 123 Clinical Seminar I – Summer 2021**

**Interview of a Geriatric Patient: Geriatric Communication
Written Assignment Form**

***See Assignment Guidelines and Grading Rubric for additional information.*

Questions for Interview of a Geriatric Patient

1. What year were you born?
2. Are you married?
If so, for how long?
If not, are you a widow?
3. Do you have any children or grandchildren?
If so, how many and do they live locally?
4. What kind of living arrangements do you have?
Do you live independently; with relatives; in an assisted living environment?
Will you be making any changes to your living arrangements in the near future?
5. What was the most important historic event or period of time that you lived through?
How did it influence you personally?
6. How has aging been different than what you expected it to be like?
7. What health issues, if any, have come from aging?
8. Are you *more* concerned about your health now than you were 30 years ago?
If so, what steps are you taking to improve your health?
9. How has the recent recession in America or any previous recessions affected you?
10. What physical limitations have you encountered as you are growing older?
What things have you done to deal with those limitations or how have you made adjustments to deal with those limitations?
11. What advice would you give young people to help them prepare for growing older?
12. Include any additional questions and answers.

Questions for the Student to answer – Student Reflection

**Answer questions with complete sentences.*

1. Do you feel your patient was content with their age? (Why? Why not?)
2. What do you have in common with your patient?
3. Describe one thing you learned from your patient about growing old.
4. Imagine yourself at your patient's age...do you think you would answer the interview questions any differently than your patient did? (Why? Why not?)
5. What communication barriers did you come up against? If any—explain how you overcame these barriers or what you could have done differently.
6. What communication techniques did you find to be useful when communicating with the geriatric patient?
7. Were there any items learned from today that you can apply to your clinical communication with the geriatric age group?