

A Language Challenge

Scenario Overview:
The patient in this scenario has a relatively minor wound on their arm that in theory should be fairly easy to deal with. However, the patient speaks another language (take your pick) and speaks very little English creating a big communication barrier. The first aiders will need to find a way to ask questions and give advice. To set the scene: they are on patrol at an event when they are called over to this patient by a member of public who has seen someone's arm bleeding.
Difficulty:
First Aider Easy
How the scenario should progress:
The wound is minor so the patient will be stable throughout. This is mainly a scenario testing communication skills.
Actor Tips:
This scenario will work best if you stick to using another language for the majority of the scenario and try and use signs and actions to help communicate with the first aiders. You can understand the odd word of English but not very much.
Patient 1:
Name: Fernando Gatordo (perhaps change dependent on language) Age: 27 Sex: Male
Medication: Reliever Inhaler (although patient will struggle to communicate this)
Allergies: None Known
Past medical/family/social history: Had appendix out 5 years ago.
Findings on examination: The wound on the patient's arm is about 4cm long and about 0.5cm wide and is actively bleeding (but is not an arterial bleed or anything too severe). Patient is in minor pain (1/10) and it stays to the location of the wound and is a stinging like pain. No loss of sensation or movement. Patient cut arm on the wall they had been sitting on when they got off. There is a small amount of dirt in the wound from the wall. All of the patient's observations will be as found on the patient actor.
Possible treatment from first aiders: Control bleeding, clean and dress wound. Work out how to communicate with the patient.
No Observations Given