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WRITING SUB-TEST

Radiography

Practice test

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WRITING SUB-TEST: RADIOGRAPHY

TIME ALLOWED: READING TIME: 5 MINUTES

WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

Read the case notes and complete the writing task which follows.

Notes:

6/9/10

Radiographer in Charge
City Hospital
Newtown

Dear Radiographer

I am writing to express my concern at a patient of mine not having a chest X-ray prior to surgery.

On the morning of 4/9/10, I personally delivered the request form to the X-ray Department and indicated it needed to be done on the same day, as the patient was for theatre on the morning of 5/9/10 (yesterday). However, for some reason, the patient – Mr Peter Billings – did not have the X-ray, and consequently the operation was done without the aid of a recent chest X-ray.

Although Mr Billings has suffered no ill effects from this, I am concerned that the X-ray was not done as requested, particularly as I made an effort to ensure that it was. I would ask that you investigate this matter in the hope that a similar situation does not arise in future.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Tony Milne
Surgical Registrar

RADIOLOGY REQUEST FORM

Pt. Mr Peter Billings

No. 124326
Wd. 7
Date 4/9/10

CXR — Pre op.
Pt for theatre 5/3.

Dr Milne, Surgical Reg

PATIENT TRANSPORT LOG DATE 4/9/10 PM

Time	Name	Ward	Travel	Comments
12.00	Estella	9	Trolley	
12.15	Nguyen	2	W/chair	No films on Wd
12.30	Jones	6	Walk	
12.45	Simms	2	W/chair	Go to Path. after X-ray
1.00	Billings	7	W/chair	Dr with pt – try later
1.15	Syme	8	Trolley O_2	
1.30	Alrabiah	1	Walk	
1.45	Rouse	10	Trolley	Too sick to come down
2.00	Courtney	5	Walk	
2.30	Lamb	9	W/chair O_2	
2.45	Aitken	1	Trolley I.V.	Films back with patient
3.15	Billings	7	W/chair	Pt not on ward – having test
3.30	Singh	2	Bed	In traction
4.00	Fry	6	W/chair	
4.15	Lui	ICU	Bed	
4.30	Tonkin	1	Walk	
5.00	McBean	1	Trolley	
5.30	Johnson	5	W/chair I.V.	
6.00	Billings	7	W/chair	Now needs Trolley – try later!
7.00	Xu	9	Trolley	To Wd 6 after X-ray
7.30				
8.30	Lee	ICU	Bed	
9.00	Jenson	2	Trolley O_2	No films on Wd
9.15				
9.30	Billings	7	Trolley	Too late – nurses wouldn't let patient down & said OK to do 5/9 am, as pt for theatre in pm.

Writing task:

Using the information given in the transport log and the request form, write a letter of explanation in response to Dr Milne's complaint.

Address the letter to Dr Tony Milne, Surgical Registrar, City Hospital, Newtown.

In your answer:

- **expand the relevant notes into complete sentences**
- **do not use note form**
- **use letter format**

The body of the letter should be approximately 180-200 words.

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SAMPLE ANSWER: LETTER

(Today's date)

Dr Tony Milne
Surgical Registrar
City Hospital
Newtown

Dear Dr Milne,

Thank you for your letter regarding Mr Peter Billings' pre-operative chest X-ray.

It appears that we attempted on four separate occasions to do Mr Billings' chest X-ray, between 1pm and 9.30pm on 4/9/10, but for a variety of reasons we were unable to get him down from the ward to the X-ray Department. Mr Billings was undergoing tests and consultation when we first attempted to transport him down. On our last attempt, we were sent away as it was too late in the evening. We were informed by the nursing staff that Mr Billings was scheduled for theatre in the afternoon of 5/9/10 and that we could therefore do the chest X-ray in the morning.

Unfortunately, there was no indication on your request form as to what time the operation was to be done; hence, we acted on the information given to us by the ward. Perhaps in future you could be more specific regarding the patient's operation schedule and also ensure that the ward staff have accurate information.

Yours sincerely

Radiographer