**SAQ**

There have been a number of incidents in your emergency department Short Stay Unit where patients have unexpectedly deteriorated during their stay.

**a. What is the role of a Short Stay Unit? (2 Marks)**

*To manage Emergency Medicine patients who would benefit from extended treatment and observation but have an expected length of stay of less than 24 hours.*

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*1 Mark for providing extended care for Emergency Medicine patients*

*1 Mark for acknowledging an expected length of stay of 24 hour or less*

**b. How would you develop a solution to this problem ? (4 Marks)**

*Gather information - 1 Mark*

*Develop solution plan - 1 Mark*

*Implement plan - 1 Mark*

*Audit / Re-collect data - 1 Mark*

*Note exact wording not essential but plan must include aspects of each of these domains to score maximum marks*

**c. You have been asked to develop a set of exclusion criteria for your Short Stay Unit. Please list your exclusion criteria ? (4 Marks)**

*1/2 Mark for each exclusion criteria to maximum of 4 marks.*

*Patients who should be admitted to in-patient wards - complex medical or surgical problems*

*Multiple problems*

*Elderly patient*

*Paediatric patients*

*Patients without clear management plan / diagnosis*

*Patients with intensive nursing requirements*

*Risk to staff patients - psychotic, violent, forensic history*

*Taken from Cameron Textbook of Adult Emergency Medicine 3rd Edition Section 26.6*