

Pulmonary Embolism - Intermediate Risk Case (score 2-6)

“Near Live” Usability Testing

History (Standardized patient):

Provider: “Hi, what brings you in today?”

Patient is in mild distress due to shortness of breath and increased heart rate.

Patient: “I am having difficulty breathing. This morning, I woke up and felt short of breath. This has never happened before, and while the sensation is not severe it is worrisome and has persisted the last few hours.

I’m having some chest pain as well, its mild but it gets worse when I take a deep breath. The chest pain started when the shortness of breath started. I’ve had a blood clot in my leg before and I’ve heard that those can travel up to the lungs. So I’m pretty worried about that!”

Physical Exam (Provided in written form):

T 99, HR 105, Lungs: CTABL, Ext: No LEE or ttp