

Streptococcal Pharyngitis – High Risk Case (score 4 – 5)

“Near Live” Usability Testing

History (Standardized patient):

Provider: “What brings you in today?”

Patient: Well, I’ve had this sort of throbbing sore throat now for about two days, I guess. It really hurts—likea 5 out of 10, maybe? (*Swallow.*) And I’ve never had anything like this before. I’m not coughing at all—but it just kills me to swallow! I can barely even eat. Because I was trying to get some energy. Because I’ve been so tired... But that made it made it even worse. It kills me to even swallow a sip of water. I called in sick at work yesterday and I just slept the entire day.

And it’s not letting up. I tried Tylenol. I tried Advil. Didn’t touch it. It’s definitely getting worse.

And then I started feeling feverish—and I got chills late last night. So I figured I’d better come in.

Oh—and I just remembered! My boss’s kid was sick with a sore throat too a couple of days ago... I wonder if I could I have gotten it from him—somehow....? I mean my boss wasn’t sick. But his son was. Oh whoa.... And that’s another thing—now I’m also feeling a little lightheaded. It started this morning.

Physical Exam (Provided in written form):

T 100.5, HR 75, ENT: tonsillar exudates, Neck: tender cervical LAD, Lungs: CTABL