

## Streptococcal Pharyngitis – Intermediate Risk Case (score 2 – 3)

### “Near Live” Usability Testing

History (Standardized patient):

Provider: “What brings you in today?”

Patient: Well, I just thought I should come in because I started getting a sore throat the day before yesterday. I mean, I’ve had this before and it went away with an antibiotic, so it’s probably bacterial. Although nobody I know is sick, so I don’t really have any idea what this could be.

I mean, it’s not really that bad. Like maybe a 3—(*coughs*)—sorry—like maybe a 3 out of 10. But I’ve also been coughing. And it just hurts, and it doesn’t really let up.

And I can’t eat. Or drink. Because it hurts to swallow all the time, but eating and drinking make it even worse.

And absolutely nothing makes it better. I tried ibuprofen (cuz I had a little fever yesterday). And then I tried Nyquil—which totally knocked me on my butt, cuz (*swallow*) I’ve been so tired anyway. In fact, I slept most of the day yesterday—right—yesterday—cuz it was Sunday. (*You cough again.*) But I had to go in today.

I’m really hoping I can nip this in the bud, cuz I really can’t stay home. I’ve gotta go in. I hope you can give me an antibiotic or something.

Physical Exam (Provided in written form):

T 100.5, HR 75, ENT: pharyngeal erythema, Neck: tender cervical LAD, Lungs: CTABL