

# Community Assessment of Worm Infestations

Experiment 19 - Practical Notes

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## Aim

To assess a fictional worm infestations presentation and decide an appropriate advice/referral pathway.

## Principle

Minor-ailment assessment begins with history and red-flag screening; suitability for pharmacy management is determined by the authorised local protocol.

## Key Points

- Ask about symptoms, household context, age and previous assessment.
- Discuss hand/nail hygiene, safe food and the need for an appropriate diagnosis and authorised treatment.
- Refer for severe symptoms, nutritional compromise, persistent illness or diagnostic uncertainty.

## Practice Scenario

Fictional role play: the instructor provides age, duration and symptoms. The student asks for missing information and records a decision.

## Activity Procedure

### 1. History

Use open questions, then clarify duration, severity and associated symptoms.

### 2. Screen risk

Check age, pregnancy, allergies, comorbidities and current medicines.

### 3. Decide

State whether referral is needed before considering any product.

### 4. Counsel

Explain appropriate self-care and any pharmacist-confirmed product directions.

### 5. Safety net

State the review interval and symptoms that require earlier help.

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**Record and Observations**

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| History / symptoms          | _____ |
| Patient factors / medicines | _____ |
| Red flags / decision        | _____ |
| Advice / review             | _____ |

**Result**

Complete the record using your activity, then state the findings, the action required and the reason for that action.

**Precautions**

- Do not assume a diagnosis from the complaint title.
- Use the qualified pharmacist's current protocol for product selection.

**Viva Questions and Answers****1. What comes before product selection?**

Assessment of the complaint, patient factors and referral signs.

**2. Why consider current medicines?**

They may cause symptoms or interact with a proposed product.

**3. What is safety-net advice?**

Clear instructions about review and when to seek earlier help.

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