OET speaking role play for nurses

Two practice cards for OET Speaking, with a model opening

Card 1: going home with a stitched cut (the role-play below)
Setting: day surgery unit, before the patient goes home. Patient: Mr. Miller, 45. A cut on his forearm was closed with stitches today. He seems worried. Task: find out what he knows and what worries him. Task: explain how to keep the dressing clean and dry for two days, and that the stitches are checked in a week. Task: check he has understood, reassure him and say who to call if he is worried. Model opening: Good afternoon, Mr. Miller. I'm Anna, one of the nurses. Before you go home, can we talk about looking after your arm? Then: How are you feeling about going home? What did the doctor tell you about the dressing? Then: Let me explain in simple words. Please keep the dressing clean and dry for two days. Then: Just so I know I explained it clearly, can you tell me in your own words what you'll do?

Card 2: crutches after a sprained ankle
Setting: outpatient clinic. Patient: Ms. Ortiz, 58. She sprained her ankle yesterday and has just been given crutches. She works on her feet and is worried about her job. Task: ask how she is managing and what she is worried about. Task: explain how to rest the ankle and use the crutches, in plain words. Task: check she has understood, and reassure her about the follow-up visit. Model opening: Hello, Ms. Ortiz. I'm Anna, the nurse. How are you getting on with the crutches? Then: It sounds like work is on your mind. Can you tell me more about that? Then: The most important thing is to rest the ankle for now. I'll show you how to walk with the crutches. Then: I'd like to be sure I was clear. Could you show me how you'll go up a step? Then: Many people worry about work at this point. The clinic will check your ankle again, and we can talk about it then.

1. Greet him and say who you are

Hi. The doctor says I can go home, but honestly, I'm a little nervous about my arm.	Hello, Mr. Miller. I'm Anna, one of the nurses. May I talk with you before you go?

Good afternoon, Mr. Miller. I'm Anna, one of the nurses.	Is it all right if we talk for a few minutes?	Can I check your name and date of birth first?

2. Find out what worries him

Mostly the bandage. Someone said something about two days and a week, and I didn't catch it.	Thank you for telling me. Let me explain it in simple words.
I just don't want to do something wrong.	That's a very common worry. We'll go through it together.

How are you feeling about going home?	What worries you most?	What did the doctor tell you about it?
It sounds like this is on your mind. Tell me more.		

3. Explain in plain words how to keep the dressing clean and dry

Okay. So what do I do at home?	Please keep the dressing clean and dry for two days.
Why two days?	It helps the cut to heal safely. After that, the clinic will check it.

Let me explain it in simple words.	There are two things to remember.	Please keep the dressing clean and dry for two days.
We'll check the stitches in a week.		

4. Check he has understood

So I take the bandage off tomorrow to let the arm breathe, right?	Not quite. Please leave the dressing on for two days.
Yes, I think so.	Could you tell me in your own words what you'll do at home?
Leave it on, keep it dry, come back in a week. Got it.	That's exactly right.

Just so I know I explained it clearly, can you tell me in your own words what you'll do?	What will you do when you get home?	Not quite. Let me say that again, more slowly.

5. Reassure him and close

Sorry, I'm a bit of a mess today.	Please don't be sorry. Many people feel nervous before they go home.
That's much clearer. Thanks.	You're welcome. Please call the clinic if you're worried. Take care.

That's a very common worry.	You're doing well. Please call the clinic if you're worried about anything.	Is there anything else you'd like to ask before you go?
Take care, Mr. Miller.		

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