Group A Scenario Responses

Scenario 1

You and your placement partner look at each other, feeling uncomfortable, but do not say anything in response. You are unsure whether the patient heard the comments or not.

Scenario 2

You leave the consultation room and ask your peer why they did not correct the patient, they reply “it is just easier to leave it”, you are worried that the patient has been promised the wrong treatment by the student but do not do anything as you are sure someone else will pick up on it later.

Scenario 3

You decide to leave it and wait a few more weeks before doing something, as although the comments are unusual, they seem “okay” and are still attending some university sessions. You hope that one of their housemates would notice if things became more serious.
Group B Scenario Responses

Scenario 1

At the end of the ward round, you ask to speak to the most senior clinician present, and mention what had happened.

Scenario 2

After leaving the patient room, you go back to see the patient to explain on your own that you are only medical students and will have to find a doctor to decide what will happen next, as you come out of the room your placement partner is stood there looking angry after overhearing the conversation.

Scenario 3

You send them a text message later on that day to ask them if they are okay and offer help, and are not met with the response, you leave the situation alone as you believe they will seek help if they feel they need it.
Group C Scenario Responses

Scenario 1

You try to challenge the F2 doctor’s opinion, but are cut off by another doctor as the conversation moves on to the next patient.

Scenario 2

You do nothing as the patient was probably confused anyway, and needs to be reviewed by a doctor regardless of what happened when you were clerking them in. A similar situation has happened with the same placement partner.

Scenario 3

You speak to a member of staff running one of your group sessions that day about your concern, before speaking to the student. The student overhears the comments and rushes in to reassure the staff member that they are fine and you have no idea what they are talking about.