Actor sides 15- 17year old Male-

**Patient:**

16 year-old Male

Soccer player

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| ***Presenting Situation*** |
| *Knee pain* |
| *Unexplained bruising* |
| *Depressed mood and evasive in answering questions* |

*Backstory:\*This may be hidden by actor, but actor needs to “hint” at backstory.*

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| Child abuse by father- “never good enough” – hit by father. |
| Father with alcohol abuse problem |

**Case Information: All Information in Red- needs to come out by actor: The rest depends upon the students’ abilities to ask the right questions. Actors can’t volunteer information. We are testing to see if students can ask the right questions.**

Felt right knee “buckle” at high school soccer practice yesterday (choose a local high school) while making a sudden cut during a scrimmage session. No contact. He collapsed, and had to be helped to the sideline where he sat out the rest of practice.

Since that time, pain on weight bearing, instability/weakness, difficulty fully extending or flexing knee joint.

Stayed home from school today. Worried that he may have injured her knee.

“My dad will be upset”.

Father lost job recently due to excessive absenteeism. Drinks heavily throughout day. Gets “angry” easily when drunk. Patient will be reluctant to share that his father hits him (and his mother) when he gets angry. No sexual abuse.

**Physical Exam:**

General appearance: Cooperative and open about knee injury, but evasive and reluctant to talk about father and home situation.

Normal vital signs. Normal height, weight, BMI.

Bruises at various stages of healing on outer arms, shoulders, back (defensive wounds). “I guess I got them at soccer practice.”

Mild swelling of right knee, with joint laxity (positive anterior drawer sign).

Exam otherwise normal.

**Possible Script- Answers/ Questions:**

**Need to Improvise:** Need to Improvise- depending upon student questions. Remember to keep it short, talking can only last not more than 7 minutes, because students also have to take vitals.

Medical Students: Why are you here?

Patient: Hurt my knee. I felt it buckle yesterday at soccer practice.

Medical Student: Can you tell me more, did someone push you?

Patient: I made a sudden cut during scrimmage, there was no contact with another player. I just kinda buckled and collapsed. Someone helped me to sideline, I couldn’t walk.

Medical Student: Can you walk now?

Patient: A little. I need help. My coach brought me today, didn’t want to upset my father.

Medical Student: Why would your father be upset?

Patient: Uh… he would just get upset because I missed school. And I got hurt at practice. He doesn’t like me coming to doctors. If he knew I was here he would be upset.

Medical Student: Why do you have all your bruises?

Patient: Uh… I don’t know. I did fall down last week. …. (\* be elusive, but hint or change story about getting bruises. Don’t come out and say that father beat you up/ but can say that you don’t want father to be mad. )

Main Ideas:

1. Can’t walk. Sore knee. Legs buckled at soccer practice.
2. Stayed home from school, someone else brought you to doctors, cause father would be mad.
3. Don’t bring up bruises first, let students ask about the bruises. Then make up stories about the bruises…change story – to cover for father.
4. If asked- “Did your father hit you, or beat you?” – let your non-verbals talk. Hesitate telling on your father, but your non-verbals should say the truth.