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Simulation 7

Role-play card 2

Patient Role Card



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Character: Alex is a 32-year-old complaining of chronic back pain, which he describes as excruciating. Alex insists on needing "*something strong like oxycodone*" because "*nothing else works*." Alex is well-versed in medical terminology and asks for specific drugs by name. He claims allergies to non-addictive painkillers like ibuprofen or paracetamol.

Situation: Alex has come to A&E today after a "flare-up" of pain he claims has been worsening for weeks.

Key Behaviour:

Starts calm but becomes insistent, agitated or hostile if his requests are questioned.

Exaggerates symptoms ("*10 out of 10 pains*") moaning, clutching body parts or acting restless.

Uses emotional appeals like "*I'll lose my job if I can't work because of this pain.*"

Uses manipulative claims like "*My doctor usually gives me this.*"

May use guilt, flattery, or intimidation to persuade staff, e.g. threatening with legal action.

Feigns desperation, becoming teary or frustrated if his requests are denied.

Non-verbal cues: avoids eye contact, is anxious, fidgets. When unobserved, moves normally.