Case 3

You are an F1 working in orthogeriatrics (Ward 32) at General Hospital. Your consultant is Dr Patel.

Patient details

Name: Marion Dempsey

DOB: 04/06/1943

Patient number: X1011978

History

You see Marion, a 79-year-old lady on the post operative orthopaedic ward round.

Marion was admitted to hospital with a fractured left neck of femur 2 days ago following an unwitnessed fall at her care home. She underwent a left hemiarthroplasty procedure yesterday.

Her past medical history includes chronic kidney disease stage 3, secondary to type 2 diabetes.

Having reviewed her Kardex, you see she has been receiving regular paracetamol for pain relief. You note that she has been receiving regular doses of PRN morphine post operatively.

Your consultant Dr Patel informs you that this is a significant error – morphine should be avoided in patients with poor renal function, as the active metabolites can build up and cause toxicity.

Task 1

On the new Kardex provided, please prescribe a more appropriate choice of PRN analgesia.

You do not need to prescribe any of Marion's other medications.

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