

# OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

**WRITING SUB-TEST: NURSING**

**SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER OF REFERRAL**

Ms Nita Roberts  
In-Home Nursing Service  
79 Beachside Street  
Bayview

15 July 2017

Dear Ms Roberts,

Re: Mrs Jasmine Thompson  
73 White Road, Bayview  
DOB: 01.07.1942

I would be most grateful if you could manage home care for Mrs Thompson, who is being discharged today after a total right shoulder replacement, following admission to the hospital for right shoulder osteoarthritis. Her daughter will stay with her for one month in her single-storey house once she has been discharged.

Mrs Thompson's post-operative phase was largely uneventful. She has been compliant with her physiotherapy exercise regime and her post-operative bloods remain in normal limits. Post-operative pain was managed with analgesia and a cold compress for four hours each day.

On discharge, the patient was educated in post-operative care: she will wear a right arm sling for four weeks, and will require physiotherapy in the outpatient's clinic twice a week, and hydrotherapy once a week. She is not to do any lifting for four weeks.

Mrs Thompson will require assistance with showering and administration of her prescription Clexane injection, which is to be administered for four days as DVT prophylaxis.

In ten days, her staples are scheduled to be removed with a follow-up appointment in the Orthopaedic Joint Replacement Outpatient Department. In case any issues arise, the nurse specialist can be contacted by calling the hospital during the week.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional assistance.

Sincerely,

Nurse

