

### Speculum station – Mark Scheme

Component	Mark (%)
<b>Initiation and preparation</b>	
Introduces self to patient and indicates status; checks full patient ID; explains fully and gains consent for the speculum and bimanual exam	
Offers chaperone, checks patient has emptied bladder prior to exam	
Washes hands using the Ayliffe technique and dons gloves and apron prior to procedure. Prepares all items required – avoids contamination.	
<b>Inspection</b>	
Inspects vulval area, perineum, parts labia and inspects urethra. Checks for urinary leak/bleeding/prolapse	
<b>Speculum</b>	
Inserts speculum using correct technique; visualises and comments on the cervix findings. Withdraws speculum carefully, gradually rotates it, ratchet undone if used, inspects vaginal walls	
<b>Bimanual exam (this must be done after the speculum exam)</b>	
Correct technique	
Comments correctly on findings	
<b>Generic skills</b>	
Demonstrates consideration for patient comfort, dignity and privacy throughout; would not cause pain or distress to the patient	
Demonstrates a systematic and fluent approach to the skills	
Disposes of all waste correctly	
Communication skills	