

# HPI Table

Element	Explanation	Example
Location	Where do the patient's symptoms occur?	Arm, Leg, Low back, Patient may point to the specific area
Quality	Describe the quality of the symptoms.	Sharp, dull, burning, throbbing, constant, intermittent, acute, chronic, stable, improving, worsening. Also maybe colors such as red green or yellowish
Severity ( Patient Feeling)	Is the pain minor, moderate, or severe?	How would you rate it on a pain scale? Feeling better or worse? The patient may be feeling okay
Timing	When do the symptoms occur?	Intermittent, constant, continuous. At night, walking stairs, after work, at rest, after exercise.
Duration	How long has the problem been there?	Any description about the duration of the length of the patients symptoms, illness or conditions can be used as an element of duration
Context	How did the symptoms begin?	Consider in what Context the patients symptoms occur. Did they happen after a motor vehicle accident, after slipping on the ice, or in relation to another illness or injury. Obtain a description of where the patient is and what the patient does when the symptoms or signs begins. Is the patient at rest or involved in an activity? Is the Symptom aggravated or relieved, or does it recur with specific activity? Has situational stress or some other factor been present preceding or accompanying it? Monitoring a Chronic condition. Examples: More active on treadmill = Context and Monitoring a condition at home (i.e. BP) = context
Modifying Factors	What makes it better?	Any treatments tried by the patient that may have or have not improved their symptoms. (Aspirin, rest, CABG, heat, elevation)
Assoc Sign & Symptoms	Are there other signs & symptoms associated with your primary (main) problem?	Numbness, swelling, limited movement. Examples may include marked sweating associated with indigestion or chest pain, weakness and hunger pains in patients with diabetes or blurring vision accompanying a headache. We typically think of these elements as positive complaints, but many auditors will use a negative response in associated signs and symptoms

HRA= Patient HPI= Physician