

Jerry Unfolding Case Study Suggested Responses

Suggested responses to unfolding case study questions:

1. What is your main concern? Why is this a concern?
 - Loss of interest in favorite activities (school, exploring park behind house)
 - Spending more time alone
 - Difficulty coping with the loss of friend
2. How would you answer Jerry's mother's question?
 - It is often difficult to tell if behavior is typical or something more serious
 - Talk to Jerry's doctor about concerns
 - Mention mother's concerns to ED doctor
3. What are the family's strengths?
 - Supportive mom
 - Parents aware of their child's behavior and try to support him developmentally
 - Need more information about the family and its social supports.
4. What additional assessment data would you want?
 - Use the assessment tools to determine what additional information you might need

 - More information about the family.
<http://www.familytherapeutics.com/forms/ChildAdolescentPsychiatryScreenCAPS.pdf>
https://www.brightfutures.org/mentalhealth/pdf/professionals/ped_sympton_chklst.pdf
5. What additional information would you need prior to administering the acetaminophen?
 - Jerry's weight
 - Seven rights of medication administration
 - Allergies
6. What would you do with this information? Will it change your care? If so, how?
 - Ask Jerry a few additional questions – is he being bullied, why doesn't he care if he dies, has he told his parents how he feels, does he ever think about ending his life
 - Report to appropriate health care team member
 - Document
 - Follow agency policy for individuals who may be at risk for suicide
7. What community resources might you refer this family to?
 - Determine based on identified resources in the pre-learning activity.