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Case Study 2

You are a young, male resident at a children's hospital and have been scheduled to work the weekend shift in the emergency room. It's been a busy day but the number of patients is finally dwindling down except for a young boy and girl sitting in the waiting area. You call them up and the boy, around 20 years old, and the girl enter the treatment room. The boy introduces himself and his sister, 14 years old, and explains that they're here alone as the parents are taking care of their baby brother at home. He furthermore explains that she doesn't speak English and that she has been complaining about stomach pain and cramps for the last two days.

You are now talking to the brother and are trying to get as much information about the symptoms from the brother as possible, having him translate your questions and her answers. But her answers seem rather short and when asking about her period and possible sexual intercourse, her brother answers immediately and adamantly denies any possibility of this. They both seem ashamed and not willing to give any more information about those topics.

Which problems can you identify in this situation and what would be your next steps?



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