

COAT & REVIEW

A STRUCTURED APPROACH TO THE UNWELL PATIENT

CONFIRM

Rapidly Evaluate the Situation. *What is Wrong?*

What Is the Current Issue?
Check DRS ABCD

OPTIMISE

Make the Patient Safe

Support ABCD
Remove Precipitants/Aggravating Factors
Prepare Resources



ASSESS

Gather Information for Diagnosis. *Why is it wrong?*

Identify the Issues
History & Patient Notes
Examination, Charts & Monitoring
Investigations
Diagnosis & Differentials



TREAT

Therapy for Underlying Cause

Therapy
Notification
Ongoing Care
Documentation



REVIEW

Timely Reassessment

Return to CONFIRM at any stage if
patient state changes

