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.
   [Link](http://www.familytherapeutics.com/forms/ChildAdolescentPsychiatryScreenCAPS.pdf)
   [Link](https://www.brightfutures.org/mentalhealth/pdf/professionals/ped_symptom_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.