



# **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Mumbai**

## **Syllabus for CPS-PG-Course**

### **DEME-DIPLOMA IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

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### **GOALS**

The goal of the training program is to produce Emergency Physicians with the necessary knowledge, skill and attitude to diagnose and manage a wide range of clinical problems in Emergency Medicine as seen in the community or in secondary/tertiary care setting in an effective manner.

The qualities to be absolutely necessary:

1. Sound knowledge and skills of the emergency aspects of medical and surgical speciality, and its application within the golden hour.
2. Competent in life saving emergency interventions and appropriately use various diagnostic tests, and interpret their results intelligently & promptly.
3. Be familiar with the fundamentals of research methodology.
4. Possess humanistic qualities, attitudes and behaviour necessary for the development of appropriate patient-doctor relationship.
5. To assist and if necessary train juniors.
6. To keep up-to-date and be familiar with all recent advances in the field of Emergency medicine.

### **OBJECTIVES**

#### **1. KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS**

As a result of the training under this program, at the end of 3 years of postgraduate training, a resident must acquire the following knowledge, skills and competencies:

- a) A thorough knowledge of pathological abnormalities, clinical manifestations, and principles of management of a large variety of medical and surgical emergencies of pediatrics, adults and geriatrics, affecting any organ system.
- b) Skill and competence to choose and interpret correctly the results of the various routine investigations necessary for proper management of the patient. While ordering these investigations, a resident must be able to understand the sensitivity, specificity and the predictive value of the proposed investigation, as well as its cost effectiveness in the management of the patient.
- c) Skill and competence in emergency interventions like end tracheal intubations, needle cricothyrotomy, tracheostomy, needle thoracocentesis, Intercostal drain placement, pericardiocentesis, defibrillation, mechanical ventilation, hemodialysis, ultrasonography, Echo so on and so forth.
- d) Skills and competence to perform commonly used diagnostic procedures, namely, lumbar puncture, bone marrow aspiration/biopsy, liver/nerve/muscle/ skin/ kidney/pleural biopsy, fine needle aspiration cytology of palpable lumps, pleural/pericardial/abdominal/joint fluid aspiration.

- e) Skill and competence to choose and interpret correctly the results of specialized investigations including radiologic, ultra-sonographic, biochemical, hemodynamic, electro-cardio graphic, electrophysiological, pulmonary functional, hematological, immunological, nuclear isotope scanning and arterial blood gas analysis results.
- f) Skill and competence to provide consultation to other medical and surgical specialties and sub-specialties, whenever needed.
- g) Skill and competence to function effectively in varied clinical settings, namely emergency/critical care, ambulatory care, out-patient clinic, inpatient wards.
- h) Skill and competence to take sound decisions regarding hospitalization, or timely referral to other consultants of various medical sub specialties recognizing his limitations in knowledge and skills in these areas.
- i) Proficiency in selecting correct drug combinations for different clinical problems with thorough knowledge of their pharmacological effects, side effects, interactions with the other drugs, alteration of their metabolism in different clinical situations, including that in the elderly.
- j) Skill and competence to advise on the preventive, restorative and rehabilitative aspects including those in the elderly, so as to be able to counsel the patient correctly after recovery from an acute or chronic illness.
- k) Skill and competence to understand research methodology in Emergency medicine and to undertake a critical appraisal of the literature published in various emergency medical journals and be able to apply the same in the setting in which the resident is working.
- l) Skill and competence to work cohesively in Resuscitation team along with paramedical personnel, maintain discipline and healthy interaction with the colleagues.
- m) Skill and competence to communicate clearly and consciously, and teach other junior residents, medical students, nurses and other paramedical staff, the theory as well as the practical clinical skills required for the practice of Emergency Medicine.

## 2. INTEGRATION

The entire educational program will be conducted in an integrated and co-ordinated manner in association with various pre-clinical, para-clinical and clinical departments.

The senior staff members of these departments will be requested to give lectures on various topics in relation with Emergency medicine, and focus on applied aspects.

### CLINICAL ROTATIONAL POSTING

The residents will rotate through both the emergency department and other clinical services.

The residents will spend 7 months on the first and second year and in the third year will spend 8 months in the Emergency Department and of the remainder time rotating through other services. The rotations

in the other departments will provide the residents with opportunities to develop important knowledge and skills in the core subjects. Expected rotations will be as follows:

**Year I**

Emergency Department: 7 months

Orthopedic & wound care: 2wks/2wks

Pediatric EM: 1 month

ICU-1 month

CCU- 1 month

Anaesthesia-1 month

**Year II**

Emergency Department: 7 months

Ophthalmology/ENT- 2wks/2wks

OBG/Psychiatry – 2 wks/2wks

PICU- 1 month

Trauma- 1 month

Pediatric EM: 1 month

Radiology & Ultrasound

**Eligibility\* Criteria for Candidates:**

i. A candidate should possess MBBS degree/ equivalent degree as per provisions of Indian Medical Council Act.

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ii. Candidates having a recognized 3 years degree Qualification (MD/MS/DNB) in any General Medicine or Anaesthesia speciality

or 2 years Diploma Qualification in General Medicine or Anaesthesia specialty can apply for DEME- Diploma in Emergency Medicine.

**Duration of the Course : 2 years**

**PRACTICAL AND CLINICAL TRAINING**

Apart from the clinical training of emergency cases in the Emergency Departments, practical hands on training in the various procedures are required:

(Minimum number of procedures that a candidate needs to perform are:)

1. Advanced Life Support procedures in support of CPR- 10

2. Advanced Trauma Life Support procedures in support of stabilization of the traumatized patient- 10

3. Tracheal intubation with the use of paralyzing and induction agents as appropriate for rapid sequence intubation- 20
4. Cardioversion and defibrillation -10
5. Paediatric resuscitation- 10
6. Venous cutdowns -1
7. Closed chest cardiac massage- 10
8. Open chest cardiac massage -1
9. Emergency cricothyroidotomy- 1
10. Pacemaker placement- external, transvenous and transthoracic, E = 4, TV=2
11. Emergency pericardiocentesis -1
12. Central venous catheter insertion- 5
13. Pulmonary artery catheter insertion- 1
14. Management of oxygen therapy and ventilators- 10
15. Incision and drainage of abscess, hematoma, furuncle and hemorrhoid-5
16. Wound debridement and laceration repair -10
17. Local field block, hematoma block and peripheral nerve block anesthesia -4
18. Preservation of served extremities- 2
19. Nail trephination -1
20. Tube thoracostomy -4
21. Closed reduction of hernias -1
22. Peritoneal lavage- 1
23. Arthrocentesis -2
24. Culdocentesis- 1
25. Thoracentesis- 2
26. Application and removal of splints and casts -10
27. Closed reduction of dislocated joints -2
28. Use of emergency immobilization and traction techniques- 10
29. Compartment pressure measurement -1
30. Management of epistaxis- 1
31. Removal of foreign bodies -2
32. Drainage of peritonsillar abscesses- 1
33. Stabilization of traumatically avulsed teeth- 1
34. Direct, fiberoptic and indirect laryngoscopy- 10
35. Emergency delivery of babies- 1
36. Removal of intrauterine devices- 1
37. Introduction of urethral catheters- 10

38. Suprapubic catheterization- 2
39. Lumbar puncture- 2
40. Sigmoidoscopy and anoscopy -2
41. Use of the slit lamp- removal of conjunctival and corneal foreign bodies- 4
42. Ocular tonometry -1
43. Insertion of Blakemore tube -1
44. Insertion of nasogastric, orogastric or intestinal tube- 10
45. Peripheral arterial puncture and cannulation- 25
46. Intraosseous infusion and administration of sedation and analgesia- 1
47. ECHO and emergency ultrasound
48. Correct documentation in the electronic medical record (EMR)

#### TEACHING & TRAINING METHODS

The fundamental components of the teaching programme in the department of Emergency Medicine should include:

1. Case presentations & discussion- once a week
2. Seminar – Once a week
3. Journal club- once in 2 weeks
4. Grand round presentation (by rotation departments and subspecialties)- once a week
5. Emergency case discussions – once a week
6. Statistical & mortality meet- once a month
7. Clinico-pathological meetings- once a month
8. Clinico-radiological meetings- once a month
9. Faculty lecture teaching- once a month
10. Clinical Audit-Once a Month
11. A poster and have one oral presentation at least once during their training period in a recognized conference.

#### **SYLLABUS**

##### **A. SYSTEM-BASED CORE KNOWLEDGE**

This section of the curriculum gives an index of the system-based core knowledge appropriate to the management of patients presenting with undifferentiated symptoms and complaints. This list is mostly given in the following sequence: congenital disorders; inflammatory and infectious disorders; metabolic disorders; traumatic and related

problems; tumors; vascular disorders, ischaemia and bleeding: other disorders. These lists cannot be exhaustive.

#### 1. CARDIOVASCULAR EMERGENCIES IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Arrhythmias
- Congenital heart disorders
- Contractility disorders, pump failure
- cardiomyopathies, congestive heart failure, acute pulmonary oedema,
- tamponade, valvular emergencies
- Inflammatory and infectious cardiac disorders
- endocarditis, myocarditis, pericarditis
- Ischaemic heart disease
- acute coronary syndromes, stable angina
- Traumatic injuries
- Vascular and thromboembolic disorders
- aortic dissection/aneurysm rupture, deep vein thrombosis, hypertensive
- emergencies, occlusive arterial disease, thrombophlebitis, pulmonary
- embolism, pulmonary hypertension

#### 2. DERMATOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Inflammatory and Infectious disorders
- Skin manifestations of immunological disorders, systemic disorders, toxic disorders

#### 3. ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC EMERGENCIES IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Acute presentation of inborn errors of metabolism
- Adrenal insufficiency and crisis
- Disorders of glucose metabolism hyperosmolar hyperglycaemic state, hypoglycaemia, ketoacidosis
- Thyroid disease emergencies hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, myxoedema coma, thyroid storm

#### 4. FLUID AND ELECTROLYTE DISTURBANCES

- Acid-Base disorders
- Electrolyte disorders
- Volume status and fluid balance

#### 5. EAR, NOSE, THROAT, ORAL AND NECK EMERGENCIES IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Bleeding
- Complications of tumours, airway obstruction

- Foreign bodies
- Inflammatory and Infectious disorders angio-oedema, epiglottitis, laryngitis, paratonsillar abscess
- Traumatic problems

#### 6. GASTROINTESTINAL EMERGENCIES IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Congenital disorders Hirschsprung's disease, Meckel's diverticulum, pyloric stenosis
- Inflammatory and infectious disorders appendicitis, cholecystitis, cholangitis, diverticulitis, exacerbations and complications of inflammatory bowel diseases, gastritis, gastroenteritis, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease, hepatitis, pancreatitis, peptic ulcer, peritonitis
- Metabolic disorders hepatic disorders, hepatic failure
- Traumatic and mechanical problems foreign bodies, hernia strangulation, intestinal obstruction and occlusion
- Tumours
- Vascular disorders/Ischaemia and bleeding: ischaemic colitis, upper and lower gastrointestinal bleeding, mesenteric ischaemia
- Other problems complications of gastrointestinal devices and surgical procedures

#### 7. GYNAECOLOGICAL AND OBSTETRIC EMERGENCIES

- Inflammatory and Infectious disorders mastitis, pelvic inflammatory disease, vulvovaginitis
- Obstetric emergencies, abruptio placentae, eclampsia, ectopic pregnancy, emergency delivery,
- HELLP syndrome during pregnancy, hyperemesis gravidarum, placenta praevia, post-partum haemorrhage
- Traumatic and related problems ovarian torsion
- Tumours
- Vascular disorders/ Ischaemia and bleeding: vaginal bleeding

#### 8. HAEMATOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY EMERGENCIES IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Anaemias
- Complications of lymphomas and leukaemias
- Congenital disorders haemophilias and Von Willebrand's disease, hereditary haemolytic anaemias, sickle cell disease
- Inflammatory and Infectious disorders neutropenic fever, infections in immuno-compromised patients
- Vascular disorders/ Ischaemia and bleeding: acquired bleeding disorders



- (coagulation factor deficiency, disseminated intravascular coagulation), drug induced bleeding (anticoagulants, antiplatelet agents, fibrinolytics), idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura
- Transfusion reactions

#### 9. IMMUNOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Allergies and anaphylactic reactions
- Inflammatory and Infectious disorders
- Acute complications of vasculitis

#### 10. INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND SEPSIS IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Common viral and bacterial infections
- Food and water-borne infectious diseases
- HIV infection and AIDS
- Common tropical diseases
- Parasitosis
- Rabies
- Sepsis and septic shock
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Streptococcal toxic shock syndrome
- Tetanus

#### 11. MUSCULO-SKELETAL EMERGENCIES

- Congenital disorders dislocated hip, osteogenesis imperfecta
- Inflammatory and Infectious disorders arthritis, bursitis, cellulitis, complications of systemic rheumatic diseases, necrotising fasciitis, osteomyelitis, polymyalgia rheumatica, soft tissue infections
- Metabolic disorders complications of osteoporosis and other systemic diseases
- Traumatic and degenerative disorders back disorders, common fractures and dislocations, compartment syndromes, crush syndrome, osteoarthritis, rhabdomyolysis, soft tissue trauma
- Tumours: pathological fractures

#### 12. NEUROLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Inflammatory and Infectious disorders brain abscess, encephalitis, febrile seizures in children, Guillain-Barré syndrome, meningitis, peripheral facial palsy (Bell's palsy), temporal arteritis
- Traumatic and related problems complications of CNS devices, spinal cord syndromes, peripheral nerve trauma and entrapment, traumatic brain injury
- Tumours common presentations and acute complications of neurological and metastatic tumours

- Vascular disorders: carotid artery dissection, stroke, subarachnoid haemorrhage, subdural and extradural haematomata, transient ischaemic attack, venous sinus thrombosis
- Other problems acute complications of chronic neurological conditions (e.g. myasthenic crisis, multiple sclerosis), acute peripheral neuropathies, seizures and status epilepticus

#### 13. OPHTHALMIC EMERGENCIES IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Inflammatory and Infectious disorders conjunctivitis, dacryocystitis, endophthalmitis, iritis, keratitis, orbital and periorbital cellulitis, uveitis
- Traumatic and related problems foreign body in the eye, ocular injuries,
- Vascular disorders: retinal artery and vein occlusion, vitreous haemorrhage
- Others like acute glaucoma, retinal detachment

#### 14. PULMONARY EMERGENCIES IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Congenital cystic fibrosis
- Inflammatory and Infectious disorders asthma, bronchitis, bronchiolitis, pneumonia, empyema, COPD exacerbation, lung abscess, pleurisy and pleural effusion, pulmonary fibrosis, tuberculosis
- Traumatic and related problems foreign body inhalation, haemothorax, tension pneumothorax, pneumomediastinum
- Tumours common complications and acute complications of pulmonary and metastatic tumours,
- Vascular disorders pulmonary embolism
- Other disorders: acute lung injury, atelectasis, ARDS, spontaneous pneumothorax

#### 15. PSYCHIATRIC AND BEHAVIOUR DISORDERS

- Behaviour disorders affective disorders, confusion and consciousness disturbances, intelligence disturbances, memory disorders, perception disorders, psycho-motor disturbances, thinking disturbances.
- Common psychiatric emergencies acute psychosis, anorexia and bulimia complications, anxiety and panic attacks, conversion disorders, deliberate self-harm and suicide attempt, depressive illness, personality disorders,
- substance, drug and alcohol abuse

#### 16. RENAL AND UROLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Inflammatory and Infectious disorders epididymo-orchitis, glomerulonephritis, pyelonephritis, prostatitis, sexually transmitted diseases, urinary tract infections
- Metabolic disorders acute renal failure, nephrotic syndrome, nephrolithiasis, uraemia
- Traumatic and related problems urinary retention, testicular torsion
- Tumours
- Vascular disorders: Ischaemia and Bleeding

- Other disorders comorbidities in dialysis and renal transplanted patients, complications of urological procedures and devices, haemolytic uraemic syndrome

#### 17. TRAUMA IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Origin of trauma: burns, blunt trauma, penetrating trauma
- Anatomical location of trauma: head and neck, maxillo-facial, thorax, abdomen, pelvis, spine, extremities
- Polytrauma patient
- Trauma in specific populations: children, elderly, pregnant women.

#### B. Common Presenting Symptoms

This section of the Curriculum lists the more common presenting symptoms of patients in the emergency setting. The differential diagnoses are listed according to the systems involved and then in alphabetical order.

##### 1. Acute Abdominal Pain

- Gastrointestinal causes
  - Appendicitis, cholecystitis, cholangitis, acute pancreatitis, complications of hernias, diverticulitis, hepatitis, hiatus hernia, inflammatory bowel disease, intestinal obstruction, ischaemic colitis, mesenteric ischaemia, peptic ulcer, peritonitis, viscus perforation
- Cardiac/vascular causes
  - Acute myocardial infarction, aortic dissection, aortic aneurysm rupture
- Dermatological causes
  - Herpes zoster
- Endocrine and metabolic causes
  - Addison's disease, diabetic ketoacidosis, other metabolic acidosis, porphyria
- Gynaecological and Obstetric causes
  - Complications of pregnancy, ectopic pregnancy, pelvic inflammatory disease, rupture of ovarian cyst, ovarian torsion
- Haematological causes
  - Acute porphyria crisis, familial mediterranean fever, sickle cell crisis
- Musculo-skeletal causes
  - Referred pain from thoraco-lumbar spine
- Renal and Genitourinary causes
  - Pyelonephritis, renal stones
- Respiratory causes
  - Pneumonia, pleurisy

- Toxicology
  - Poisoning
- Trauma
  - Abdominal

## 2. Altered Behaviour and Agitation

- Psychiatric causes
  - Acute psychosis, depression
- Cardiac/Vascular causes
  - Hypertension, vasculitis
- Endocrine and metabolic causes
  - Hypoglycaemia, hyperglycaemia, electrolyte imbalance, hyperthermia, hypoxaemia
- Neurological causes
  - Cerebral space-occupying lesions, dementia, hydrocephalus, intracranial hypertension,
  - CNS infections
- Toxicology
  - Alcohol and drug abuse, poisoning

## 3. Altered Level of Consciousness in Adults and Children

- Neurological causes
  - Cerebral tumour, epilepsy and status epilepticus, meningitis, encephalitis, stroke, subarachnoid haemorrhage, subdural and extradural haematomata, traumatic brain injury
- Cardiovascular causes
  - Hypoperfusion states, shock
- Endocrine and metabolic causes
  - Electrolyte imbalances, hepatic coma, hypercapnia, hypothermia, hypoxia, hypoglycaemia/ hyperglycaemia, uraemia
- Gynaecological and Obstetric causes
  - Eclampsia
- Infectious causes
  - Septic shock
- Psychiatric causes
  - Conversion syndrome
- Respiratory causes
  - Respiratory failure
- Toxicology
  - Alcohol intoxication, carbon-monoxide poisoning, narcotic and sedative

- poisoning, other substances

#### 4. Back Pain

- Musculo-Skeletal causes
  - Fractures, intervertebral disc strain and degeneration, strain of muscles, ligaments and tendons, spinal stenosis, arthritides, arthrosis
- Cardiovascular causes
  - Aortic aneurysm, aortic dissection
- Infectious causes
  - Osteomyelitis, discitis, pyelonephritis, prostatitis
- Endocrine and metabolic causes
  - Paget's disease
- Gastrointestinal causes
  - Pancreatitis, cholecystitis
- Dermatological causes
  - Herpes zoster
- Gynaecological causes
  - Endometriosis, pelvic inflammatory disease
- Haematological and Oncological causes
  - Abdominal or vertebral tumours
- Neurological cause
  - Subarachnoid haemorrhage
- Renal and Genitourinary causes
- Renal abscess, renal calculi
- Trauma

#### 5. Bleeding (Non Traumatic)

- Ear, Nose, Throat causes
- Ear bleeding (otitis, trauma, tumours), epistaxis
- Gastrontestinal causes
- Haematemesis and melaena (acute gastritis, gastro-duodenal ulcer, Mallory
- Weiss syndrome, oesophageal varices) rectal bleeding (acute diverticulitis,
- haemorrhoids, inflammatory bowel disease, tumours)
- Gynaecological and Obstetric causes
- Menorrhagia/metrorrhagia (abortion, abruptio placentae, tumours)
- Renal and Genitourinary causes

- Haematuria (pyelitis, tumours, urolithiasis)
- Respiratory causes
- Haemoptysis (bronchiectasia, pneumonia, tumours, tuberculosis)

#### 6. Cardiac Arrest

- Cardiac arrest treatable with defibrillation
- Ventricular fibrillation, pulseless ventricular tachycardia
- Pulseless electric activity
- Acidosis, hypoxia, hypothermia, hypo/hyperkalaemia, hypocalcaemia, hypo/hyperglycaemia, hypovolaemia, tension pneumothorax, cardiac tamponade,
- myocardial infarction, pulmonary embolism, poisoning
- Asystole

#### 7. Chest Pain

- Cardiac/vascular causes
- Acute coronary syndrome, aortic dissection, arrhythmias, pericarditis, pulmonary embolism
- Respiratory causes
- Pneumonia, pneumomediastinum, pneumothorax (especially tension pneumothorax), pleurisy
- Gastrointestinal causes
- Gastro-oesophageal reflux, oesophageal rupture, oesophageal spasm
- Musculo-Skeletal causes
- Costosternal injury, costochondritis, intercostal muscle pain, pain referred from thoracic spine
- Psychiatric causes
- Anxiety, panic attack
- Dermatological causes
- Herpes zoster

#### 8. Crying Baby

I – Infections: herpes stomatitis, meningitis, osteomyelitis, urinary tract infection

T – Testicular torsion, trauma, teeth problems,

C – Cardiac: arrhythmias, congestive heart failure

R - Reaction to milk, reaction to medications, reflux

I - Immunisation and allergic reactions, insect bites

E – Eye: corneal abrasions, glaucoma, ocular foreign bodies

S – Some gastrointestinal causes: hernia, intussusception, volvulus

## 9. Diarrhea

- Infectious causes  
AIDS, bacterial enteritis, viral, parasites, food-borne, toxins
- Toxicological causes  
Drugs related, poisoning (including heavy metals, mushrooms, organophosphates, rat poison, and seafood)
- Endocrine and metabolic causes  
Carcinoids, diabetic neuropathy
- Gastrointestinal causes  
Diverticulitis, dumping syndrome, ischaemic colitis, inflammatory bowel disease, enteritis due to radiation or chemotherapy
- Haematological and Oncological causes  
Toxicity due to cytostatic therapies  
Immunology  
Food allergy  
Psychiatric disorders  
Diarrhea “factitia”

## 10. Dyspnoea

- Respiratory Causes  
Airway obstruction, broncho-alveolar obstruction, parenchymal diseases, pulmonary shunt, pleural effusion, atelectasis, pneumothorax
- Cardiac/vascular causes  
Cardiac decompensation, cardiac tamponade, pulmonary embolism
- Ear, Nose, Throat causes  
Epiglottitis, croup and pseudocroup  
Fluid & Electrolyte disorders  
Hypovolaemia, shock, anaemia
- Gastrointestinal causes  
Hiatus hernia
- Immunological causes  
Vasculitis
- Metabolic causes  
Metabolic acidosis, uraemia
- Neurological causes  
Myasthenia gravis, Guillain Barrè syndrome, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis  
Psychiatric disorders

Conversion syndrome

Toxicology

CO intoxication, cyanide intoxication

Trauma

Flail chest, lung contusion, traumatic pneumothorax, haemothorax

#### 11. Fever and Endogenous Increase in Body Temperature

- Systemic infectious causes
  - Sepsis and septic shock, parasitosis, flu-like syndrome
- Organ-specific infectious causes
  - Endocarditis, myocarditis, pharyngitis, tonsillitis, abscesses, otitis, cholecystitis and cholangitis, meningitis, encephalitis
- Non-infectious causes
  - Lyell syndrome, Stephen-Johnson syndrome, thyroid storm, pancreatitis, inflammatory bowel disease, pelvic inflammatory disease, toxic shock
- Haematological and Oncological causes
  - Leukaemia and lymphomas, solid tumours
- Immunological causes
  - Arteritis, arthritis, lupus, sarcoidosis
- Musculo-Skeletal causes
  - Osteomyelitis, fasciitis and cellulitis
- Neurological causes
  - Cerebral haemorrhage
- Psychiatric causes
  - Factitious fever
- Renal and Genitourinary causes
  - Pyelonephritis, prostatitis
  - Toxicology

#### 12. Headache in Adults and Children

- Vascular causes
  - Migraine, cluster headache, tension headache, cerebral haemorrhage, hypertensive encephalopathy, ischaemic stroke
- Haematological and Oncological causes
  - Brain tumours
- Immunological causes
  - Temporal arteritis, vasculitis
- Infectious causes



Abscesses, dental infections, encephalitis, mastoiditis, meningitis, sinusitis

- Musculo-Skeletal causes
  - Cervical spine diseases, temporomandibular joint syndrome
- Neurological causes
  - Trigeminal neuralgia
- Ophthalmological causes
  - Optic neuritis, acute glaucoma
- Toxicology
  - Alcohol, analgesic abuse, calcium channel blockers, glutamate, nitrates, opioids and caffeine withdrawal
- Trauma
  - Head trauma

### 13. Jaundice

- Gastrointestinal causes
  - Cholangitis, hepatic failure, pancreatic head tumour, pancreatitis, obstructive cholestasis
- Cardiac/Vascular causes
  - Chronic cardiac decompensation
- Haematological and Oncological causes
  - Haemolytic anaemias, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura, haemolytic uraemic syndrome, disseminated intravascular coagulation
- Infectious causes
  - Malaria, leptospirosis
- Gynaecological causes
  - HELLP syndrome
- Toxicology
  - Drug induced haemolytic anaemias, snake venom

### 14. Pain in Arms

- Cardiac/Vascular causes
  - Aortic dissection, deep venous thromboembolism, ischaemic heart disease
- Musculo-skeletal causes
  - Periarthritis, cervical spine arthrosis
- Trauma

### 15. Pain in Legs

- Cardiac/Vascular causes
  - Acute ischaemia, arteritis, deep venous thrombosis, superficial thrombophlebitis

- Immunological causes
  - Polymyositis
- Infectious causes
  - Arthritis, cellulites, necrotising fasciitis, osteomyelitis
- Musculo-Skeletal causes
  - Sciatalgia
- Neurological causes
  - Sciatica
- Nervous system causes
  - Peripheral nerve compression
  - Trauma

#### 16. Palpitations

- Cardiac/Vascular causes
  - Brady-arrhythmias (including sinus bradycardia and AV blocks), extrasystoles, tachyarrhythmias (including atrial fibrillation, sinus tachycardia, supraventricular tachycardia, ventricular tachycardia)
- Endocrine and metabolic causes
  - Thyrotoxicosis
  - Toxicology
  - Drugs

#### 17. Seizures in Adults and Children

- Neurological causes
  - Generalised epilepsy, partial complex or focal epilepsy, status epilepticus
- Cardiac/Vascular causes
  - Hypertensive encephalopathy, syncope, dysrhythmias, migraines
- Endocrine and metabolic causes
  - Metabolic seizures
- Gynaecological causes
  - Eclampsia
- Infectious causes
  - Febrile seizures in children
- Psychiatric causes
  - Narcolepsy, pseudo-seizures
- Respiratory causes
  - Respiratory arrest
  - Toxicology

Drugs/toxins

18. Shock in Adults and Children

Anaphylactic

Cardiogenic

Hypovolaemic

Obstructive

Septic

Neurogenic

- Cardiac/Vascular causes

Cardiogenic shock, arrhythmias

- Endocrine and metabolic causes

Addison's crisis

Fluid and Electrolyte disorders

Hypovolaemic shock

- Gastrontestinal causes

Vomiting, diarrhoea

- Gynaecological causes

Toxic shock

- Immunological causes

Anaphylactic shock

- Infectious causes

Septic shock

- Neurological causes

Neurogenic shock

Trauma

Hypovolaemic shock, neurogenic shock

19. Skin Manifestations in Adults and Children

- Dermatological causes

Eczema, psoriasis, skin tumours

- Immunological causes

Vasculitides, urticaria, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, Lyell syndrome

- Infectious causes

Viral exanthemata, meningococcaemia, herpes zoster/simplex, abscesses of the skin

- Psychiatric causes

Self-inflicted skin lesions or from abuse

Toxicology

- Haematological and Oncological causes  
Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura

## 20. Syncope

- Cardiac/vascular causes  
Aortic dissection, cardiac arrhythmias (including brady-tachy syndrome, Brugada syndrome, drug overdose, long QT syndrome, sick sinus syndrome, torsades de pointes, ventricular tachycardia), other causes of hypoperfusion (including ischaemia, valvular, haemorrhage, obstruction: e.g. aortic stenosis, pulmonary embolism, tamponade), orthostatic hypotension
- Endocrine and metabolic causes  
Addison's disease  
Fluid and Electrolyte disorders  
Hypovolaemia
- Gastrointestinal causes  
Vomiting, diarrhoea
- Neurological causes  
Autonomic nervous system disorder, epilepsy, vasovagal reflex,  
Toxicology  
Alcoholic or drug consumption

## 21. Urinary Symptoms (Dysuria, Oligo/Anuria, Polyuria)

- Renal and Genitourinary causes  
Acute renal failure, acute urinary retention, cystitis and pyelonephritis, prostatitis
- Cardiac/Vascular causes  
Cardiac decompensation
- Endocrine and metabolic causes  
Diabetes mellitus, diabetes insipidus  
Fluid and Electrolyte disorders  
Hypovolaemia

## 22. Vertigo and Dizziness

- Ear and Labyrinth causes  
Benign postural vertigo, Meniere's disease, otitis, vestibular neuritis, viral labyrinthitis
- Cardiac/Vascular causes  
Arrhythmias, hypotension
- Endocrine and metabolic causes  
Hypoglycaemia
- Haematological and Oncological causes

### Anaemias

- Nervous system causes  
Acoustic neuroma, bulbar or cerebellar lesions, multiple sclerosis, temporal epilepsy
- Psychiatric causes  
Anxiety
- Respiratory causes  
Hypoxia  
Toxicology  
Alcohol abuse, drugs and substances

### 23. Vomiting

- Gastrointestinal causes  
Appendicitis, cholecystitis, gastroparesis, gastric obstruction and retention, gastroenteritis, hepatitis, pancreatitis, pyloric stenosis, small bowel obstructions
- Cardiac/Vascular causes  
Myocardial ischaemia
- Ear, Nose, Throat causes  
Vestibular disorders
- Endocrine and metabolic causes  
Diabetic ketoacidosis, hypercalcaemia  
Fluid and Electrolyte disorders  
Hypovolaemia
- Gynaecological and Obstetric causes  
Pregnancy
- Infectious causes  
Sepsis, meningitis
- Neurological causes  
Cerebral oedema or haemorrhage, hydrocephalus, intracranial space occupying lesions
- Ophthalmological causes  
Acute glaucoma
- Psychiatric causes  
Eating disorders
- Renal and Genitourinary causes  
Renal calculi, uraemia Toxicology

## C. SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

### 1. ABUSE AND ASSAULT IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Abuse in the elderly and impaired
- Child abuse and neglect
- Intimate partner violence and abuse
- Sexual assault
- Patient safety in Emergency Medicine
- Violence management and prevention in the Emergency Department

## 2. ANALGESIA AND SEDATION IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Pain transmission (anatomy, physiology, pharmacology)
- Pain assessment
- Pharmacology of sedative and pain relieving drugs
- Psychological and social aspects of pain in paediatric, adult and elderly patients

## 3. DISASTER MEDICINE

- Disaster preparedness
- Major incident planning/procedures/practice
- Disaster response
- Mass gatherings
- Specific medical topics (triage, bioterrorism, blast and crush injuries, chemical agents, radiation injuries)
- Debriefing and mitigation

## 4. ENVIRONMENTAL ACCIDENTS IN ADULT AND CHILDREN

- Electricity (electrical and lightning injuries)
- Flora and Fauna (injuries from exposure, bites and stings)
- High-altitude (medical problems)
- NBCR (nuclear, biological, chemical and radiological: decontamination, specific aspects)
- Temperature (heat and cold related emergencies)
- Travel medicine
- Water (near-drowning, dysbarism and complications of diving, marine fauna)

## 5. FORENSIC ISSUES

- Basics of relevant legislation in the country of practice
- Recognise and preserve evidence
- Provide appropriate medical documentation (including forensic and clinical photography, collection of biological samples, ballistics)
- Appropriate reporting and referrals (e.g. child abuse or neglect, gunshot and other forms of penetrating wounds, elder abuse, sexual assault allegations)

- Medico-legal documentation

#### 6. INJURY PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION

- Collection and interpretation of data related to prevention and health promotion
- Epidemiology of Accidents and Emergencies
- Formulation of recommendations

#### 7. PATIENT MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

- Emergency Department organization (administration, structure, staffing, resources)
- Management of specific populations:
  - Children in special circumstances including child protection
  - Elderly patients
  - Homeless patients
  - Mentally incompetent adults
  - Psychiatric patients

#### 8. PROBLEMS IN THE ELDERLY

- Atypical presentations (e.g. abdominal pain, infections, myocardial infarction)
- Delirium
- Dementia
- Falls (causes & investigations)
- Immobility
- Multiple pathology and multiple therapies
- Self-dependency
- Trauma & co-morbidity

#### 9. TOXICOLOGY IN ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- General principles of toxicology and management of poisoned patients
- Principles of drug interactions
- Specific aspects of poisoning drugs (including paracetamol, amphetamine, anticholinergics, anticonvulsants, antidepressants, antihypertensives, benzodiazepines, digitalis, monoamine oxidase inhibitors, neuroleptics) industrial, chemicals plants & mushrooms alcohol abuse and alcohols poisoning drugs of abuse
- Local poisonings such as OPC, aluminium phosphide, yellow phosphorous, heavy metal poisoning, plant poisonings, paraquat poisoning, cyber methrine poisoning, corrosives petroleum products, methanol and ethanol, dyes and nitrobenzene.
- Organization and information (e.g. poison centres, databases)

#### 10. PRE-HOSPITAL CARE

- Emergency Medical Services organisation (administration, structure, staffing, resources)

- Medical transport (including neonates and children, air transport)
- Paramedic training and function
- Safety at the scene
- Collaboration with other emergency services (e.g. police, fire department)

#### 11. PSYCHO-SOCIAL PROBLEMS

- Social wellbeing of specific populations
- Patients with social issues
- Frequent visitors
- Social care following discharge

### D. CORE CLINICAL PROCEDURES AND SKILLS

#### 1. CPR SKILLS

- Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation procedures in a timely and effective manner according to the current ILCOR guidelines for adults and children
- Advanced CPR skills (e.g. therapeutic hypothermia, open chest CPR)

#### 2. AIRWAY MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- Open and maintain the airway in the emergency setting (insertion of oropharyngeal or nasopharyngeal airway)
- Endotracheal intubation
- Alternative airway techniques in the emergency setting (e.g. laryngeal mask insertion, surgical airway)
- Difficult airway management algorithm
- Use of rapid sequence intubation in the emergency setting

#### 3. ANALGESIA AND SEDATION SKILLS

- Assessment of the level of pain and sedation
- Monitor vital signs and potential side effects during pain management
- Provide procedural sedation and analgesia including conscious sedation (including testing of life support equipment)
- Use of appropriate local, topical and regional anaesthesia techniques

#### 4. BREATHING AND VENTILATION MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- Assessment of breathing and ventilation
- Oxygen therapy
- Interpretation of blood gas analysis, pulse oximetry and capnography
- Bag-mask-valve ventilation
- Thoracocentesis



- Chest tube insertion, connection to under-water drainage and assessment of functioning
- Non-invasive ventilation techniques
- Invasive ventilation techniques

#### 5. CIRCULATORY SUPPORT AND CARDIAC SKILLS AND PROCEDURES

- Administration of fluids including blood and substitutes
- Monitoring of ECG and the circulation
- Defibrillation and pacing (e.g. cardioversion, transcutaneous pacing)
- Emergency pericardiocentesis
- Vascular access (peripheral venous, arterial, and central venous catheterisation, intraosseous access)

#### 6. DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES AND SKILLS

- Interpretation of ECG
- Appropriate request and interpretation of laboratory investigations (blood chemistry, blood gases, respiratory function testing and biological markers)
- Appropriate request and interpretation of imaging (e.g. x-rays, ultrasound, CT/MRI)
- Focused Assessment of Sonography in Trauma (FAST).
- Emergency Ultrasound and Echocardiology
- Gastrointestinal Procedures: Shangstaken tube insertion, endoscopic banding, sclerotherapy in UGI bleed

#### 7. ENT SKILLS AND PROCEDURES

- Anterior rhinoscopy
- Insertion of nasal pack
- Inspection of oropharynx and larynx
- Otoscopy
- Removal of foreign body if airway is compromised
- Insertion and replacement of tracheostomy tube

#### 8. GASTROINTESTINAL PROCEDURES

- Insertion of nasogastric tube
- Gastric lavage
- Peritoneal lavage
- Abdominal hernia reduction
- Abdominal paracentesis
- Measurement of abdominal pressure
- Proctoscopy

#### 9. GENITOURINARY PROCEDURES

- Insertion of indwelling urethral catheter
- Suprapubic cystostomy
- Testicular torsion reduction
- Evaluation of patency of urethral catheter

#### 10. HYGIENE SKILLS AND PROCEDURES

- Decontamination of patient and the environment
- Patient isolation and staff protection

#### 11. MUSCULOSKELETAL TECHNIQUES

- Aseptic joint aspiration
- Fracture immobilisation
- Reduction of joint dislocation
- Log roll and spine immobilisation
- Splinting (plasters, braces, slings, tapes and other bandages)
- Management of compartment syndrome
- Fasciotomy, escharotomy

#### 12. NEUROLOGICAL SKILLS AND PROCEDURES

- Evaluation of consciousness including the Glasgow Coma Scale
- Fundoscopy
- Lumbar puncture
- Interpretation of neuro-imaging

#### 13. OBSTETRIC AND GYNAECOLOGICAL SKILLS AND PROCEDURES

- Emergency delivery
- Vaginal examination using speculum
- Assessment of the sexual assault victim

#### 14. OPHTHALMIC SKILLS AND PROCEDURES

- Removal of foreign body from the eye
- Slit lamp use
- Lateral canthotomy

#### 15. TEMPERATURE CONTROL PROCEDURES

- Measuring and monitoring of body temperature
- Cooling techniques (evaporative cooling, ice water or slush immersion)
- Internal cooling methods
- Warming techniques
- Monitoring heat stroke patients

- Treatment and prevention of hyper- and hypothermia

#### 16. TRANSPORTATION OF THE CRITICALLY ILL PATIENT

- Telecommunication and telemedicine procedures
- Preparation of the EMS vehicle
- Specific aspects of monitoring and treatment during transportation

#### 17. WOUND MANAGEMENT

- Abscess incision and drainage
- Aseptic techniques
- Treatment of lacerations and soft tissue injuries
- Wound irrigation and wound closure

#### E. Competencies to be attained by the end of 3 years

By the end of their first year, emergency medicine residents will:

##### 1. Demonstrate the ability to provide appropriate care to patients with non-emergent problems:

- Obtain an accurate and complete clinical and psychosocial history and perform a comprehensive physical examination
- Develop appropriate differential diagnoses
- Know the available investigative and therapeutic options
- After review, implement an appropriate investigative and therapeutic plan
- Develop and, after review, implement an appropriate written and verbal discharge plan
- Demonstrate an awareness of the available information systems to support patient care and discharge planning
- Demonstrate competency (including an understanding of the indications, contraindications, and techniques) in the core procedures used on nonemergent patients (eg, laceration repair, reduction in or immobilization of
- extremity
- injury, pelvic examination, slit-lamp examination)
- Demonstrate an understanding of the concepts of disease prevention as it
- applies to emergency medicine
- Properly document all historical, physical examination, and diagnostic test findings

##### 2. Demonstrate a level-appropriate knowledge of the biochemical, clinical, epidemiologic, and social-behavioural basis of diseases seen in the emergency department:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the principles of evidence-based medicine
- Demonstrate mastery of minor acute and nonemergent conditions
- Demonstrate mastery of the principles of ACLS and ATLS
- PALS and NALS (paediatric advanced life support and neonate advanced life support)

- e. Demonstrate a level-appropriate understanding of the core curriculum
3. Demonstrate the ability to appraise and assimilate scientific evidence and analyze and improve their own practice:
- a. Demonstrate the ability to critically assess their competency in managing minor acute and on emergent cases
  - b. Demonstrate the ability to apply published studies to their own practice
  - c. Demonstrate the ability to use available information technology appropriate to the care of their patients
  - d. 4. Demonstrate effective interpersonal and communication skills with:
    - e. Patients and their families
    - f. Other physicians
    - g. Other health care providers
5. Demonstrate the professionalism required of a physician:
- a. Accept responsibility for continuity of patient care
  - b. Demonstrate respect for patients' privacy and autonomy
  - c. Demonstrate sensitivity and responsiveness to patients' culture, age, gender, and disabilities
  - d. Demonstrate a commitment to sound ethical principles regarding the care of patients
  - e. Demonstrate respect for the dignity of patients and colleagues as persons
6. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the role of the emergency department in the larger context of health care delivery:
- a. Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of a cost-benefit analysis
  - b. Know the relative costs of the various tests and treatment contemplated
  - c. Serve as an advocate for the patient in their dealing with the complexities of the health care system, specifically with regard to appropriate referral and followup
- By the end of their second year, residents will, in addition to the objectives achieved during the first year:
1. Demonstrate the ability to provide appropriate care to patients with emergent and life threatening conditions:
- a. Obtain an appropriately focused history and perform an appropriately focused physical examination
  - b. Develop comprehensive differential diagnoses
  - c. Develop an investigative and therapeutic plan
  - d. Develop and, after review, implement an appropriate written and verbal discharge plan
  - e. Demonstrate competency (including an understanding of the indications, contraindications, and techniques) in the core procedures used on patients with

emergent and life-threatening conditions (eg, endotracheal intubation, tube thoracostomy, defibrillation/cardioversion, etc.)

2. Demonstrate a level-appropriate knowledge of the biochemical, clinical, epidemiologic, and social-behavioural basis of diseases seen in the emergency department:

- a. Apply the principles of evidence-based medicine
- b. Demonstrate mastery of the emergent and life-threatening conditions that present to the emergency department
- c. Demonstrate a level-appropriate understanding of the core

3. Demonstrate the ability to appraise and assimilate scientific evidence and analyze and improve their own practice:

- a. Demonstrate the ability to critically assess their competency in managing the emergent and life-threatening conditions that present to the emergency department
- b. Use published studies to improve their own practice
- c. Use available information technology appropriate to the care of their patients

4. Demonstrate a level-appropriate understanding of the role of the emergency department in the larger context of health care delivery:

- a. Demonstrate the ability to divide his or her time and energies appropriately to provide optimal care for several patients concurrently
- b. Develop plans for evaluation and treatment that, without compromising patient care, acknowledge the patient's particular health care system

By the end of their third year, residents will, in addition to the objectives achieved during the first 2 years:

1. Demonstrate the ability to provide appropriate care to patients

- a. Listen to a history and physical examination presentation from a junior resident and provide appropriate feedback and guidance
- b. Perform an appropriately focused history and physical examination, taking into consideration the previous evaluation of the junior resident
- c. Implement an appropriate investigative and therapeutic plan
- d. Implement an appropriate written and verbal discharge plan
- e. Demonstrate understanding of the indications, contraindications, and techniques in uncommonly performed but lifesaving procedures (eg, cricothyroidotomy, burr craniotomy) and mastery of all other core procedures
- f. Demonstrate an understanding of documentation as it applies to billing and reimbursement requirements

2. Demonstrate a level-appropriate knowledge of the biochemical, clinical, epidemiologic, and social-behavioural basis of diseases seen in the emergency department:
  - a. Demonstrate mastery of all conditions that commonly present to the emergency department
  - b. Teach courses such as ACLS as a certified instructor
  - c. Demonstrate an understanding of the core curriculum
3. Facilitate the learning of others
  - a. Teach and appropriately supervise medical students and junior residents
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the emergency department in the larger context of health care delivery
  - a. Triage patients and direct the attention of junior-level residents so as to provide optimal care for all patients in the emergency department. Plan and participate in a mass-casualty disaster drill

**DEME - DIPLOMA IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE****EXAMINATION PATTERN****Theory Examination:**

<b>PAPER I</b>	<b>PAPER II</b>	<b>PAPER III</b>
Applied basic sciences related to Emergency Medicine	Trauma and surgical emergencies	Medical emergencies; and recent advances in Emergency Medicine, Paediatric Emergency Medicine
<b>Section I</b>	<b>Section I</b>	<b>Section I</b>
Q.1. 10 Marks Q.2. 10 Marks Q.3. 10 Marks Q.4. 10 Marks Q.5. 10 Marks <b>Total 50 Marks</b>	Q.1. 10 Marks Q.2. 10 Marks Q.3. 10 Marks Q.4. 10 Marks Q.5. 10 Marks <b>Total 50 Marks</b>	Q.1. 10 Marks Q.2. 10 Marks Q.3. 10 Marks Q.4. 10 Marks Q.5. 10 Marks <b>Total 50 Marks</b>
<b>Section II</b>	<b>Section II</b>	<b>Section II</b>
Q.6. 10 Marks Q.7. 10 Marks Q.8. 10 Marks Q.9. 10 Marks Q.10. 10 Marks <b>Total 50 Marks</b>	Q.6. 10 Marks Q.7. 10 Marks Q.8. 10 Marks Q.9. 10 Marks Q.10. 10 Marks <b>Total 50 Marks</b>	Q.6. 10 Marks Q.7. 10 Marks Q.8. 10 Marks Q.9. 10 Marks Q.10. 10 Marks <b>Total 50 Marks</b>
Section I + II = 100 Marks	Section I + II = 100 Marks	Section I + II = 100 Marks
<b>Total Theory = 300 Marks, Passing = 150 (i.e. 50%) Marks in aggregate</b>		

<b>Practical Examination:</b>		<b>Marks</b>
Paper - IV	Clinical Long Cases	100
Paper - V	Clinical Short Cases	60
Paper - VI	Clinical Short Cases	40
Paper - VII	Viva Voce	100
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>[Passing = 150 (i.e. 50%) Marks in aggregate]</b>	<b>300</b>

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