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*“Wherever the art of Medicine is loved, there is also a love of Humanity.”*  
– **Hippocrates**

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## **SECTION – I**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Dermatology Residency Program of Rawalpindi Medical University is:

1. To provide exemplary medical care, treating all patients who come before us with uncompromising dedication and skill.
2. To set and pursue the highest goals for ourselves as we learn the science, craft, and art of Medicine.
3. To passionately teach our junior colleagues and students as we have been taught by those who preceded us.
4. To treat our colleagues and hospital staff with kindness, respect, generosity of spirit, and patience.

5. To foster the excellence and well-being of our residency program by generously offering our time, talent, and energy on its behalf.
6. To support and contribute to the research mission of our medical center, nation, and the world by pursuing new knowledge, whether at the bench or bedside.
7. To promote the translation of the latest scientific knowledge to the bedside to improve our understanding of disease pathogenesis and ensure that all patients receive the most scientifically appropriate and up to date care.
8. To promote responsible stewardship of medical resources by wisely selecting diagnostic tests and treatments, recognizing that our individual decisions impact not just our own patients, but patients everywhere.
9. To promote social justice by advocating for equitable health care, without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, social status, or ability to pay.
10. To extend our talents outside the walls of our hospitals and clinics, to promote the health and well-being of communities, locally, nationally, and internationally.
11. To serve as proud ambassadors for the mission of the Rawalpindi Medical University MD dermatology Residency Program for the remainder of our professional lives.

## **STATUTES**

### **1. Nomenclature:**

Nomenclature of the Proposed Course The name of degree programme shall be MD dermatology. This name is well recognized and established for the last many decades worldwide.

### **2. Course Title:**

MD dermatology

### **3. Training Centres:**

Department of dermatology and allied at Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU).

### **4. Duration of Course:** The duration of MD Internal Medicine course shall be five with structured training in a recognized department under the guidance of an approved supervisor.

### **5. Course structure :** The course is structured in two parts: After admission in M.D. Dermatology Programme the resident will spend first 6 Months in the relevant Department of Dermatology as Induction period during which

resident will get orientation about the chosen discipline and will also undertake the mandatory workshops. The research project will be designed and the synopsis be prepared during this period.

On completion of Induction period the resident will start formal training in the Basic Principles of Internal Medicine for 18 Months.

At the end of 2 years, the candidate will take up Intermediate Examination.

During the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> years of the programme, there are two components of the training: -

1. Clinical Training in Dermatology.
2. Research and Thesis writing.

The candidate shall undergo clinical training to achieve educational objectives of M.D. Dermatology (knowledge and skills) along with rotations in the relevant fields. The clinical training shall be competency based. There shall be generic and specialty specific competencies and shall be assessed by continuous Internal Assessment.

After approval for synopsis, Research Component and thesis writing shall be completed over the five years duration of the course. Candidates will spend total time equivalent to 6 months for research during the training. Research can be done as one block or it can be done in the form of regular periodic rotation over four years as long as total research time is equivalent to 6 months.

## **Admission Criteria**

Applications for admission to MD Training Programs will be invited through advertisement in print and electronic media mentioning closing date of applications and date of Entry Examination.

Eligibility: The applicant on the last date of submission of applications for admission must possess the:

- i. Basic Medical Qualification of MBBS or equivalent medical qualification recognized by Pakistan Medical & Dental Council.
- ii. Certificate of one year's House Job experience in institutions recognized by Pakistan Medical & Dental Council is essential at the time of interview. The applicant is required to submit House Certificate from the concerned Medical Superintendent that the House Job shall be completed before the Interview.
- iii. Valid certificate of permanent or provisional registration with Pakistan Medical & Dental Council.

## **Registration and Enrolment**

- As per policy of Pakistan Medical & Dental Council the number of PG Trainees/ Students per supervisor shall be maximum 05 per annum for all PG programmes including minor programmes (if any).
- Beds to trainee ratio at the approved teaching site shall be at least 5 beds per trainee.
- The University will approve supervisors for MD courses.
- Candidates selected for the courses: after their enrollment at the relevant institutions shall be registered with UHS as per prescribed Registration Regulations.

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE**

### **AIM**

The aim of five years MD programme in Dermatology is to train residents to acquire the competency of a specialist in the field of Dermatology so that they can become good teachers, researchers and clinicians in their specialty after completion of their training.

### **GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

1. To provide a broad experience in dermatology, including its interrelationship with other disciplines.
2. To enhance medical knowledge, clinical skills, and competence in bedside diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.



3. To achieve the professional requirements to prepare for Higher Physician Training in one or more specialty in Dermatology.
4. To cultivate the correct professional attitude and enhance communication skill towards patients, their families and other healthcare professionals.
5. To enhance sensitivity and responsiveness to community needs and the economics of health care delivery.
6. To enhance critical thinking, self-learning, and interest in research and development of patient service.
7. To cultivate the practice of evidence-based medicine and critical appraisal skills.
8. To inculcate a commitment to continuous medical education and professional development.
9. To provide a broad training and in-depth experience at a level for trainees to acquire competence and professionalism of a specialist in Internal Medicine especially in the diagnosis, investigation and treatment of medical problems towards the delivery of holistic patient care.
10. To acquire competence in managing acute medical emergencies and identifying medical problems in patients referred by primary care and other doctors, and in selecting patients for timely referral to appropriate tertiary care or the expertise of another specialty.
11. To develop competence in the inpatient and outpatient management of medical problems and in selecting patients for referral to tertiary care facilities and treatment modalities requiring high technology and/or the expertise of another specialty.

12. To manage patients in general medical units in regional/District hospitals; to be a leader in the health care delivery team and to work closely with networking units which provide convalescence, rehabilitation and long term care.
13. To encourage the development of skills in communication and collaboration with the community towards health care delivery.
14. To foster the development of skills in the critical appraisal of new methods of investigation and/or treatment.
15. To reinforce self-learning and commitment to continued updating in all aspects of Dermatology.
16. To encourage contributions aiming at advancement of knowledge and innovation in medicine through basic and/or clinical research and teaching of junior trainees and other health related professionals.
17. To acquire professional competence in training future trainees in Dermatology at Rawalpindi Medical University.

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

### **(A) Medical Knowledge**

1. The development of a basic understanding of core Dermatology concepts.
2. Etiology, clinical manifestation, disease course and prognosis, investigation and management of common medical diseases.
3. Scientific basis and recent advances in pathophysiology, diagnosis and management of medical diseases.

4. Spectrum of clinical manifestations and interaction of multiple medical diseases in the same patient.
5. Psychological and social aspects of medical illnesses.
6. Effective use and interpretation of investigation and special diagnostic procedures.
7. Critical analysis of the efficacy, cost-effectiveness and cost-utility of treatment modalities.
8. Patient safety and risk management
9. Medical audit and quality assurance
10. Ethical principles and medico legal issues related to medical illnesses.
11. Updated knowledge on evidenced-based medicine and its implications for diagnosis and treatment of dermatology patients.
12. Familiarity with different care approaches and types of health care facilities towards the patients care with medical illnesses, including convalescence, rehabilitation, palliation, long term care, and medical ethics.
13. Knowledge on patient safety and clinical risk management.
14. Awareness and concern for the cost-effectiveness and risk-benefits of various advanced treatment modalities.
15. Familiarity with the concepts of administration and management and overall forward planning for a dermatology unit.

***(B) Skills***

1. Ability to take a detailed history, gathers relevant data from patients, and assimilates the information to develop diagnostic and management plan.
2. Students are expected to effectively record an initial history and physical examination and follow-up notes as well as deliver comprehensive oral presentations to their team members based on these written documents.
3. Competence in eliciting abnormal physical signs and interpreting their significance.
4. Ability to relate clinical abnormalities with pathophysiologic states and diagnosis of diseases.
5. Ability to select appropriate investigation and diagnostic procedures for confirmation of diagnosis and patient management.
6. Residents should be able to interpret basic as well as advanced laboratory data as related to the disorder/disease.
7. Basic understanding of routine laboratory and ancillary tests including complete blood count, chemistry panels, ECG, chest x-rays, pulmonary function tests, and body fluid cell counts. In addition, students will properly understand the necessity of incorporating sensitivity, specificity, pre-test probability and Bayes laws/theorem in the ordering of individual tests in the context of evaluating patients' signs and symptoms.
8. The formulation of a differential diagnosis with up-to—date scientific evidence and clinical judgment using history and physical examination data and the development of a prioritized problem list to select tests and make effective therapeutic decisions.
9. Assessing the risks, benefits, and costs of varying, effective treatment options; involving the patient in decision-making via open discussion; selecting drugs from within classes; and the design of basic treatment programs and using critical pathways when appropriate.

10. Residents must be able to perform competently all medical and invasive procedures essential for the practice of general internal medicine. This includes technical proficiency in taking informed consent, performing by using appropriate indications, contraindications, interpretations of findings and evaluating the results and handling the complications of the related procedures mentioned in the syllabus.
11. Residents should be instructed in additional procedural skills that will be determined by the training environment, residents practice expectations, the availability of skilled teaching faculty, and privilege delineation.
12. Skills in performing important bedside diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and understanding of their indications. Trainees should acquire competence through supervised performance of the required number of each of the following procedures during the 3-year training period and should record them in the Trainee's Log Book.  
At least 10 times during the three-year training period:
  - a. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
  - b. Central venous cannulation
  - c. Marrow aspiration and trephine biopsy
  - d. Abdominal paracentesis
  - e. Pleural tapping and biopsy
  - f. Endotracheal intubation
  - g. Lumbar puncture
  - h. Chest drain insertion
  - i. Arterial Blood gases sampling
13. Ability to present clinical problems and literature review in grand rounds and seminars.
14. Good communication skills and interpersonal relationship with patients, families, medical colleagues, nursing and allied health professionals.

15. Ability to mobilize appropriate resources for management of patients at different stages of medical illnesses, including critical care, consultation of medical specialties and other disciplines, ambulatory and rehabilitative services, and community resources.
16. Competence in the diagnosis and management of emergency medical problems, in particular cardiorespiratory problems, stroke, organ failures, infection and shock, gastrointestinal bleeding, metabolic disorders and poisoning.
17. Competence in the diagnosis and management of acute and chronic medical problems as secondary care in a regional/district hospital.
18. Diagnostic skills to effectively manage complex cases with unusual presentations.
19. Ability to implement strategies for preventive care and early detection of diseases in collaboration with primary and community care doctors.
20. Ability to understand medical statistics and critically appraise published work and clinical research on disease presentations and treatment outcomes. Experience in basic and/or clinical research within the training programme should lead to publications and/or presentation in seminars or conferences.
21. Practice evidence—based learning with reference to research and scientific knowledge pertaining to their discipline through comprehensive training in Research Methodology
22. Ability to recognize and appreciate the importance of cost-effectiveness of treatment modalities.

23. The identification of key information resources and the utilization of the medical literature to expand one's knowledge base and to search for answer to medical problems. They will keep abreast of the current literature and be able to integrate it to clinical practice.

***(C) Attitudes***

1. The well-being and restoration of health of patients must be of paramount consideration.
2. Empathy and good rapport with patient and relatives are essential attributes.
3. An aspiration to be the team-leader in total patient care involving nursing and allied medical professionals should be developed.
4. The cost-effectiveness of various investigations and treatments in patient care should be recognized.
5. The privacy and confidentiality of patients and the sanctity of life must be respected.
6. The development of a functional understanding of informed consent, advanced directives, and the physician-patient relationship.
7. Ability to appreciate the importance of the effect of disease on the psychological and socio-economic aspects of individual patients and to understand patients' psycho-social needs and rights, as well as the medical ethics involved in patient management.
8. Willingness to keep up with advances in Internal Medicine and other Specialties.
9. Willingness to refer patients to the appropriate specialty in a timely manner.

10. Aspiration to be the team leader in total patient care involving nursing and allied medical professionals.
11. The promotion of health via adult immunizations, periodic health screening, and risk factor assessment and modification.
12. Recognition that teaching and research are important activities for the advancement of the profession.

***(D) Other required core competencies:***

**1. PATIENT CARE**

- Residents are expected to provide patient care that is compassionate, appropriate and effective for the promotion of health, prevention of illness, treatment of disease and at the end of life.
- Gather accurate, essential information from all sources, including medical interviews, physical examinations, medical records and diagnostic/therapeutic procedures.
- Make informed recommendations about preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic options and interventions based on clinical judgment, scientific evidence, and patient preference.
- Develop, negotiate and implement effective patient management plans and integration of patient care.
- Perform competently the diagnostic and therapeutic procedures considered essential to the practice of internal medicine.

**2. INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

- Residents are expected to demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that enable them to establish and



maintain professional relationships with patients, families, and other members of health care teams.

- Provide effective and professional consultation to other physicians and health care professionals and sustain therapeutic and ethically sound professional relationships with patients, their families, and colleagues.
- Use effective listening, nonverbal, questioning, and narrative skills to communicate with patients and families.
- Interact with consultants in a respectful, appropriate manner.
- Maintain comprehensive, timely, and legible medical records.

### 3. **PROFESSIONALISM**

- Residents are expected to demonstrate behaviors that reflect a commitment to continuous professional developmental, ethical practice, an understanding and sensitivity to diversity and a responsible attitude toward their patients, their profession, and society.
- Demonstrate respect, compassion, integrity, and altruism in relationships with patients, families, and colleagues.
- Demonstrate sensitivity and responsiveness to the gender, age, culture, religion, sexual preference, socioeconomic status, beliefs, behavior and disabilities of patients and professional colleagues.
- Adhere to principles of confidentiality, scientific/academic integrity, and informed consent.
- Recognize and identify deficiencies in peer performance.
- Understand and demonstrate the skill and art of end of life care.

#### 4. **PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING AND IMPROVEMENT**

- Residents are expected to be able to use scientific evidence and methods to investigate, evaluate, and improve patient care practices.
- Identify areas for improvement and implement strategies to enhance knowledge, skills, attitudes and processes of care.
- Analyze and evaluate practice experiences and implement strategies to continually improve the quality of patient practice.
- Develop and maintain a willingness to learn from errors and use errors to improve the system or processes of care.
- Use information of technology or other available methodologies to access and manage information, support patient care decisions and enhance both patient and physician education.

#### 5. **SYSTEMS-BASED PRACTICE**

- Residents are expected to demonstrate both an understanding of the contexts and systems in which health care is provided, and the ability to apply this knowledge to improve and optimize health care.
- Understands accesses and utilizes the resources, providers and systems necessary to provide optimal care.
- Understand the limitations and opportunities inherent in various practice types and delivery systems, and develop strategies to optimize care for the individual patient.
- Apply evidence-based, cost-conscious strategies to prevention, diagnosis, and disease management.

- Collaborate with other members of the health care team to assist patients in dealing effectively with complex systems and to improve systematic processes of care.

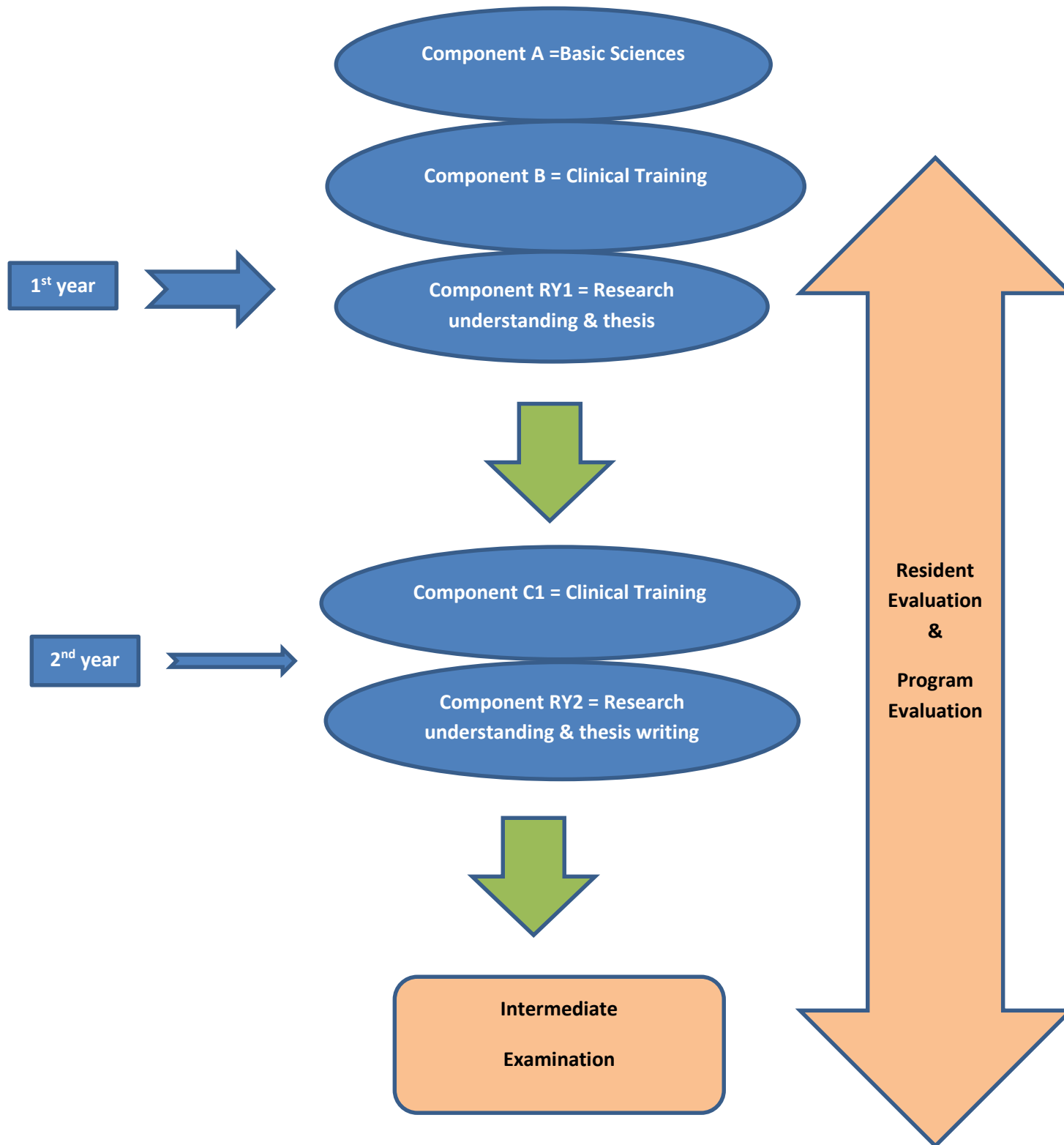
## Scheme of the Course of MD Dermatology program

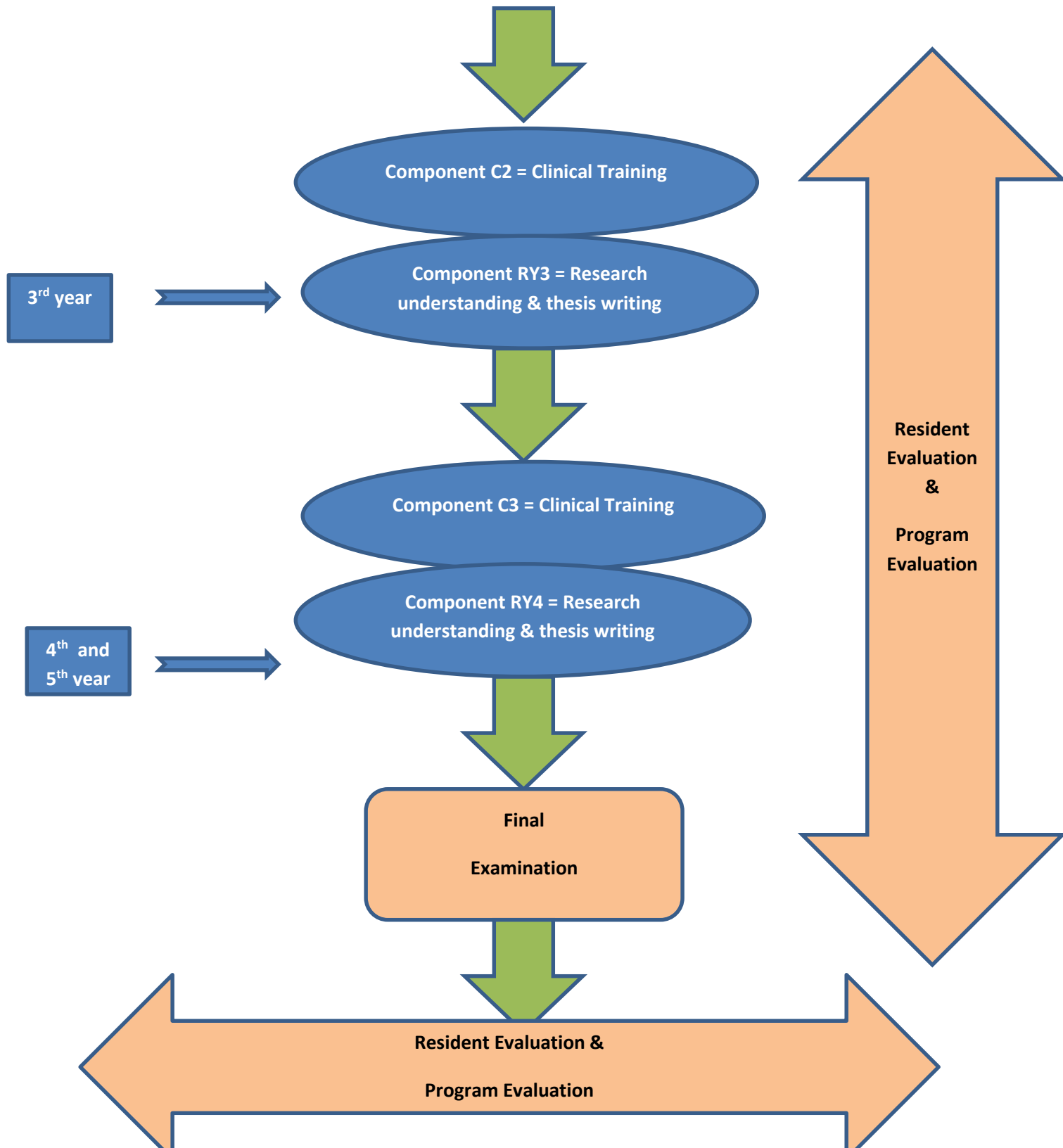
A summary of four years course in MD internal Medicine is presented as under:

Course Structure	Components	Examination
<b>At the End of 2<sup>nd</sup> year of M.D. Internal Medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Sciences</li> <li>• Principles of Internal Medicine</li> </ul>	<b>Intermediate Examination</b> at the end of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of M.D. Internal Medicine Programme Written Examination = 300 Marks Clinical, TOACS/OSCE & ORAL = 200 Marks Total = 500 Marks
<b>At the end of 5<sup>th</sup> year of M.D. Dermatology</b>	<b>Clinical component</b> Training in dermatology with compulsory/ optional rotations. <b>Research component</b> <b>Research and Thesis Writing:</b> Research work / Thesis writing must be completed and thesis be submitted at least 6 months before the end of final year of the programme.	<b>Final Examination</b> at the end of 5 <sup>th</sup> year of M.D. Dermatology. Written = 500 Marks Clinical, TOACS/OSCE & ORAL = 500 Marks Contribution of CIS= 100 Marks Thesis Evaluation= 400 Marks <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Total= 1500 Marks</b></p> Thesis evaluation and defence at the end of 5 <sup>th</sup> Year of M.D. Dermatology Programme

**General Road Map of the MD Degree Program of Rawalpindi Medical University in the Discipline of Dermatology a diagrammatic representation:**

- Total duration of the course consists of five calendar years
- Components of the course are divided into A, B, C & D
- Component “A” consists of Basic Sciences with their clinical application and it is taught in first year of the course
- Component “B” is the clinical Training component of first year course
- Component “C” is taught in rest of the four years and is divided into C1, C2 & C3 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, fourth and fifth year respectively
- Component “D” is the Research understanding & Thesis writing component which runs longitudinally throughout the whole course. This component is further divided into four parts RY1, RY2, RY3 & RY4 which would be achieved in first, second, third & fourth year respectively.
- There shall be Intermediate Examination at end of second calendar year
- There shall be Final Examination at the end of the fifth calendar year
- Program would be evaluated throughout the course as well as at the end of program





## **Methods of Teaching & Learning during course conduction**

**1.Inpatient Services:** All residents will have rotations in intensive care, coronary care, emergency medicine, general medical wards, general medicine, ambulatory experiences etc. The required knowledge and skills pertaining to the ambulatory based training in following areas shall be demonstrated;

- General Internal Medicine
- Critical care & Emergency Medicine
- Coronary care unit
- Ambulatory Medicine
- General Medical consultation service
- Cardiology
- Pulmonary Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Rheumatology
- Gastroenterology & Hepatology
- Nephrology
- Haematological Disorders
- Psychiatry
- Inpatient Oncology 81 Palliative Care Services
- Neurology
- Dermatology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Infectious Diseases
- Radiology

**2.Outpatient Experiences:** Residents should demonstrate expertise in diagnosis and management of patients in acute care clinics and longitudinal clinic and gain experience in Dermatology, Geriatrics, Clinical immunology and allergy, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Hematology-Oncology, Neurology, Nephrology, Pulmonology, Rheumatology etc.

**3. Emergency services:** Our residents take an early and active role in patient care and obtain decision-making roles quickly. Within the Emergency Department, residents direct the initial stabilization of all critical patients, manage airway interventions, and oversee all critical care.

**4. Electives/ Specialty Rotations:** In addition, the resident will elect rotations in a variety of electives including nutrition, nuclear medicine or any of the medicine subspecialty consultative services or clinics. They may choose electives from each medicine subspecialty and from offerings of other departments. Residents may also select electives at other institutions if the parent department does not offer the experiences they want.



5. **Interdisciplinary Medicine:** Adolescent Medicine, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, General Surgery, Gynecology, Neurology, Occupational Medicine, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, Otolaryngology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Urology.
6. **Community Practice:** Residents experience the practice of medicine in a non-academic, non-teaching hospital setting. The rotation may be used to try out a practice that the resident later joins, to learn the needs of referring physicians or to decide on a future career path.
7. **Mandatory Workshops:** residents achieve hands on training while participating in mandatory workshops of Research Methodology, Advanced Life Support, Communication Skills, Computer & Internet and Clinical Audit. Specific objectives are given in detail in the relevant section of Mandatory Workshops.
8. **Core Faculty Lectures (CFL):** The core faculty lecture's focus on monthly themes of the various specialty medicine topics for eleven months of the year, i.e., Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Hematology, etc. Lectures are still an efficient way of delivering information. Good lectures can introduce new material or synthesize concepts students have through text-, web-, or field-based activities. **Buzz groups** can be incorporated into the lectures in order to promote more active learning.
9. **Introductory Lecture Series (ILS):** Various introductory topics are presented by subspecialty and general medicine faculty to introduce interns to basic and essential topics in internal medicine.
10. **Long and short case presentations:** – Giving an oral presentation on ward rounds is an important skill for medical student to learn. It is medical reporting which is terse and rapidly moving. After collecting the data, you must then be able both to document it in a written format and transmit it clearly to other health care providers. In order to do this successfully, you need to understand the patient's medical illnesses, the psychosocial contributions to their History of Presenting Illness and their physical diagnosis findings. You then need to compress them into a concise, organized recitation of the most essential facts. The listener needs to be given all of the relevant information without the extraneous details and should be able to construct his/her own differential diagnosis as the story unfolds. Consider yourself an advocate who is attempting to persuade an informed, interested judge the merits of your argument, without distorting any of the facts. An oral case presentation is NOT a simple recitation of your write-up. It is a concise, edited presentation of the most essential information. Basic structure for oral case presentations includes Identifying information/chief complaint (ID/CC) , History of present illness (HPI) including relevant ROS (Review of systems) questions only , Other active medical

problems , Medications/allergies/substance use (note: e. The complete ROS should not be presented in oral presentations , Brief social history (current situation and major issues only) . Physical examination (pertinent findings only) , One line summary & Assessment and plan

**11. Seminar Presentation:** Seminar is held in a noon conference format. Upper level residents present an in-depth review of a medical topic as well as their own research. Residents are formally critiqued by both the associate program director and their resident colleagues.

**12. Journal Club Meeting (JC):** A resident will be assigned to present, in depth, a research article or topic of his/her choice of actual or potential broad interest and/or application. Two hours per month should be allocated to discussion of any current articles or topics introduced by any participant. Faculty or outside researchers will be invited to present outlines or results of current research activities. The article should be critically evaluated and its applicable results should be highlighted, which can be incorporated in clinical practice. Record of all such articles should be maintained in the relevant department

**13. Small Group Discussions/ Problem based learning/ Case based learning:** Traditionally small groups consist of 8-12 participants. Small groups can take on a variety of different tasks, including problem solving, role play, discussion, brainstorming, debate, workshops and presentations. Generally students prefer small group learning to other instructional methods. From the study of a problem students develop principles and rules and generalize their applicability to a variety of situations PBL is said to develop problem solving skills and an integrated body of knowledge. It is a student-centered approach to learning, in which students determine what and how they learn. Case studies help learners identify problems and solutions, compare options and decide how to handle a real situation.

**14. Discussion/Debate:** There are several types of discussion tasks which would be used as learning method for residents including: **guided discussion**, in which the facilitator poses a discussion question to the group and learners offer responses or questions to each other's contributions as a means of broadening the discussion's scope; **inquiry-based discussion**, in which learners are guided through a series of questions to discover some relationship or principle; **exploratory discussion**, in which learners examine their personal opinions, suppositions or assumptions and then visualize alternatives to these assumptions; and **debate** in which students argue opposing sides of a controversial topic. With thoughtful and well-designed discussion tasks, learners can practice

critical inquiry and reflection, developing their individual thinking, considering alternatives and negotiating meaning with other discussants to arrive at a shared understanding of the issues at hand.

**15. Case Conference (CC):** These sessions are held three days each week; the focus of the discussion is selected by the presenting resident. For example, some cases may be presented to discuss a differential diagnosis, while others are presented to discuss specific management issues.

**16. Noon Conference (NC):** The noon conferences focus on monthly themes of the various specialty medicine topics for eleven months of the year, i.e., Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Hematology, etc.

**17. Grand Rounds (GR):** The Department of Medicine hosts Grand Rounds on weekly basis. Speakers from local, regional and national medicine training programs are invited to present topics from the broad spectrum of internal medicine. All residents on inpatient floor teams, as well as those on ambulatory block rotations and electives are expected to attend.

**18. Professionalism Curriculum (PC):** This is an organized series of recurring large and small group discussions focusing upon current issues and dilemmas in medical professionalism and ethics presented primarily by an associate program director. Lectures are usually presented in a noon conference format.

**19. Evening Teaching Rounds:** During these sign-out rounds, the inpatient Chief Resident makes a brief educational presentation on a topic related to a patient currently on service, often related to the discussion from morning report. Serious cases are mainly focused during evening rounds.

**20. Clinico-pathological Conferences:** The clinicopathological conference, popularly known as CPC primarily relies on case method of teaching medicine. It is a teaching tool that illustrates the logical, measured consideration of a differential diagnosis used to evaluate patients. The process involves case presentation, diagnostic data, discussion of differential diagnosis, logically narrowing the list to few selected probable diagnoses and eventually reaching a final diagnosis and its brief discussion. The idea was first practiced in Boston, back in 1900 by a Harvard internist, Dr. Richard C. Cabot who practiced this as an informal discussion session in his private office. Dr. Cabot incepted this from a resident, who in turn had received the idea from a roommate, primarily a law student.

**21. Evidence Based Medicine (EBM):** Residents are presented a series of noon monthly lectures presented to allow residents to learn how to critically appraise journal articles, stay current on statistics, etc. The lectures are presented by the program director.

**22. Clinical Audit based learning:** “Clinical audit is a quality improvement process that seeks to improve patient care and outcomes through systematic review of care against explicit criteria...Where indicated, changes are implemented...and further monitoring is used to confirm improvement in healthcare delivery.” *Principles for Best Practice in Clinical Audit (2002, NICE/CHI)*

**23. Peer Assisted Learning:** Any situation where people learn from, or with, others of a similar level of training, background or other shared characteristic. Provides opportunities to reinforce and revise their learning. Encourages responsibility and increased self-confidence. Develops teaching and verbalization skills. Enhances communication skills, and empathy. Develops appraisal skills (of self and others) including the ability to give and receive appropriate feedback. Enhance organizational and team-working skills.

**24. Morbidity and Mortality Conference (MM):** The M&M Conference is held occasionally at noon throughout the year. A case, with an adverse outcome, though not necessarily resulting in death, is discussed and thoroughly reviewed. Faculty members from various disciplines are invited to attend, especially if they were involved in the care of the patient. The discussion focuses on how care could have been improved.

**25. Clinical Case Conference:** Each resident, except when on vacation, will be responsible for at least one clinical case conference each month. The cases discussed may be those seen on either the consultation or clinic service or during rotations in specialty areas. The resident, with the advice of the Attending Physician on the Consultation Service, will prepare and present the case(s) and review the relevant literature

**26. SEQ as assignments on the content areas:** SEQs assignments are given to the residents on regular basis to enhance their performance during written examinations.

**27. Skill teaching in ICU, emergency, ward settings & skill laboratory:** Two hours twice a month should be assigned for learning and practicing clinical skills. **List of skills to be learnt during these sessions is as follows:**

- Residents must develop a comprehensive understanding of the indications, contraindications, limitations, complications, techniques, and interpretation of results of those technical procedures integral to the discipline (mentioned in the Course outlines)
- Residents must acquire knowledge of and skill in educating patients about the technique, rationale and ramifications of procedures and in obtaining procedure-specific informed consent. Faculty supervision of residents in their performance is required, and each resident's experience in such procedures must be documented by the program director

- Residents must have instruction in the evaluation of medical literature, clinical epidemiology, clinical study design, relative and absolute risks of disease, medical statistics and medical decision-making
- Training must include cultural, social, family, behavioral and economic issues, such as confidentiality of information, indications for life support systems, and allocation of limited resources
- Residents must be taught the social and economic impact of their decisions on patients, the primary care physician and society. This can be achieved by attending the bioethics lectures and becoming familiar with Project Professionalism Manual such as that of the American Board of Internal Medicine
- Residents should have instruction and experience with patient counseling skills and community education
- This training should emphasize effective communication techniques for diverse populations, as well as organizational resources useful for patient and community education
- Residents may attend the series of lectures on Nuclear Medicine procedures (radionuclide scanning and localization tests and therapy) presented to the Radiology residents
- Residents should have experience in the performance of clinical laboratory and radionuclide studies and basic laboratory techniques including quality control, quality assurance and proficiency standards.

**28. Bedside teaching rounds in ward:** *"To study the phenomenon of disease without books is to sail an uncharted sea whilst to study books without patients is not to go to sea at all"* Sir William Osler 1849-1919. Bedside teaching is regularly included in the ward rounds. Learning activities include the physical exam, a discussion of particular medical diseases, psychosocial and ethical themes, and management issues

**29. Directly Supervised Procedures - (DSP):** Residents learn procedures under the direct supervision of an attending or fellow during some rotations. For example, in the Medical Intensive Care Unit the Pulmonary /Critical Care attending or fellow, or the MICU attending, observe the placement of central venous and arterial lines. Specific procedures used in patient care vary by rotation.

**30. Self-directed learning:** self-directed learning residents have primary responsibility for planning, implementing, and evaluating their effort. It is an adult learning technique that assumes that the learner knows best what their educational needs are. The facilitator's role in self-directed learning is to support learners in identifying their needs and goals for the program, to contribute to clarifying the learners' directions and objectives and to provide timely feedback. Self-directed learning can be highly motivating, especially if the learner is focusing on problems

of the immediate present, a potential positive outcome is anticipated and obtained and they are not threatened by taking responsibility for their own learning.

**31. Follow up clinics:** The main aims of our clinic for patients and relatives include (a) **Explanation of patient's stay in ICU or Ward settings:** Many patients do not remember their ICU stay, and this lack of recall can lead to misconceptions, frustration and having unrealistic expectations of themselves during their recovery. It is therefore preferable for patients to be aware of how ill they have been and then they can understand why it is taking some time to recover. (b) **Rehabilitation information and support:** We discuss with patients and relatives their individualized recovery from critical illness. This includes expectations, realistic goals, change in family dynamics and coming to terms with life style changes. (c) **Identifying physical, psychological or social problems** Some of our patients have problems either as a result of their critical illness or because of other underlying conditions. The follow-up team will refer patients to various specialties, if appropriate. (d) **Promoting a quality service:** By highlighting areas which require change in nursing and medical practice, we can improve the quality of patient and relatives care. Feedback from patients and relatives about their ICU & ward experience is invaluable. It has initiated various audits and changes in clinical practice, for the benefit of patients and relatives in the future.

**32. Core curriculum meeting:** All the core topics of Medicine should be thoroughly discussed during these sessions. The duration of each session should be at least two hours once a month. It should be chaired by the chief resident (elected by the residents of the relevant discipline). Each resident should be given an opportunity to brainstorm all topics included in the course and to generate new ideas regarding the improvement of the course structure

**33. Annual Grand Meeting** Once a year all residents enrolled for MD Internal Medicine should be invited to the annual meeting at RMU. One full day will be allocated to this event. All the chief residents from affiliated institutes will present their annual reports. Issues and concerns related to their relevant courses will be discussed. Feedback should be collected and suggestions should be sought in order to involve residents in decision making. The research work done by residents and their literary work may be displayed. In the evening an informal gathering and dinner can be arranged. This will help in creating a sense of belonging and ownership among students and the faculty.

34. **Learning through maintaining log book: it is** used to list the core clinical problems to be seen during the attachment and to document the student activity and learning achieved with each patient contact.
35. **Learning through maintaining portfolio:** Personal Reflection is one of the most important adult educational tools available. Many theorists have argued that without reflection, knowledge translation and thus genuine “deep” learning cannot occur. One of the Individual reflection tools maintaining portfolios, Personal Reflection allows students to take inventory of their current knowledge skills and attitudes, to integrate concepts from various experiences, to transform current ideas and experiences into new knowledge and actions and to complete the experiential learning cycle.
36. **Task-based-learning:** A list of tasks is given to the students: participate in consultation with the attending staff, interview and examine patients, review a number of new radiographs with the radiologist.
37. **Teaching in the ambulatory care setting:** A wide range of clinical conditions may be seen. There are large numbers of new and return patients. Students have the opportunity to experience a multi-professional approach to patient care. Unlike ward teaching, increased numbers of students can be accommodated without exhausting the limited No. of suitable patients.
38. **Community Based Medical Education:** CBME refers to medical education that is based outside a tertiary or large secondary level hospital. Learning in the fields of epidemiology, preventive health, public health principles, community development, and the social impact of illness and understanding how patients interact with the health care system. Also used for learning basic clinical skills, especially communication skills.
39. **Audio visual laboratory:** audio visual material for teaching skills to the residents is used specifically in teaching gastroenterology procedure details.
40. **E-learning/web-based medical education/computer-assisted instruction:** Computer technologies, including the Internet, can support a wide range of learning activities from dissemination of lectures and materials, access to live or recorded presentations, real-time discussions, self-instruction modules and virtual patient simulations. distance-independence, flexible scheduling, the creation of reusable learning materials that are easily shared and updated, the ability to individualize instruction through adaptive instruction technologies and automated record keeping for assessment purposes.
41. **Research based learning:** All residents in the categorical program are required to complete an academic outcomes-based research project during their training. This project can consist of original bench top laboratory

research, clinical research or a combination of both. The research work shall be compiled in the form of a thesis which is to be submitted for evaluation by each resident before end of the training. The designated Faculty will organize and mentor the residents through the process, as well as journal clubs to teach critical appraisal of the literature.

**42. Other teaching strategies specific for different specialties as mentioned in the relevant parts of the curriculum**

Some of the other teaching strategies which are specific for certain domains of internal medicine are given along with relevant modules.

## **Electives/Rotations**

A significant amount of time during residency is devoted to electives, which allows our residents the flexibility to gain a concentrated experience in an area of interest. Residents can choose electives from any subspecialty within the Department of Internal Medicine or other departments to enhance a particular primary care interest, academic pathway, or to pursue a subspecialty interest. We remain open to working with residents to create unique elective experiences geared toward their career interests. The following is a brief overview of some of the available electives:

### **Allergy and Immunology**

In this inpatient and outpatient experience, residents will obtain focused medical histories and physical exams, formulate assessments and treatment plans, and discuss these with the allergy or immunology attending. Resident will see all new consults on the service, which resident will then discuss with the fellow and/or allergy and immunology attending. Through this rotation, residents will gain a familiarity with how asthma, allergies and immunological disorders present clinically, including the pathogenesis and pathophysiology of important emergency conditions such as anaphylaxis and severe unresponsive bronchial asthma. Resident's training will also cover triggers that can exacerbate allergic and immunological conditions, interactions between chronic and acute conditions, and the use and limitations of laboratory testing and medications.

### **Cardiology**

Residents will work with a cardiology fellow to initially evaluate patients with a variety of cardiovascular disorders, including acute and chronic manifestations of coronary artery disease, myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure,



arrhythmias, valvular disorders and pericardial diseases. Resident will also participate in the workup of patients with chest pain and syncope. Resident responsibilities will include:

- assessing preoperative cardiac risk in patients undergoing non-cardiac surgery
- managing cardiac issues in medical, surgical and neurologic patients, including those in the ICU
- evaluation observation unit patients, including following up on abnormal cardiac testing

### **Clinical Genetics**

This rotation gives resident opportunities to learn the clinical principles and applications of genetics, to examine patients with structural defects and genetic disorders, and to develop a practical approach to evaluating, managing and providing genetic counseling to individuals and families directly and indirectly affected by genetic disorders and birth defects. Laboratory experiences in cytogenetics, biochemical genetics and molecular genetics form an integral part of resident's training. Resident patients may present with birth defects, developmental delays, metabolic disorders, recurrent pregnancy loss, or risk factors such as exposure to known teratogens and family history of heritable disorders. Resident will learn to recognize the clinical manifestations of common chromosomal disorders, arrange and interpret karyotypes, understand the principles of mitochondrial disease, and understand how molecular analyses can be used to diagnose and manage genetic diseases.

### **Emergency Medicine**

Elective training in emergency medicine gives resident opportunities to work with a wide variety of undifferentiated patients in a fast-paced acute care setting. Resident will evaluate acute complaints, generate differential diagnoses, and initiate appropriate management for these patients under the supervision of emergency medicine faculty. You will hone resident's diagnostic skills, develop triage skills, identify appropriate levels of care for these patients, and coordinate with the larger system of care to ensure each patient receives optimal care and follow-up.

### **Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism**

This elective trains resident in recognizing, diagnosing and formulating treatment plans for endocrinology disorders. Resident will work in both inpatient and outpatient settings, obtaining focused medical histories and conducting physical exams. Resident will learn to interpret common endocrine lab tests, use fine needle thyroid aspiration appropriately, use a full range of imaging studies, and recognize the rationale for therapy modalities such as diabetic diets, exercise programs, glucose monitoring and insulin delivery devices.

### **Evidence-Based Medicine**

Resident will join a floor team as the designated “EBM resident,” working closely with an “EBM attending,” usually the floor team attending. During morning rounds, team members identify one or more patient management issues and formulate structured clinical questions, with resident’s support and feedback. Resident will search the medical literature to identify relevant publications, and assess their validity and results using the User’s Guide to the Medical Literature’s critical appraisal sheets. During the next rounds meeting (usually that afternoon), resident will report his findings to the floor team, discuss them together, and assist in evidence-based clinical decision-making, integrating the evidence from resident’s research with patients’ values, clinical states, and circumstances.

In addition, resident will be responsible for conducting two to four interactive small-group sessions. These may be critical appraisal sessions, using the format from the User’s Guide to Medical Literature, or didactic sessions to clarify specific concepts.

### **Forensic Pathology**

Resident will observe and assist with autopsies, participate in didactic lectures and a journal club, and receive additional informal teaching in this rotation. Each morning, the full pathology staff reviews the cases to be examined that day, providing resident an excellent opportunity to learn what determines medical examiner jurisdiction, when cases require further examination, and what types of postmortem examination different cases necessitate.

### **Gastroenterology/Hepatology**

This inpatient rotation exposes resident to the common problems encountered in diagnosing and managing diseases in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology. Resident will perform histories and physicals on patients on whom the gastroenterology service at resident hospital is consulted, present those patients to the attending, and maintain new and follow-up consult notes. Resident will provide differential diagnoses for a variety of conditions, with particular emphasis on identifying conditions that are immediately life-threatening or which require immediate intervention. Resident will not be required to perform procedures, but will be encouraged to observe procedures.

### **Hematology**

An elective in hematology trains resident in taking histories, giving physical examinations, and interpreting laboratory data for patients with a wide range of hematologic disorders, including those common to patients with HIV and patients undergoing chemotherapy. Resident will conduct microscopic examinations of blood and bone marrow and use morphology to diagnose and treat these patients, seeing new admissions on both inpatient and ambulatory services, and providing follow-up care where appropriate. In addition, resident will gain experience with providing subspecialty

consultations under faculty supervision, including patient education, communication with referring physicians, and ensuring support for ongoing care of patients' hematologic conditions.

### **Hematology/Oncology**

This elective gives resident an opportunity to evaluate and treat inpatients and outpatients as part of a combined hematology/oncology service. You will also care for patients with malignant hematologic diseases, including lymphomas, myelomas, and acute and chronic leukemias. Resident will review laboratory data, flow cytometry and peripheral smears with fellows and faculty. Resident may have opportunities to perform bone marrow biopsies under supervision and to review pathology specimens with the hematopathologist.

### **Infectious Diseases**

Resident will care for a wide variety of patients, with particular attention to evaluating those with possible infections, then diagnosing and treating them. Resident will also learn to diagnose cases that don't easily fit into evidence-based guidelines. Our residency elective will help resident develop a core understanding of the clinical manifestations, pathophysiology and management of infectious diseases and systemic diseases. Through resident's training resident will develop expertise in relevant basic and clinical science topics. This elective emphasizes rigorous data accumulation when taking histories and conducting physical examinations, and interpreting a wide variety of laboratory data, including cultures, imaging and other tests.

### **Nephrology**

Resident will learn about the pathogenesis, clinical presentation, treatment modalities and prognosis of the full range of nephrologic diseases in both didactic and clinical settings, including end-stage renal disease, acute and chronic renal failure, tubulointerstitial diseases and glomerulonephritides. Resident will also gain proficiency with diagnostic testing and monitoring methods key to the discipline of nephrology.

### **Neurology**

An elective in neurology helps resident develop core neurological evaluation skills, including taking histories, conducting physical examinations, and performing accurate and thorough neurologic exams. Resident will see patients with a variety of conditions, including acute ischemic stroke, acute hemorrhagic stroke, status epilepticus and brain tumors, for new admissions and follow-up care, including post-discharge follow-up planning where appropriate. When necessary, resident will anticipate patients' needs in a complex health system and guide them appropriately by

collaborating with professionals in occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, acute rehabilitation, long-term care placement facilities, and so on

**Nuclear Medicine** The program exposes resident to clinical and research aspects of nuclear medicine. Resident will cover the diagnostic, therapeutic, and investigational uses of radionuclides, and gain an understanding of important aspects of radiochemistry, computer science, and modeling. Through this elective rotation, resident will learn the key techniques and methodology of the major nuclear medicine diagnostic and therapeutic applications. It includes an active clinical and research experience in positron emission tomography (PET).

### **Palliative Medicine**

In this elective, you learn to propose and defend comfort care for patients when cure is no longer a rational goal in settings including hospital consultation services and hospice home care. Resident will evaluate and treat symptoms common in terminally ill patients, focusing on how physical, psychological, social and spiritual factors affect suffering. In addition, resident will gain an understanding of the neuroanatomy and physiology of different pain mechanisms and how to honor medical decisions that are guided by patients' philosophies and values.

### **Pulmonary**

In this elective, resident will work with patients who have lung disease problems common to the inpatient setting and resident will learn about additional pulmonary diseases and problems pulmonary specialists see. Resident will learn to perform physical examinations and take orderly histories focused on the signs and symptoms of lung diseases, including extra pulmonary signs and symptoms, and resident will plan and provide treatment for inpatients with a wide variety of lung diseases.

### **Rheumatology**

This elective familiarizes resident with diagnosing and treating the core rheumatic diseases through direct patient contact in the rheumatology attendings' offices. Resident will conduct all new patient evaluations, obtaining complete histories, conducting examinations, reviewing relevant medical records, and developing appropriate differential diagnoses and treatment plans. Where appropriate, resident will also see patients for follow-up appointments. The attending rheumatologist will review the clinic's long-term patients daily, selecting individual additional cases to give resident the broadest experience possible.

Resident will become proficient at the musculoskeletal exam, learn to obtain a relevant rheumatic history and review of systems, understand appropriate medication and non-drug therapies for rheumatic disease, use diagnostic laboratory

and X-ray testing appropriately, learn to distinguish inflammatory from degenerative or metabolic musculoskeletal diseases, develop reasonable differential diagnoses for common rheumatic symptoms, and gain experience in joint and bursa/tendon injection.

### **Sleep Medicine**

This rotation exposes resident to a variety of sleep disorders, focusing on how other medical conditions and medications can cause them, and their effects on overall health. Resident will learn to take a sleep history, perform a sleep physical, and classify the major problems encountered in sleep medicine, such as narcolepsy and obstructive sleep apnea. Resident will also gain an understanding of the basics of insomnia, circadian rhythms and how to treat patients with sleep-altering medications.

### **Stress Test**

This rotation trains resident in performing stress tests, monitoring these tests and interpreting the data they provide. Resident will gain confidence in ordering, administering, and interpreting exercise, pharmacological and nuclear stress tests.

### **Women's Health**

Under the supervision of general internists and gynecologists, residents learn skills in office gynecology, evaluation and management of breast abnormalities, endocrinologic problems and identification of spouse abuse and domestic violence.

### **Hospital Medicine and Elective in Critical Care and Procedures**

These two electives provide additional training for those interested in a career in hospitalist practice. Residents learn the art of medical consultation and perioperative medical management under the guidance of academic hospitalists. They participate in quality assurance projects and learn about the business aspect of hospital practice. During the critical care and procedure elective, residents gain skills in common procedures, such as central lines, LP's and paracenteses, and work closely with our critical care physicians.

### **Occupational Medicine**

Under the supervision of specialists in Occupational Medicine, residents may elect a wide variety of activities including evaluation of patients with job related illnesses, working with physicians at health facilities at industrial plants.

### **Geriatric Medicine**

Under the supervision of the geriatrics faculty, residents participate in a multidisciplinary clinic evaluation of the elderly,

engage in inpatient consultations, and care for patients in the geriatrics inpatient unit and nursing home. Outpatient clinics provide residents with training on the management of frail elderly, osteoporosis and older patients with multiple comorbidities. Residents may also participate in the Division of Gerontology's active research in exercise physiology, obesity, menopause, metabolism and cardiovascular disease prevention.

### **Transplant Nephrology**

Residents will have the opportunity for a vast clinical experience on this elective. Residents learn the basics of transplant biology, the evaluation of patients for transplantation, and the prevention and management of post-transplant complications. Residents work on an interdisciplinary team along with transplant nephrologists, infectious disease experts and surgeons.

### **HIV**

The HIV elective offers residents an understanding of the molecular biology, pathophysiology, and natural history of HIV infection. Residents learn to diagnose primary HIV infection, to recognize and treat oral, dermatologic, neoplastic, gastrointestinal, and neurologic complications of HIV, as well as many opportunistic infections.

### **Neuro/Psychiatry**

Residents will learn to diagnose and treat a variety of primary psychiatric ailments, as well as the psychiatric manifestations of medical disorders. On the Neurology half of the Neuro/Psychiatry elective, residents will learn the natural history, diagnosis, and treatment of cerebral vascular disease, migraines, multiple sclerosis, movement disorders, disc disease, neuromuscular disease, and seizure disorders, as well as dementia and memory disorders.

## **Non Clinical Electives**

### **Research**

Residents are encouraged to engage in clinical or basic science research during their training through our comprehensive **mentoring program**. At the beginning of this rotation, resident will be asked to identify a research topic or project and be linked with a research mentor. Resident will gain broad understanding of the fundamental principles and methods of research: developing research questions, analyzing current literature, designing studies (including

statistical analysis), presenting research projects and writing them up. Residents receive close supervision by their preceptor throughout all phases of the research project, learning the process from hypothesis development to IRB (Institutional Review Board) submission through experimentation, data collection and analysis, and formal writing for presentation and publication. At the **Resident Research Forum**, residents present their work-in-progress to peers and faculty.

### **Medical Education:**

Designed for residents interested in exploring the option of a career as a clinician educator, the medical education elective exposes residents to the variety of educational activities common to medical educators in academic centers. Residents choosing a medical education elective can learn curriculum development, participate in peer review of teaching for faculty and residents; develop skills in web based education and can initiate an educational scholarship project. Residents can also participate in small group teaching of students in physical diagnosis, clinical problem solving, procedural skills, and diagnostic test interpretation.

## **A crisp detail about modern Tools of Assessment intended to be used for the course**

- **360-DEGREE EVALUATION INSTRUMENT- MULTI-SOURCE FEEDBACK (MSF):**

360-degree evaluations consist of measurement tools completed by multiple people in a person's sphere of influence. Evaluators completing rating forms in a 360-degree evaluation usually are superiors, peers, subordinates, and patients and families. Most 360-degree evaluation processes use a survey or questionnaire to gather information about an individual's performance on several topics (e.g., teamwork, communication, management skills & decision-making). Most 360-degree evaluations use rating scales to assess how frequently a behavior is performed (e.g., a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning "all the time" and 1 meaning "never"). The ratings are summarized for all evaluators by topic and overall to provide feedback. Evaluators provide more accurate and less lenient ratings when the evaluation is intended to give formative feedback rather than summative evaluations. A 360-degree evaluation can be used to assess interpersonal and communication skills, professional behaviors, and some aspects of patient care and systems-based practice.

- **CHART STIMULATED RECALL ORAL EXAMINATION (CSR)**

In a chart stimulated recall (CSR) examination patient cases of the examinee (resident) are assessed in a standardized oral examination. A trained and experienced physician examiner questions the examinee about the care provided probing for reasons behind the work-up, diagnoses, interpretation of clinical findings, and treatment plans. The examiners rate the examinee using a well-established protocol and scoring procedure. In efficiently designed CSR oral exams each patient case (test item) takes 5 to 10 minutes. A typical CSR exam is two hours with one or two physicians as examiners per separate 30 or 60-minute session. These exams assess clinical decision-making and the application or use of medical knowledge with actual patients.

- **CHECKLIST EVALUATION**

Checklists consist of essential or desired specific behaviors, activities, or steps that make up a more complex competency or competency component. Typical response options on these forms are a check ( ) or “yes” to indicate that the behavior occurred or options to indicate the completeness (complete, partial, or absent) or correctness (total, partial, or incorrect) of the action. The forms provide information about behaviors but for the purpose of making a judgment about the adequacy of the overall performance, standards need to be set that indicate, for example, pass/fail or excellent, good, fair, or poor performance. Checklists are useful for evaluating any competency and competency component that can be broken down into specific behaviors or actions. Documented evidence for the usefulness of checklists exists for the evaluation of patient care skills (history and physical examination, procedural skills) and for interpersonal and communication skills. Checklists have also been used for self-assessment of practice-based learning skills (evidence-based medicine). Checklists are most useful to provide feedback on performance because checklists can be tailored to assess detailed actions in performing a task.

- **GLOBAL RATING OF LIVE OR RECORDED PERFORMANCE**

Global rating forms are distinguished from other rating forms in that (a) a rater judges general categories of ability (e.g. patient care skills, medical knowledge, interpersonal and communication skills) instead of specific skills, tasks or behaviors; and (b) the ratings are completed retrospectively based on general impressions collected over a period of time (e.g., end of a clinical rotation) derived from multiple sources of information (e.g., direct observations or interactions; input from other faculty, residents, or patients; review of work products or



written materials). All rating forms contain scales that the evaluator uses to judge knowledge, skills, and behaviors listed on the form. Typical rating scales consist of qualitative indicators and often include numeric values for each indicator, for example, (a) very good = 1, good =2, fair = 3, poor =4; or (b) superior =1, satisfactory =2, unsatisfactory =3. Written comments are important to allow evaluators to explain the ratings. Global rating forms are most often used for making end of rotation and summary assessments about performance observed over days or weeks. Scoring rating forms entails combining numeric ratings with comments to obtain a useful judgment about performance based upon more than one rater.

- **OBJECTIVE STRUCTURED CLINICAL EXAMINATION (OSCE)**

In an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) one or more assessment tools are administered at 12 to 20 separate standardized patient encounter stations, each station lasting 10-15 minutes. Between stations candidates may complete patient notes or a brief written examination about the previous patient encounter. All candidates move from station to station in sequence on the same schedule. Standardized patients are the primary assessment tool used in OSCEs, but OSCEs have included other assessment tools such as data interpretation exercises using clinical cases and clinical scenarios with mannequins, to assess technical skills. OSCEs have been administered in most of the medical schools worldwide, many residency programs, and by the licensure board examinations. The OSCE format provides a standardized means to assess: physical examination and history taking skills; communication skills with patients and family members, breadth and depth of knowledge; ability to summarize and document findings; ability to make a differential diagnosis, or plan treatment; and clinical judgment based upon patient notes.

- **PROCEDURE, OPERATIVE, OR CASE LOGS**

Procedure, operative, or case logs document each patient encounter by medical conditions seen, surgical operation or procedures performed. The logs may or may not include counts of cases, operations, or procedures. Patient case logs currently in use involve recording of some number of consecutive cases in a designated time frame. Operative logs in current use vary; some entail comprehensive recording of operative data by CPT code while others require recording of operations or procedures for a small number of defined categories.

Logs of types of cases seen or procedures performed are useful for determining the scope of patient care experience. Regular review of logs can be used to help the resident track what cases or procedures must be sought out in order to meet residency requirements or specific learning objectives. Patient logs documenting clinical experience for the entire residency can serve as a summative report of that experience; as noted below, the numbers reported do not necessarily indicate competence.

- **PATIENT SURVEYS**

Surveys of patients to assess satisfaction with hospital, clinic, or office visits typically include questions about the physician's care. The questions often assess satisfaction with general aspects of the physician's care, (e.g., amount of time spent with the patient, overall quality of care, physician competency (skills and knowledge), courtesy, and interest or empathy). More specific aspects of care can be assessed including: the physician's explanations, listening skills and provision of information about examination findings, treatment steps, and drug side effects. A typical patient survey asks patients to rate their satisfaction with care using rating categories (e.g., poor, fair, good, very good, excellent) or agreement with statements describing the care (e.g., "the doctor kept me waiting," --Yes, always; Yes, sometimes; or No, never or hardly ever). Each rating is given a value and a satisfaction score calculated by averaging across responses to generate a single score overall or separate scores for different clinical care activities or settings. Patient feedback accumulated from single encounter questionnaires can assess satisfaction with patient care competencies (aspects of data gathering, treatment, and management; counseling, and education; preventive care); interpersonal and communication skills; professional behavior; and aspects of systems-based practice (patient advocacy; coordination of care). If survey items about specific physician behaviors are included, the results can be used for formative evaluation and performance improvement. Patient survey results also can be used for summative evaluation, but this use is contingent on whether the measurement process meets standards of reliability and validity.

- **PORTFOLIOS**

A portfolio is a collection of products prepared by the resident that provides evidence of learning and achievement related to a learning plan. A portfolio typically contains written documents but can include video- or audio-recordings, photographs, and other forms of information. Reflecting upon what has been learned is an

important part of constructing a portfolio. In addition to products of learning, the portfolio can include statements about what has been learned, its application, remaining learning needs, and how they can be met. In graduate medical education, a portfolio might include a log of clinical procedures performed; a summary of the research literature reviewed when selecting a treatment option; a quality improvement project plan and report of results; ethical dilemmas faced and how they were handled; a computer program that tracks patient care outcomes; or a recording or transcript of counseling provided to patients. Portfolios can be used for both formative and summative evaluation of residents. Portfolios are most useful for evaluating mastery of competencies that are difficult to evaluate in other ways such as practice-based improvement, use of scientific evidence in patient care, professional behaviors, and patient advocacy. Teaching experiences, morning report, patient rounds, individualized study or research projects are examples of learning experiences that lend themselves to using portfolios to assess residents.

- **RECORD REVIEW**

Trained staff in an institution's medical records department or clinical department perform a review of patients' paper or electronic records. The staff uses a protocol and coding form based upon predefined criteria to abstract information from the records, such as medications, tests ordered, procedures performed, and patient outcomes. The patient record findings are summarized and compared to accepted patient care standards. Standards of care are available for more than 1600 diseases on the Website of the Agency for HealthCare Research and Quality (<http://www.ahrq.gov/>). Record review can provide evidence about clinical decision-making, follow-through in patient management and preventive health services, and appropriate use of clinical facilities and resources (e.g., appropriate laboratory tests and consultations). Often residents will confer with other clinical team members before documenting patient decisions and therefore, the documented care may not be directly attributed to a single resident but to the clinical team.

- **SIMULATIONS AND MODELS**

Simulations used for assessment of clinical performance closely resemble reality and attempt to imitate but not duplicate real clinical problems. Key attributes of simulations are that: they incorporate a wide array of options resembling reality, allow examinees to reason through a clinical problem with little or no cueing, permit

examinees to make life-threatening errors without hurting a real patient, provide instant feedback so examinees can correct a mistaken action, and rate examinees' performance on clinical problems that are difficult or impossible to evaluate effectively in other circumstances. Simulation formats have been developed as paper-and-pencil branching problems (patient management problems or PMPs), computerized versions of PMPs called clinical case simulations (CCX<sup>®</sup>), role-playing situations (e.g., standardized patients (SPs), clinical team simulations), anatomical models or mannequins, and combinations of all three formats. Mannequins are imitations of body organs or anatomical body regions frequently using pathological findings to simulate patient disease. The models are constructed of vinyl or plastic sculpted to resemble human tissue with imbedded electronic circuitry to allow the mannequin to respond realistically to actions by the examinee. Virtual reality simulations or environments (VR) use computers sometimes combined with anatomical models to mimic as much as feasible realistic organ and surface images and the touch sensations (computer generated haptic responses) a physician would expect in a real patient. The VR environments allow assessment of procedural skills and other complex clinical tasks that are difficult to assess consistently by other assessment methods. Simulations using VR environments have been developed to train and assess surgeons performing arthroscopy of the knee and other large joints, anesthesiologists managing life-threatening critical incidents during surgery, surgeons performing wound debridement and minor surgery, and medical students and residents responding to cardio-pulmonary incidents on a full-size human mannequin. Written and computerized simulations have been used to assess clinical reasoning, diagnostic plans and treatment for a variety of clinical disciplines as part of licensure and certification examinations. Standardized patients as simulations are described elsewhere.

- **STANDARDIZED ORAL EXAMINATION**

The standardized oral examination is a type of performance assessment using realistic patient cases with a trained physician examiner questioning the examinee. The examiner begins by presenting to the examinee a clinical problem in the form of a patient case scenario and asks the examinee to manage the case. Questions probe the reasoning for requesting clinical findings, interpretation of findings, and treatment plans. In efficiently designed exams each case scenario takes three to five minutes. Exams last approximately 90 minutes to two and one-half hours with two to four separate 30 or 60-minute sessions. One or two physicians serve as examiners per session. An examinee can be tested on 18 to 60 different clinical cases. These exams assess clinical decision-

making and the application or use of medical knowledge with realistic patients. Multiple-choice questions are better at assessing recall or understanding of medical knowledge.

- **STANDARDIZED PATIENT EXAMINATION (SP)**

Standardized patients (SPs) are well persons trained to simulate a medical condition in a standardized way or actual patients who are trained to present their condition in a standardized way. A standardized patient exam consists of multiple SPs each presenting a different condition in a 10-12 minute patient encounter. The resident being evaluated examines the SP as if (s) he were a real patient, (i.e., the resident might perform a history and physical exam, order tests, provide a diagnosis, develop a treatment plan, or counsel the patient). Using a checklist or a rating form, a physician observer or the SPs evaluate the resident's performance on appropriateness, correctness, and completeness of specific patient care tasks and expected behaviors (See description of Checklist Evaluation...). Performance criteria are set in advance. Alternatively or in addition to evaluation using a multiple SP exam, individual SPs can be used to assess specific patient care skills. SPs are also included as stations in Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (See description of OSCE).SPs have been used to assess history-taking skills, physical examination skills, communication skills, differential diagnosis, laboratory utilization, and treatment. Reproducible scores are more readily obtained for history-taking, physical examination, and communication skills. Standardized patient exams are most frequently used as summative performance exams for clinical skills. A single SP can assess targeted skills and knowledge.

- **WRITTEN EXAMINATION (MCQ)**

A written or computer-based MCQ examination is composed of multiple-choice questions (MCQ) selected to sample medical knowledge and understanding of a defined body of knowledge, not just factual or easily recalled information. Each question or test item contains an introductory statement followed by four or five options in outline format. The examinee selects one of the options as the presumed correct answer by marking the option on a coded answer sheet. Only one option is keyed as the correct response. The introductory statement often presents a patient case, clinical findings, or displays data graphically. A separate booklet can be used to display pictures, and other relevant clinical information. In computer-based examinations the test items are displayed on a computer monitor one at a time with pictures and graphical images also displayed directly on the monitor. In a

computer-adaptive test fewer test questions are needed because test items are selected based upon statistical rules programmed into the computer to quickly measure the examinee's ability. Medical knowledge and understanding can be measured by MCQ examinations. Comparing the test scores on in-training examinations with national statistics can serve to identify strengths and limitations of individual residents to help them improve. Comparing test results aggregated for residents in each year of a program can be helpful to identify residency training experiences that might be improved.

- **mini-Clinical Evaluation Exercise (mini-CEX)**

This tool evaluates a clinical encounter with a patient to provide an indication of competence in skills essential for good clinical care such as history taking, examination and clinical reasoning. The trainee receives immediate feedback to aid learning. The can be used at any time and in any setting when there is a trainee and patient interaction and an assessor is available.

- **Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS)**

A DOPS is an assessment tool designed to evaluate the performance of a trainee in undertaking a practical procedure, against a structured checklist. The trainee receives immediate feedback to identify strengths and areas for development.

- **Case-based Discussion (CbD)**

The CbD assesses the performance of a trainee in their management of a patient to provide an indication of competence in areas such as clinical reasoning, decision-making and application of medical knowledge in relation to patient care. It also serves as a method to document conversations about, and presentations of, cases by trainees. The CbD should focus on a written record (such as written case notes, out-patient letter, and discharge summary). A typical encounter might be when presenting newly referred patients in the out-patient department.

- **Acute Care Assessment Tool (ACAT)**

The ACAT is designed to assess and facilitate feedback on a doctor's performance during their practice on the Acute Medical Take. Any doctor who has been responsible for the supervision of the Acute Medical Take can be the assessor for an ACAT.

- **Audit Assessment (AA)**

The Audit Assessment tool is designed to assess a trainee's competence in completing an audit. The Audit Assessment can be based on review of audit documentation OR on a presentation of the audit at a meeting. If possible the trainee should be assessed on the same audit by more than one assessor.

- **Teaching Observation (TO)**

The Teaching Observation form is designed to provide structured, formative feedback to trainees on their competence at teaching. The Teaching Observation can be based on any instance of formalized teaching by the trainee who has been observed by the assessor. The process should be trainee-led (identifying appropriate teaching sessions and assessors).

- **Decisions on progress (ARCP)**

The Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP) is the formal method by which a trainee's progression through her/his training programme is monitored and recorded. ARCP is not an assessment – it is the review of evidence of training and assessment. The ARCP process is described in A Reference Guide for Postgraduate Specialty Training in the UK (the "Gold Guide" – available from [www.mmc.nhs.uk](http://www.mmc.nhs.uk)). Deaneries are responsible for organising and conducting ARCPs. The evidence to be reviewed by ARCP panels should be collected in the trainee's ePortfolio.

## **General outline of Intermediate Examination of MD Dermatology**

The Intermediate Examination of MD Dermatology will be held at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the programme.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

The candidates appearing in Intermediate Examination of the M.D. Dermatology Programme are required:

- a. To have submitted certificate of completion of mandatory workshops.
- b. To have submitted certificate / certificates of completion of first two years of training from the supervisor / supervisors during rotation.
- c. To have submitted CIS assessment (continuous Internal Assessment) proforma from his/her own supervisor on monthly basis and also from his/her supervisors during rotation, achieving a cumulative score of 75%.



- d. To have submitted certificate of approval of synopsis or undertaking /affidavit that if synopsis not approved with 30 days of submission of application for the Intermediate Examination, the candidate will not be allowed to take the examinations and shall be removed from the training programme.
- e. To have submitted evidence of payment of examination fee.

### **Intermediate Examination Schedule and Fee**

- a) Intermediate Examination at completion of two years training, will be held twice a year.
- b) There will be a minimum period 01°30 days between submission of application for the examination and the conduction of examination.
- c) Examination fee will be determined periodically by the University.
- d) The examination fee once deposited cannot be refunded / carried over to the next examination under any circumstances.
- e) The Controller of Examinations will issue Roll Number Slips on receipt of prescribed application form, documents satisfying eligibility criteria and evidence of payment of examination fee.

All candidates admitted in MS Internal Medicine course shall appear in Intermediate examination at the end of second calendar year.

### **Components of Intermediate Examination**

- Written Examination = 300 Marks
- Clinical, TOACS/OSCE & ORAL = 200 Marks

### **Written Examination:**

The total marks of the Written Examination will be 300 and to be divided as follows:

Multiple Choice Questions Paper = 200 Marks

Short Essay Questions Paper = 100 Marks

- The written examination will consist of 100 single best answer type Multiple Choice Questions and 10 Short Essay questions, derived from Principles of Internal Medicine and relevant Basic Sciences. Each correct answer in the Multiple Choice Questions Paper will carry 02 marks but an incorrect response will result in deduction of 0.5 marks. The Short Essay Question Examination will be clinical scenario or practice based, and each question will carry 10 marks. The examination shall have the following pattern:

Principles of Internal Medicine	=70 MCQs	7 SEQs
Basic Sciences	=30 MCQs	3 SEQs
Physiology	=10 MCQs	1 SEQ
Pharmacology	=5 MCQs	1 SEQ
Pathology	=15 MCQs	1 SEQ
Total	=300 Marks	

- The candidates scoring 50 % marks in Multiple Choice Question Paper and 50 % marks in Short Essay Question Paper will pass the written examination and will be eligible to appear in the Clinical, TOACS/OSCE & ORAL.

**Clinical examination, TOACS/OSCE & ORAL:**

The clinical and Oral examination will evaluate patient care competencies in detail.

A panel of four examiners will be appointed by the Vice Chancellor of the University and of these two will be from within the university whilst two will be the external examiners. In case of difficulty in finding an internal examiner in a given subject, the Vice Chancellor would, in consultation with the concerned Deans will appoint any relevant person inside/ outside the University as an examiner. The examination shall have the following components:

Four Short Cases	= 100 Marks
One Long Case	= 50 Marks
TOACS/OSCE & Oral	= 50 Marks
Total	= 200 Marks

- Each short case will be of ( )7 rnnutes duration, O5 minutes will be for examining the patient and O2 minutes for discussion.
- The long case and oral examination will each be of 15 minutes duration.
- The candidates scoring 50 % inarks in each component of the Clinical & Oral Examination will pass this part of the Intermediate Examination.

**Declaration of Results of intermediate examination:**

- The Candidate will have to score 50% marks in written and clinical & oral components and a cumulative score of 60% to be declared successful in the Intennediate Examination.
- A maximum of four consecutive attempts (availed or unavailed) will be allowed in the Intermediate Examination during which the candidate will be allowed to continue his training program. If the candidate fails to pass his

Intermediate Examination within the above mentioned limit of four attempts, the candidate shall be removed from the training program, and the seat would fall vacant, stipend/ scholarship if any would be stopped.

## **General outline of Final Examination of M.D. Dermatology**

(At the end of 5<sup>th</sup> calendar year of the Programme)

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

To appear in the Final Examination the candidate shall be required:

- i. To have submitted the result of passing Intermediate Examination.
- ii. To have submitted the certificate of completion of training, issued by the Supervisor which will be mandatory.
- iii. To have achieved a cumulative score of 75% in Continuous Internal assessments of all training years.
- iv. To have got the thesis accepted and will then be eligible to appear in Final Examination.
- v. To have submitted no dues certificate from all relevant departments including library, hostel, cashier etc.
- vi. To have submitted evidence of submission of examination fee.

### **Final Examination Schedule and Fee:**

- a. Final examination will be held twice a year.
- b. The candidates have to satisfy eligibility criteria before permission is granted to take the examination.
- c. Examination fee will be determined and varied at periodic intervals by the University.
- d. The examination fee once deposited cannot be refunded / carried over to the next examination under any circumstances.
- e. The Controller of Examinations v/ill issue an Admittance Card with a photograph of the candidate on receipt of prescribed application form, documents satisfying eligibility criteria and evidence of payment of examination fee. This card will also show the Roll Number, date / time and venue of examination.

### **Components of Final Examination:**

Written Part of Final Examination	500 Marks
Clinical, TOACS/OSCE& ORAL	500 Marks
Contribution of CIS to the Final Examination	100Marks
Thesis Evaluation	400 Marks
Total	1500 marks

### **Written Part of Final Examination:**

- a. There will be two written papers which will cover the whole syllabus of the specialty of training with total marks of 500.
- b. The witten examination will corsets of 200 single best answer type Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) and 10 Short Essay Questions (SEQs). Each correct answer in the Multiple Choice Question paper will carry 02 marks, but an incorrect response will result in deduction of 0.5lmark. Each Short Essay Question will carry 10 marks.
- c. Total Marks of the Written Examination will be 500 and to be divided as follows:
  - Multiple Choice Question paper      Total Marks = 400
  - Short Essay Question paper      Total Marks = 100

There shall be two written papers of 250 marks each. Both papers shall have problem-based short/modified essay questions and MCQs.

### **Paper 1**

- 100 MCQs (2 marks each)
- 5 SEQs (10 marks ea ch)

### **Paper 2**

- 100 MCQs (2 marks each)
- 5 SEQs (10 marks ea ch)

- d. The candidates scoring a score of 50% marks in multiple choice question paper and short essay question paper will pass the written pant of the final examination ard will become eligible to appear in the clinical and oral examination.

- e. The written part result will be valid for three consecutive attempts for appearing in the Clinical and Oral Part of the Final Examination. After that the candidates have to re-sit the written part of the Final Examination.

**Clinical Examination, TOACS/OSCE & ORAL:**

- a. The Clinical and Oral Examination will consist of 04 short cases, 01 long case and Oral Examination with 01 station for a pair of Internal and External Examiner Each short case will be of (')7 minutes duration, 05 minutes will be for examining the patient and 02 minutes for discussion. The Oral Examination will consist of laboratory data assessment, interpretation of Radiology images, ECG and others.
- b. The Total Marks of Clinical & Oral Examination will be 500 and to be divided as follows:
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|-------------------|------------|
| Short Cases       | =200 Marks |
| Long Case         | =100 Marks |
| TOACS/OSCE & ORAL | =200 Marks |
- c. A panel of four examiners will be appointed by the Vice Chancellor and of these two will be from UHS whilst the other two will be the external examiners. Internal examiner will act as a coordinator. In case of difficulty in finding an Internal examiner arrange given subject, the Vice Chancellor would, in consultation with the concerned Deans, appoint any relevant person with appropriate qualification and experience, outside the University as an examiner.
- d. The internal examiners will not examine the candidates for whom they have acted as Supervisor and will be substituted by other internal examiner.
- e. The candidates scoring 50% marks in each component of the Clinical & Oral Examination will pass this part of the Final Examination.
- f. The candidates will have two attempts to pass the final examination with normal fee. A special administration fee of Rs.10, 000 in addition to normal fee or the amount determined by the University from time to time shall be charged for further attempts.

**Continuous Internal Assessments (CIA)**

Continuous Internal Assessments would be submitted by the supervisor considering the following:

- A. Workplace Based Assessments: These assessments will include the following:
- Generic and Specialty specific Competency Assessments
  - Multisource Feedback Evaluation

## B. Assessment of Candidates' Training Log Book & Portfolio

### **Declaration of Result:**

For the declaration of result

1. The candidate must get his/her Thesis accepted.
2. The candidate must have passed the final written examination with 50% marks and the clinical & oral examination securing 50% marks. The cumulative passing score from the written and clinical/ oral examination shall be 60%. Cumulative score of 60% marks to be calculated by adding up secured marks of each component of the Examination i.e., written and clinical & oral and then calculating its percentage.
3. The MD degree shall be awarded after acceptance of thesis and success in the final examination.
4. On completion of stipulated training period, irrespective of the result (pass or fail) the training slot of the candidate shall be declared vacant.

### **Submission / Evaluation of Synopsis**

- a. The candidates shall prepare their synopsis as per guidelines provided by the Advanced Studies & Research Board, available on university website.
- b. The research topic in clinical subject should have 30% component related to basic sciences and 70% component related to applied clinical sciences. The research topic must consist of a reasonable sample size and sufficient numbers of variables to give training to the candidate to conduct research, to collect & analyze the data.
- c. Synopsis of research project shall be got approved by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of MD program. The synopsis after review by an Institutional Review Committee shall be submitted to the University for Consideration by the Advanced Studies & Research Board, through the Principal / Dean /Head of the institution.

### **Submission of Thesis**

1. Thesis shall be submitted by the candidate duly recommended by the Supervisor.
2. The minimum duration between approval of synopsis and submission of thesis shall be one year.
3. The research thesis must be compiled and bound in accordance with the Thesis Format Guidelines approved by the University and available on website.
4. The research thesis will be submitted along with the fee prescribed by the University.

### **Thesis Evaluation**

- a. The candidate will submit his/her thesis at least 06 months prior to completion of training.
- b. The Thesis along with a certificate of approval from the supervisor will be submitted to the Registrar's office, who would record the date / time etc. and get received from the Controller of Examinations within 05 working days of receiving.
- c. The Controller of Examinations will submit a panel of eight examiners within 07 days for selection of four examiners by the Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor shall return the Final panel within 05 working days to the Controller of Examinations for processing and assessment. in case of any delay the Controller of Examination would bring the case personally to the Vice Chancellor.
- d. The Supervisor shall not act as an examiner of the candidate and will not take part in evaluation of thesis.
- e. The Controller of Examinations will make sure that the Thesis is submitted to examiners in appropriate fashion and a reminder is sent after every ten days.
- f. The thesis will be evaluated by the examiners within a period of 06 weeks.
- g. in case the examiners fail to complete the task within 06 weeks with 02 fortnightly reminders by the Controller of Examinations, the Controller of Examinations will bring it to the notice of Vice Chancellor in person.
- h. In case of difficulty in find an internal examiner for thesis evaluation, the Vice Chancellor would, in consultation with the concerned Deans, appoint any relevant person as examiner in supersession of the relevant Clause of the University Regulations.
- i. There will be two internal and two external examiners. In case of difficulty in finding examiners, the Vice Chancellor would, in consultation with the concerned Deans, appoint minimum of three, one internal and two external examiners.
- j. The total marks of thesis evaluation will be 400 and 60% marks will be required to pass the evaluation.
- k. The thesis will be considered accepted, if the cumulative score of all the examiners is 60%.
- l. The clinical training will end at completion of stipulated training period but the candidate will become eligible to appear in the Final Examination at completion of clinical training and after acceptance of thesis. In case clinical training ends earlier, the slot will fall vacant after stipulated training period.

**Award of MD Internal Medicine Degree**

After successful completion of the structured course of MD Internal Medicine and qualifying Intermediate, Final Examinations (Written, Clinical TOACS/OSCE & ORAL and Thesis), the degree with title MD Internal Medicine shall be awarded.



## **SECTION – II**

### **Details of curriculum of MD Dermatology Program**

**RAWALPINDI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY**

**RAWALPINDI**

- 1. Curriculum of first year MD dermatology***
- 2. Curriculum of second, third, fourth and fifth year MD Dermatology***

**CURRICULUM FOR FIRST YEAR**

**MD DERMATOLOGY**

**RAWALPINDI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY**

**RAWALPINDI**

**Basic Sciences component**

## **Table of content of first year Basic Sciences component**

<b>SNO.</b>	<b>Name of course</b>
1	cardiovascular system
2	central nervous system
3	Endocrine system
4	Gastrointestinal system
5	Haematology
6	Immune system
7	Renal system
8	Respiratory system
9	Infection
10	microbiology
11	pharmacology
12	psychiatry

# FIRST YEAR MD CURRICULUM DERMATOLOGY

## A SYSTEM VISE APPROACH

### CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM (CVS)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recall the basic embryology of the cardiovascular system.</li> <li>• To review the common anomalies of the heart and vascular system including septal defects, patent ductus arteriosus, Fallot's tetralogy and coarctation of aorta.</li> <li>• To appraise the microscopic structure of the heart muscle and it's conducting system.</li> <li>• To emphasize the characteristics of the cardiac muscle contraction, duration, refractory period, pacemaker and rhythmicity.</li> <li>• To interpret the normal electrocardiogram and significance of its waves, intervals, voltage and calibration.</li> <li>• To understand the principles and methods of recording, electrocardiographic Leads.</li> <li>• To reproduce the mechanism of production of heart sounds their location, characters and relationship with the cardiac cycle.</li> <li>• To discuss the Patho-physiology of cardiac failure, valvular heart disease,</li> </ul>	1. Embryology and microscopic appearance of heart and its conducting system with special focus on developmental anomalies of the heart and vascular system.	2 hrs session with 15 minutes question answer session and 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	Listening and recording skills
	2. Physiology of cardiac muscle contraction and conducting system of heart along with special focus on pacemaker activity	2 hrs session with 15 minutes question answer session and 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	Listening and recording skills
	3. Cardiac cycle and Interpretation of normal ECG and method of its recording	2 hrs session	small group discussion & Demonstration	Group work
	4. Pathophysiology of cardiovascular	2 hrs session with 15	Large class format	Listening and recording skills

<p>hypertension and haemorrhagic shock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To analyze and interpret the data of diagnostic tests related to cardiovascular diseases.</li> <li>To perform a quick revision of Cardiovascular Drugs e.g. cardiac glycosides, antiarrhythmic, antianginal and antihypertensive drugs.</li> </ul>	<p>diseases along with interpretation of diagnostic tests and a quick review of cardiovascular pharmacology</p>	<p>minutes question answer session and 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>(interactive lecture)</p>	
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### A SYSTEM VISE APPROACH

#### CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM (CNS)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To recall the morphology of adult brain and ventricular system and relate it to its embryological development.</li> <li>To review the concept of meninges and subarachnoid spaces.</li> <li>To summarize the formation and reabsorption of cerebral spinal fluid, including the anatomy and function of the choroid plexi.</li> <li>To understand the normal pressure, volume, and composition of the CSF and how CSF can vary in certain pathological conditions.</li> </ul>	<p>1. External morphology of cerebral, lobes, surface, sulci and gyri., cerebellum and its subdivisions, midbrain, pons and medulla</p>	<p>2 hrs session with 15 minutes group discussion break and 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>Demonstration on brain models &amp; 3D movies of the subject</p>	<p>Listening skills and enhancement of visual memory</p>
	<p>2. Blood supply of the brain, external morphology of meninges, Parts of the cranial dura, formation and drainage of dural</p>	<p>2 hrs session with 15 minutes group discussion break and 10 minutes ice breaker</p>	<p>Demonstration on brain models &amp; 3D movies of the subject and also dissected specimens</p>	<p>Listening skills and enhancement of visual memory</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To debate the clinical tests and findings that allow a physician to distinguish between upper and lower motorneuron disorders, including the Babinski sign.</li> <li>• To describe the anatomy and functions of the major ascending and descending spinal cord tracts, including any crossing of midline.</li> <li>• To discuss the concept of dermatomes, sensory deficits, and motor deficits to identify local spinal cord lesions, and spinal cord hemisection.</li> <li>• To critique the immediate and long-term consequences of spinal cord transection.</li> <li>• To interpret the cerebrovascular disorders (stroke, aneurysm, migraine headache) as to primary cause and effect, including how excitotoxic mechanisms can lead to neuronal death following stroke or injury.</li> <li>• To appraise the physiological anatomy of cranial nerves with their clinical applications.</li> <li>• To enable the students about basic understanding about CT and MRI appearance of various structures of brain along with identification of lesions.</li> </ul>	<p>sinuses, Ventricular system of the brain and Circulation of cerebrospinal fluid and its composition and appraisal of appearance of CT and MRI scans and identification of structures.</p>	activity		
	<p>3. Blood supply of the spinal cord, relationship of the "segments" to vertebrae at different ages. Internal structure of the spinal cord, organization of the grey and white matter, location of ascending and descending tracts, and their functions and effects of injury or disease.</p>	2hrs session with 15 minutes group discussion break and 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Power point presentation made by students supported with demonstration on models and dissected specimens of spinal cord	Presentation & Demonstration skills
	<p>4. Physiological Anatomy of cranial nerves with their intracranial and extracranial course and distribution, location of various cranial nerve nuclei</p>	2hrs session with 15 minutes group discussion break and 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Power point presentation with 3D movie clips	Listening skills

	and effects of lesions.			
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## FIRST YEAR MD CURRICULUM DERMATOLOGY A SYSTEM VISE APPROACH

### ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION	ASSESSMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recall chemistry, biosynthesis, storage, release, transport, mechanism of action and site of action of endocrine hormones</li> <li>• To discuss physiological functions of all major endocrine glands of the body</li> <li>• To understand assessment of functions of all major endocrine glands of the body</li> <li>• To integrate the concept of Calcium homeostasis</li> <li>• To critique effects of hypo-and hyperactivity of all the endocrine glands of the body</li> </ul>	1. Comprehensive knowledge of all hormones including their chemistry, biosynthesis, storage, release, transport, mechanism of action and site of action	2 hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Recording skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
	2. physiological functions and assessment of functions of all major endocrine glands of the body	2 hrs session 10 minutes ice breaker activity	seminar in which students would make power point presentations on given topics including 3D movies regarding the given topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
	3. role of endocrine hormones in Calcium homeostasis	2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Problem based learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical thinking skills</li> <li>• Problem solving skills</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs

	4. Effects of hypo-and hyperactivity of the endocrine glands	2hrs session with 15 minutes group discussion break and 10 minutes ice breaker activity	seminar in which students would make power point presentations on given topics including relevant pictures regarding the given topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
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## FIRST YEAR MD CURRICULUM DERMATOLOGY

### A SYSTEM VISE APPROACH

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM (GIT)					
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION	ASSESSMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To formulate the art &amp; science of history taking of GIT</li> <li>• To recall the anatomical aspects of various parts of GIT one by one in sequence</li> <li>• To reproduce the physiological concepts of stomach, pancreas, gall bladder, liver, small intestine and large intestine</li> <li>• To discuss Circulation of bile</li> <li>• To appraise Principles and</li> </ul>	1. history taking of GIT, Parts, relations with other structures, , functional correlation with structure, common pattern of blood supply, nerve supply and lymphatic drainage of the	2 hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Seminar in which students would make power point presentations on given topics including 3D movies regarding the given topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs

<p>assessment of liver function tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To interpret data, diagnostic tests of GIT</li> <li>• To debate Hyperbilirubinaemias with special focus on congenital hyperbilirubinaemias</li> </ul>	<p>mouth, tongue and salivary glands, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, appendix, colon (including caecum), rectum, anal canal, liver, gallbladder, bile ducts and pancreas.</p>				
	<p>2. Functions of the stomach, pancreas, gall bladder, liver, small intestine and large intestine</p>	<p>2 hrs session 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>seminar in which students would make power point presentations on given topics including 3D movies regarding the given topic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>
	<p>3. Circulation of bile. Principles and assessment of liver function tests. Interpretation of data, diagnostic tests of GIT.</p>	<p>2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>Problem based learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical thinking skills</li> <li>• Problem solving skills</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>
	<p>4. Hyperbilirubinaemias with special focus on</p>	<p>2hrs session with 15 minutes group</p>	<p>Large class format (interactive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Recording skills</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>



	congenital hyperbilirubinaemias.	discussion break and 10 minutes ice breaker activity	lecture)		
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## FIRST YEAR MD CURRICULUM DERMATOLOGY A SYSTEM VISE APPROACH

HAEMATOLOGY					
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION	ASSESSMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recall the General properties and composition of Blood</li> <li>• To discuss Structure, production, functions and fate of red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets</li> <li>• To reproduce Structure, formation, functions, and fate of haemoglobin</li> <li>• To enlist Precautions and hazards of blood transfusion</li> <li>• To learn to diagnose various types of anemias and lukaemias</li> <li>• To analyze &amp; interpret complete blood picture, haematological changes in infectious and non infectious diseases</li> <li>• To classify Chemotherapeutic Agents</li> <li>• To discuss mechanism of action of</li> </ul>	1. General properties and composition of Blood, Structure, production, functions and fate of red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets	2 hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Seminar in which students would make power point presentations on given topics including 3D movies regarding the given topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
	2. Structure, formation, functions, and fate of haemoglobin, Precautions and hazards of blood transfusion.	2 hrs session 10 minutes ice breaker activity	seminar in which students would make power point presentations on the given topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs

<p>Chemotherapeutic Agents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To discuss the side effects of Chemotherapeutic Agents</li> </ul>					
	<p>3. Diagnosis of various types of anemias and lukaemias, Interpretation of complete blood picture, haematological changes in infectious and non infectious diseases</p>	<p>2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>Problem based learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical thinking skills</li> <li>Problem solving skills</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>
	<p>4. Chemotherapeutic Agents</p>	<p>2hrs session with 15 minutes group discussion break and 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>Large class format (interactive lecture)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening skills</li> <li>Recording skills</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>

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## A SYSTEM VISE APPROACH

### IMMUNE SYSTEM

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION	ASSESSMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recall the types of immunity</li> <li>• To understand the concept of Immune response</li> <li>• To discuss Diagnostic procedures in a clinical microbiology laboratory</li> <li>• To restate Protective immunity to microbial diseases</li> <li>• To summarize the concepts of Tumour immunology, Immunological tolerance, autoimmunity</li> <li>• To enlist autoimmune diseases</li> <li>• To discuss Transplantation immunology &amp; Hypersensitivity</li> <li>• To describe Immunodeficiency disorders, Immunoprophylaxis &amp; Immunotherapy</li> </ul>	1. Types of Immunity, Immune response & Diagnostic procedures in a clinical microbiology laboratory	2 hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Recording skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
	2. Protective immunity to microbial diseases, Tumour immunology, Immunological tolerance, autoimmunity and autoimmune diseases.	2 hrs session 10 minutes ice breaker activity	seminar in which students would make power point presentations on given topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
	3. Transplantation immunology & Hypersensitivity	2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Recording skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs

	4. Immunodeficiency disorders, Immunoprophylaxis & Immunotherapy	2hrs session with 15 minutes group discussion break and 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Recording skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
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### RENAL SYSTEM

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION	ASSESSMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To summarize the facts about Renal circulation, Glomerular filtration</li> </ul>	5. Renal circulation, Glomerular filtration	2 hrs session with 10	Large class format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Recording</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs

<p>&amp;Tubular function of kidneys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To restate the mechanism of water excretion by the kidneys</li> <li>• To illustrate the concept of urine acidification by the renal system</li> <li>• To discuss regulation of Na + and K + excretion from the kidneys</li> <li>• To restate the regulation of extracellular fluid composition and volume</li> <li>• To interpret renal function tests</li> <li>• To discuss Homeostatic mechanisms to maintain Tonicity &amp; Volume</li> </ul>	&Tubular function	minutes ice breaker activity	(interactive lecture)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	
	6. Water excretion & Acidification of urine	2 hrs session 10 minutes ice breaker activity	seminar in which students would make power point presentations on given topics including 3D movies regarding the given topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
	7. Regulation of Na + and K + excretion & interpretation of renal function tests	2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Recording skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
	8. Regulation of extracellular fluid composition and volume Homeostatic mechanisms to Maintain Tonicity & Volume	2hrs session with 15 minutes group discussion break and 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Small group discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group work</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs

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## RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reproduce the basic concepts of physiological anatomy of respiratory system.</li> <li>• To review pulmonary mechanics.</li> <li>• To discuss exchange and transport of carbon dioxide and oxygen in blood.</li> <li>• To recall regulation of respiration.</li> <li>• To debate pathophysiology of respiratory insufficiencies and respiratory failure.</li> <li>• To analyze and interpret the data of diagnostic tests of respiratory diseases.</li> <li>• To demonstrate Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.</li> <li>• To summarize major concepts of Respiratory Pharmacology</li> </ul>	5. Physiological Anatomy of respiratory system	2 hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Small group discussion	Group work
	6. Pulmonary mechanics at rest and during activity (dynamic), concept of pulmonary ventilation, pulmonary pressures, capacities and volumes and understanding of pulmonary function tests	2 hrs session with 15 minutes question answer session and 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	Listening and recording skills
	7. Transport and exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide. Regulation of respiration (chemical and neural), Pathophysiology of respiratory insufficiencies, hypoxia, dyspnoea, asphyxia, hypercapnia. and respiratory failure.	2 hrs session	Problem based learning with help of real life scenarios	Problem solving skills and critical thinking skills

	8. Concept of Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and interpretation of data of diagnostic tests and Respiratory Pharmacology	2 hrs session with 15 minutes question answer session and 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture) with related videos	Listening and recording skills
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INFECTIOIN					
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION	ASSESSMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recall the concept of cell injury including Reversible and Irreversible Injury, Fatty change, Pathologic calcification, Necrosis and Gangrene.</li> <li>• To discuss Cellular adaptation including Atrophy, Hypertrophy, Hyperplasia, Metaplasia, Aplasia</li> <li>• To illustrate changes in acute inflammation focusing on Cellular components and chemical mediators of acute inflammation</li> <li>• To differentiate between Exudates and transudate.</li> <li>• To enlist the Sequelae of acute inflammation</li> <li>• To summarize changes in tissues during chronic inflammation along with Etiological factors and pathogenesis</li> <li>• To distinguish between acute and chronic</li> <li>• To discuss the Histologic hallmarks of chronic inflammation including non-granulomatous and granulomatous inflammations and their causes</li> </ul>	<p>1. Cell Injury; Reversible and Irreversible Injury, Fatty change, Pathologic calcification, Necrosis and Gangrene.</p>	<p>2 hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>Large class format (interactive lecture)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Recording skills</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>
	<p>2. Cellular adaptation; Atrophy, Hypertrophy, Hyperplasia, Metaplasia, Aplasia</p>	<p>2 hrs session 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>Small group discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group work</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>
	<p>3. Acute inflammation; Cellular components and chemical mediators of acute inflammation.</p>	<p>2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker</p>	<p>seminar in which students would make</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>



	Exudates and transudate. Sequelae of acute inflammation	activity	power point presentations on the given topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	
	4. Chronic inflammation; Etiological factors and pathogenesis, Distinction between acute and chronic, duration of inflammation. Histologic hallmarks; Types of chronic inflammation: non-granulomatous and granulomatous, and their causes	2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening skills</li> <li>Presentation skills</li> <li>Computer skills</li> <li>enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs

## FIRST YEAR MD CURRICULUM DERM MEDICINE

MICROBIOLOGY					
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION	ASSESSMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To enlist various types of microorganisms</li> <li>To discuss the Role of Microbes in Various Human Diseases</li> <li>To identify the source of infection</li> </ul>	5. A brief account of the classification of microorganisms, Role of Microbes in Various Human Diseases, Infection source.	2 hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening skills</li> <li>Recording skills</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recall cycle of bacterial growth and death and also modes of transmission of different bacteria</li> <li>• To illustrate briefly pathological changes produced by bacteria in the tissues</li> <li>• To enlist names of bacteria commonly causing diseases in Pakistan</li> <li>• To recall the names of bacteria &amp; diseases not commonly found in Pakistan</li> <li>• To formulate the concept of Gram staining and AFB staining, Culture of blood and fluid, details regarding methodology in collection, transportation and preservation Culture media for common pathogens and methods of culture, Special culture media.</li> <li>• To understand the basic concept of sensitivity tests</li> <li>• To summarize fungal diseases produced by fungi in Pakistan</li> <li>• To memorize common opportunistic infections</li> <li>• To discuss important Parasitic infections commonly found in Pakistan</li> </ul>	<p>6. Bacterial growth and Death; Names, habitat, modes of transmission/infection, pathogenic mechanism and pathological changes produced by bacteria, commonly causing human diseases in Pakistan. Names of bacteria and diseases produced by bacteria not commonly found in Pakistan.</p> <p>Gram staining and AFB staining, Culture of blood and fluid, details regarding methodology in collection, transportation and preservation Culture media for common pathogens and methods of culture, Special culture media, Basis of sensitivity tests.</p>	<p>2 hrs session 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>seminar in which students would make power point presentations on the given topics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To differentiate between the process of sterilization and disinfection</li> <li>• To reproduce the concept of immunization</li> <li>• To identify nosocomial infections</li> <li>• To explain Use of Investigation and</li> </ul>	<p>7. Fungal Diseases; Names, general morphological features, and diseases produced by fungi commonly found in Pakistan, including dermatophytes. maduromycosis and</p>	<p>2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>seminar in which students would make power point presentations on the given topics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>

<p>Procedures in Laboratory using different specimens including Sputum, Urine, Stool, Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF), Pus, Aspirates.</p>	<p>opportunistic infections</p> <p>8. Important Parasites; Names and modes of infection of parasitic diseases commonly found in Pakistan including amoebiasis, malaria, leishmaniasis, ascariasis, cestodiasis, ankylostomiasis, giardiasis, hydatid disease and guinea worm disease.</p> <p>Sterilization and disinfection, Immunization, Morphology: Identification of various shapes of bacteria and viruses under the microscope. Distribution, size, motility, reproduction and functions of bacteria and viruses, Nosocomial Infections, Use Of Investigation And Procedures In Laboratory. Sputum, Urine, Stool, Cerebrospinal Fluid(CSF), Pus, Aspirates.</p>	<p>2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>Large class format (interactive lecture)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>
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PHARMACOLOGY					
LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION	ASSESSMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To briefly discuss The Evolution of Medical Drugs &amp; importance of British Pharmacopia</li> <li>To en list types of receptors for action of drugs</li> <li>To discuss mechanism of action of various drugs</li> <li>To illustrate Pharmacokinetic Process including Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Desired Plasma Concentration, Volume of Distribution, Elimination, Elimination rate constant and half-life &amp; Creatinine clearance.</li> <li>To discuss briefly Effects of Drug Clearance</li> <li>To summarize the concepts of Drug Dependence, Addiction, Abuse and Tolerance, Drug Interactions</li> <li>To enlist Drug use in pregnancy , in children, and drugs of Autonomic Pharmacology</li> <li>To understand Basic concepts of pharmacokinetics and dynamics of: Autacoids and their antagonists ,Diuretics, Cardiovascular Drugs e.g. cardiac glycosides, antiarrhythmic, antianginal and antihypertensive</li> </ul>	<p>9. The Evolution of Medical Drugs &amp; British Pharmacopia, Introduction to Pharmacology Receptors, Mechanisms of action of Drugs</p>	<p>2 hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>Large class format (interactive lecture)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening skills</li> <li>Recording skills</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>
	<p>10. Pharmacokinetic Process; Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Desired Plasma Concentration, Volume of Distribution, Elimination, Elimination rate constant and half-life, Creatinine clearance. Effects of Drug Clearance; Beneficial Responses, Harmful Responses, Allergic Responses. Drug Dependence, Addiction, Abuse and Tolerance, Drug Interactions, Drug use in pregnancy and in children, Autonomic Pharmacology.</p>	<p>2 hrs session 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>seminar in which students would make power point presentations on the given topics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening skills</li> <li>Presentation skills</li> <li>Computer skills</li> <li>enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>
	<p>11. Basic concepts of pharmacokinetics and dynamics of: Autacoids and their antagonists ,Diuretics, Cardiovascular Drugs e.g. cardiac glycosides, antiarrhythmic, antianginal and antihypertensive</p>	<p>2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>Large class format (interactive lecture)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listening skills</li> <li>Presentation skills</li> <li>Computer skills</li> <li>enhancement of</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>

<p>drugs</p>	<p>cardiac glycosides, antiarrhythmic, antianginal and antihypertensive drugs</p>			<p>visual memory</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To discuss the Basic concepts of pharmacokinetics and dynamics of: Central Nervous System Drugs e.g. anxiolytics &amp; hypnotics, antiepileptic, antiparkinsonians, opioid analgesics, antipsychotics&amp; antidepressants.</li> <li>• To explain the Basic concepts of pharmacokinetics and dynamics of: Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory drugs and drugs used in gout</li> <li>• To recall the Basic concepts of pharmacokinetics and dynamics of: Endocrine pharmacology including calcium homeostasis</li> <li>• To review Gastrointestinal Tract pharmacology, Respiratory pharmacology, Drugs Acting on the Blood Chemotherapy, Antibacterial, antimycobacterial, antiviral, antifungal and antiparasitic Immunopharmacology,</li> <li>• To reiterate Basic concepts of pharmacokinetics and dynamics of: Vitamins and Antioxidants</li> </ul>	<p>12. Central Nervous System Drugs e.g. anxiolytics &amp; hypnotics, antiepileptic, antiparkinsonians, opioid analgesics, antipsychotics&amp; antidepressants. Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory drugs and drugs used in gout, Endocrine pharmacology including calcium homeostasis, Gastrointestinal Tract pharmacology, Respiratory pharmacology, Drugs Acting on the Blood Chemotherapy, Antibacterial, antimycobacterial, antiviral, antifungal and antiparasitic Immunopharmacology, Vitamins and Antioxidants</p>	<p>2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity</p>	<p>seminar in which students would make power point presentations on the given topics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	<p>MCQs SEQs</p>

## FIRST YEAR MD CURRICULUM DERM

## PSYCHIATRY

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	TIME ALLOCATION	TEACHING METHOD	DESIRED SOFT SKILLS ACQUISITION	ASSESSMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To discuss the community psychological aspect of health</li> <li>• To understand Bio-Psycho-Social Model</li> <li>• To enlist Psychological Aspect of Diseases</li> <li>• To illustrate pathophysiology of stress</li> <li>• To summarize methods of stress management</li> <li>• To state Psychological Aspects of Pain</li> <li>• To recognize &amp; report Psychological Aspects of Aging</li> </ul>	1. Community Psychological Aspect of Health & Bio-Psycho-Social Model	2 hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Recording skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
	2. Psychological Aspect of Disease , Stress and its Management	2 hrs session 10 minutes ice breaker activity	seminar in which students would make power point presentations on given topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Computer skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
	3. Psychological Aspects of Pain	2hrs session with 10 minutes ice breaker activity	Large class format (interactive lecture)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Recording skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual memory</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs
	4. Psychological Aspects of Aging	2hrs session with 15 minutes group discussion break and 10	Large class format (interactive lecture)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening skills</li> <li>• Recording skills</li> <li>• enhancement of visual</li> </ul>	MCQs SEQs

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## CLINICAL CURRICULUM FOR FIRST YEAR MD DERMATOLOGY

TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT	LEARNING OBJECTIVES Student should be able to know:	TEACHING METHOD	ASSESSMENT
<p><b>1. History Taking (Knowledge)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To progressively develop the ability to obtain a relevant focused history from increasingly complex patients and challenging circumstances</li> <li>• To record accurately and synthesize history with clinical examination and formulation of management plan according to likely clinical evolution</li> <li>• Recognizes the importance of different elements of history</li> <li>• Recognizes the importance of clinical (particularly cognitive impairment), psychological, social, cultural and nutritional factors particularly those relating to ethnicity, race, cultural or religious beliefs and preferences, sexual orientation, gender and disability</li> <li>• Recognizes that patients do not present history in structured fashion and that the history may be influenced by the presence of acute and chronic medical conditions</li> <li>• Knows likely causes and risk factors for conditions relevant to mode of presentation</li> <li>• Recognizes that history should inform examination, investigation and management</li> </ul>	<p>Bedside teaching in wards and outpatient departments</p>	<p>mini-CEX MCQs</p>
<p><b>2. History Taking (Skills)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and overcome possible barriers (eg cognitive impairment) to effective communication</li> <li>• Manage time and draw consultation to a close appropriately</li> <li>• Supplement history with standardised instruments or</li> </ul>	<p>Bedside teaching in wards and outpatient departments</p>	<p>mini-CEX</p>

	<p>questionnaires when relevant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage alternative and conflicting views from family, carers and friends</li> <li>• Assimilate history from the available information from patient and other sources</li> <li>• Recognise and interpret the use of non verbal communication from patients and carers</li> <li>• Focus on relevant aspects of history</li> </ul>		
<b>3. History Taking (Behaviors)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show respect and behave in accordance with Good Medical Practice</li> </ul>	Bedside teaching in wards and outpatient departments	ACAT mini-CEX
<b>4. Clinical examination (knowledge)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To progressively develop the ability to perform focussed and accurate clinical examination in increasingly complex patients and challenging circumstances</li> <li>• To relate physical findings to history in order to establish diagnosis and formulate a management plan</li> <li>• Understand the need for a valid clinical examination</li> <li>• Understand the basis for clinical signs and the relevance of positive and negative physical signs</li> <li>• Recognise constraints to performing physical examination and strategies that may be used to overcome them</li> <li>• Recognise the limitations of physical examination and the need for adjunctive forms of assessment to confirm diagnosis</li> </ul>	Bedside teaching in wards and outpatient departments	CbD mini-CEX ACAT
<b>5. Clinical examination (skills)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform an examination relevant to the presentation and risk factors that is valid, targeted and time efficient</li> <li>• Recognize the possibility of deliberate harm in</li> </ul>	Bedside teaching in wards and outpatient	CbD mini-CEX ACAT

	<p>vulnerable patients and report to appropriate agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpret findings from the history, physical examination and mental state examination, appreciating the importance of clinical, psychological, religious, social and cultural factors</li> <li>• Actively elicit important clinical findings</li> <li>• Perform relevant adjunctive examinations including cognitive examination such as Mini Mental state Examination (MMSE) and Abbreviated Mental Test Score (AMTS)</li> </ul>	departments	
<b>6. Clinical examination (Behaviors)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show respect and behaves in accordance with Good Medical Practice</li> </ul>	Bedside teaching in wards and outpatient departments	CbD, mini-CEX, MSF
<b>7. Time management and decision making</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To become increasingly able to prioritise and organise clinical and clerical duties in order to optimise patient care. To become increasingly able to make appropriate clinical and clerical decisions in order to optimise the effectiveness of the clinical team resource</li> </ul>	Bedside teaching in wards and outpatient departments	ACAT, CbD
<b>8. Decision making and clinical reasoning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To progressively develop the ability to formulate a diagnostic and therapeutic plan for a patient according to the clinical information available</li> <li>• To progressively develop the ability to prioritise the diagnostic and therapeutic plan</li> <li>• To be able to communicate the diagnostic and therapeutic plan appropriately</li> </ul>	Bedside teaching in wards	ACAT, CbD, mini-CEX

## *Common Clinical Disorders*

<b>1. Acute hepatitis A&amp;E</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Acute hepatitis, its various causes</li> <li>• Investigations for hepatitis</li> <li>• Epidemiology, incubation period, transmission, clinical features, complication, management of acute viral hepatitis</li> <li>• Medications and toxins causing acute hepatitis, associated clinical features, diagnosis, management with focus on acute hepatic failure</li> </ul>	Large class format (interactive lecture)	MCQs & SEQs Long case Short case
<b>2. Chronic hepatitis B&amp;C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is chronic hepatitis</li> <li>• Epidemiology, pathophysiology, clinical features and complications of chronic hepatitis B/C</li> <li>• Investigation for diagnosing chronic hepatitis</li> <li>• Management and outcome</li> </ul>	Large class format (interactive lecture)	MCQs & SEQs Long case Short case
<b>3. Ascites + HRS</b>	<p><b>Ascites</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is ascites, its causes, and pathophysiology</li> <li>• Clinical features, investigations (SAAG analysis included), management, complications, and outcome depending on cause</li> </ul> <p><b>HRS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is hepatorenal syndrome</li> <li>• Its causes, pathophysiology, and types</li> <li>• Clinical features, investigations, management, and outcome</li> </ul>	Bed side teaching	MCQs & SEQs OSCE Long case Short case
<b>4. Stroke</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition the definition of Stroke</li> <li>• epidemiology and types of stroke</li> </ul>	Problem Based Learning	MCQs & SEQs OSCE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presenting symptoms and Neurological Manifestation</li> <li>• Importance of investigation like CT SCAN brain</li> <li>• differential diagnosis of stroke</li> <li>• Treatment and prognosis</li> <li>• Follow up</li> </ul>		Long case Short case
<b>5. Asthma</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is asthma, its epidemiology, pathophysiology, types, aggravating factors</li> <li>• Clinical features including, signs of severity, grading</li> <li>• Investigations including PFTS, and differential diagnosis</li> <li>• Treatment of asthma with focus on acute severe, and graded treatment of chronic asthma</li> <li>• Complications/outcome</li> </ul>	Large class format (interactive lecture)	MCQs & SEQs OSCE Long case Short case
<b>6. Tuberculosis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differentiate between primary tuberculosis and reactivated tuberculosis on the basis of pathophysiology</li> <li>• Discuss the incidence of TB worldwide, and identify the causative agent</li> <li>• Explain how TB is spread</li> <li>• Differentiate between Ghon focus &amp; Ghon complex</li> <li>• Compare causes, pathophysiology, clinical features, diagnosis and treatment of primary and secondary tuberculosis</li> <li>• Different regimen of treatment</li> <li>• Discuss complications and prevention of tuberculosis</li> </ul>	Large class format (interactive lecture)	MCQs & SEQs Long case Short case
<b>7. Anemia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define Anemia</li> <li>• Different Classifications of anemia</li> <li>• Causes of different types of anemias</li> <li>• Clinical features of anemia</li> <li>• Specific features of different anemias</li> <li>• Normal values of hematological parameters</li> <li>• Basic investigations in anemia</li> <li>• Specific investigation in different types of anemias</li> </ul>	Bedside teaching	MCQs & SEQs OSCE Long case Short case

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment options in different anemia</li> </ul>		
<b>8. General Management of poisoning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is poisoning , and its types</li> <li>• General approach to poisoning (triage and resuscitation, clinical assessment and investigations, general, management, psychiatric evaluation)</li> <li>• Gastrointestinal decontamination</li> <li>• Commonly used antidotes and methods of poison removal</li> <li>• Role of psychiatric evaluation</li> </ul>	Large class format (interactive lecture)	MCQs & SEQs Long case Short case
<b>9. Diabetes Mellitus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the etiology</li> <li>• Pathogenesis of Diabetes</li> <li>• Know the types of Diabetes mellitus</li> <li>• Know the criteria for the diagnosis</li> <li>• Management of diabetes.</li> <li>• Complications and its management</li> <li>• Special situations</li> </ul>	Small group discussion	MCQs & SEQs Long case Short case
<b>10. Acute Kidney Injury</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is AKI, its pathophysiology, and causes (pre/post, and renal)</li> <li>• Clinical features, criteria for AKI, and investigations.</li> <li>• Management of AKI including hemodynamic monitoring , acid-base and electrolyte management, dietary measures, use of medications/renal replacement therapy, complications and their treatment prognosis</li> </ul>	Bedside teaching	MCQs & SEQs Long case Short case

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### **A. GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE**

#### **Educational Purpose**

The Internal Medicine Ward rotation is structured to provide PGTs with the fundamental knowledge base of internal medicine, the essential principles in the approach to internal medicine ward patients, the basic techniques of physical examination, the necessary skills in performing clinical procedures, and the capability to communicate clearly with patients, their families and other members of the health care team.

#### **Content of required knowledge:**

1. ***Human Growth, Development, and Aging:*** adolescent medicine, aging and introduction to geriatric medicine, management of common problems in the elderly.
2. ***Preventive Medicine:*** principles of preventive medicine, immunization, alcohol and substances abuse.
3. ***Principle of Diagnosis and Management:*** clinical approach to the patient, clinical decision-making, interpretation of laboratory data.
4. ***Cardiovascular Diseases:*** Congestive heart failure, cardiac arrhythmias, hypertension, coronary heart disease, interpretation of EKG, interpretation of echocardiogram, nuclear medicine imaging, indication for cardiac catheterization.
5. ***Respiratory Diseases:*** Respiratory failure, COPD, asthma, pulmonary embolism, pleural effusion, interpretation of pulmonary function tests.
6. ***Renal Diseases:*** disorders of electrolytes and acid-base, acute renal failure, chronic renal failure, glomerulonephritis, tubulointerstitial diseases, vascular disorders.
7. ***Gastrointestinal Diseases:*** gastrointestinal bleeding, small bowel obstruction, large bowel obstruction, ischemic bowel diseases, pancreatitis, and diarrhea.

8. **Diseases of the Liver and Hepatobiliary Tract:** Viral hepatitis, cirrhosis and portal hypertension, and hepatic failure.
9. **Hematologic Diseases:** Anemias, interpretation of the peripheral blood smear, transfusion of blood and blood products, neutropenia, disorders of the platelets, disorders of blood coagulation.
10. **Oncology:** Acute leukemias, oncologic emergencies, lymphomas.
11. **Metabolic Diseases:** Hyperlipoproteinemias, gout.
12. **Nutritional Diseases:** Principles of nutritional support, parenteral nutrition.
13. **Endocrine Diseases:** Diabetes mellitus, diabetic keto-acidosis, adrenal disorders, thyroid diseases, osteoporosis.
14. **Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Diseases:** Arthritis, SLE, vasculitic syndromes.
15. **Infectious Diseases:** Septic shock, principles of antimicrobial therapy, pneumonias, UTI, soft tissue infections, osteomyelitis, infective endocarditis, bacterial meningitis, enteric infections, tuberculosis, fungal infections, HIV infection, treatment of AIDS and related disorders.
16. **Neurology:** The neurologic examination, radiologic imaging, cerebrovascular accident, dementias, sleep disorders, seizures.

#### Teaching Strategy:

- Bedside teaching during grand ward rounds
- Seminars
- Small group discussions
- Problem based learning
- Didactic lectures
- Case Based Discussion (CBD)
- Self-directed learning
- Follow up clinics
- Skill teaching in ward settings

- Clinic pathological conferences

#### Assessment:

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

#### Evaluation/Feedback

- 360 degree evaluation to judge the professionalism, ethics.

- A formal evaluation and verbal discussion with the PGT is to be done at the end of the rotation / PGTs are encouraged to discuss with the supervisor, co- supervisor and program director/Dean their learning experiences, difficulties or conflicts.
- Evaluation of training program by trainees pertinent to effectiveness and efficiency of program to equip trainees with necessary skills

**Attributes required other than knowledge**

<b>Patient Care</b>	<b>Evaluation of Patient Care</b>	<b>Professionalism</b>	<b>Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>	<b>Evaluation of Medical Knowledge</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain a complete history and recognize common abnormal physical findings.</li> <li>• Construct a master problem list, a working diagnosis, and a group of differential diagnoses.</li> <li>• Be familiar with different diagnostic tools such as the electronic thermometer, sphygmomanometer, ophthalmoscope, EKG machine, pulse oximetry, and defibrillator.</li> <li>• Become familiar with the concept of pre-test and post-test probabilities of disease.</li> <li>• Be able to perform various clinical procedures such as venipuncture, thoracentesis, paracentesis, lumbar puncture, arthrocentesis, skin punch-biopsy, endotracheal intubation, and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completeness and accuracy of medical interviews and physical examinations.</li> <li>• Thoroughness of the review of the available medical data on each patient.</li> <li>• Performance of appropriate maneuvers and procedures on patients.</li> <li>• Accuracy and thoroughness of patient assessments</li> <li>• Appropriateness of diagnostic and therapeutic decisions.</li> <li>• Soundness of medical judgment.</li> <li>• Consideration of patient preferences in making therapeutic decisions.</li> <li>• Completeness of medical charting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should continue to develop his/her ethical behavior, and must show the humanistic qualities of respect, compassion, integrity and honesty.</li> <li>• The resident must be willing to acknowledge errors and determine how to avoid future similar mistakes.</li> <li>• The resident must be responsible and reliable at all times.</li> <li>• The resident must always consider the needs of patients, families, colleagues, and support staff.</li> <li>• The resident must maintain a professional appearance at all times.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should learn when to call a sub-specialist for evaluation and management of a patient.</li> <li>• The resident should be able to clearly present a case to the attending staff in an organized and thorough manner.</li> <li>• The resident must be able to establish rapport with a patient and listen to the patient's complaints to promote the patient's welfare.</li> <li>• The resident should provide effective education and counseling for patients.</li> <li>• The resident must write organized legible notes.</li> <li>• The resident must communicate any patient problems to the attending staff in a timely fashion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should use feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve performance.</li> <li>• The resident should read pertinent required material and articles provided to enhance learning.</li> <li>• The resident should use the medical literature search tools in the library to find appropriate articles related to interesting cases.</li> <li>• The resident should use information provided by senior residents and attendings from rounds and consultations to improve performance and enhance learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident's ability to answer directed questions and to participate in attending rounds.</li> <li>• The resident's presentation of patient history and physical exam, where attention is given to differential diagnosis and pathophysiology.</li> <li>• When time permits, residents may be assigned short topics to present at attending grounds. These will be examined for completeness, accuracy, organization and the residents understanding of the topic.</li> <li>• The resident's ability to apply the information learned from attending round sessions to the patient care setting.</li> <li>• The residents interest level in learning.</li> </ul>

<p>central line placement. Residents should know indications of potential complications of each of these procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand how to improve patient/physician relationships in a professional way. Residents should be compassionate, but humble and honest, not only with their patients, but also with their co-workers.</li> <li>• Residents are encouraged to develop leadership in teaching and supervising interns and medical students.</li> <li>• Actively participate in all phases of patient care. Residents are encouraged to read on related topics, to share new learning with their colleagues and to keep their fund of knowledge up-to-date.</li> <li>• Learn to use the computer for literature searches, to read and analyze scientific articles.</li> </ul>					
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**Suggested Readings:**

1. Appropriate sections in Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine , McGraw Hill Publisher. PGTs should focus reading in particular sections that directly relate to the problems of their patients.
2. Appropriate sections in Cecil's Textbook of Medicine, W.B. Saunders Publisher. PGTs should focus reading in particular to sections that directly relate to the problems of their patients.
3. Pertinent sections of MKSAP booklets.
4. Principles of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology.
5. The PGT is encouraged to read current medical literature particularly articles that pertain to current patient problems. Examples of appropriate current medical literature are the New England Journal of Medicine, Annals of Internal Medicine, Archives of Internal Medicine and Journal of the American Medical Association.

**B. CRITICAL CARE UNIT (INTENSIVE CARE UNIT – ICU) & EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

**Educational Purpose:**

- The goal of the Critical Care faculty is to train the general internist to evaluate and treat critically ill patients, use consultants and paramedical personnel effectively, and stress sensitive, compassionate management of patients and their families.
- Training in emergency medicine and critical care is crucial for the general internist.
- Recognition/prioritization medical emergencies is the basic knowledge that should be acquired by the internist
- Important aspects of this training include: identifying patients who are candidates for intensive care, the bedside approach to the critically-ill patient, knowledge of algorithms for diagnosis and management of common problems in the ICU, death and resuscitation issues, interaction with families

**Content of required knowledge:**

1. Understand blood gas results and respond appropriately.
2. Understand cardiovascular hemodynamics in a wide range of disease states.
3. Management of congestive heart failure and cardiogenic shock.

4. Basics of conventional mechanical ventilation.
5. Nutritional support of the critically ill.
6. Management of acute myocardial ischemia.
7. Acute renal failure - diagnosis and treatment.
8. Acute endocrinologic emergencies.
9. Acute lung injury.
10. Sepsis and the sepsis syndrome.
11. Acute treatment of cardiac arrhythmias.
12. Management of acute gastrointestinal bleeding.
13. Management of common neurologic emergencies.
14. Management of common toxicologic emergencies

**Skills and Procedures:**

- Asthma management
- Evaluation of chest pain
- Evaluation of shortness of breath
- Airway management/tracheostomy Barotrauma
- Mechanical ventilation: indications, initial set-up, trouble shooting, weaning
- Critical care nutrition: indications, disease-specific nutrition, writing TPN orders
- Management of Ob/Gynae emergencies
- Oxygen transport: physiology, alterations in the critically-ill
- Arterial blood gases: approach to analysis, common alterations
- Hemodynamics: physiology, PA catheter, hemodynamic waveforms, trouble-shooting
- Critical care pharmacology: pressors / inotropes, antibiotic dosing, drug dosing in ARF
- Shock: pathophysiology, approach to resuscitation
- Fluid and electrolyte disturbances: sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium
- Acute renal failure: approach differential diagnosis, management
- Coma: pathophysiology, neurological exam, differential diagnosis



- Wound care
- Splinting techniques
- Ophthalmologic emergency management
- Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome
- Acute CHF
- Ethical issues in the ICU
- Management of environmental emergencies
- Basic toxicology principles
- Sepsis prevention in the ICU
- Arterial line insertion
- Central venous catheterization
- Pulmonary artery catheterization
- Assistance in endotracheal intubation
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Ordering and rapid interpretation of laboratory tests

**Attributes required other than knowledge**

<b>Patient Care</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>	<b>Professionalism</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trainees will learn to obtain a logical, chronological history from critically ill patients and their families and to do an effective physical examination in this challenging milieu. Use of information from old charts and private physicians is stressed.</li> <li>• Residents will learn to integrate physiological parameters and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should use feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve performance.</li> <li>• The resident should read the required material and articles provided to enhance learning.</li> <li>• The resident should use the medical literature search tools in the library to find appropriate articles related to interesting cases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should continue to develop his/her ethical behavior and the humanistic qualities of respect, compassion, integrity, and honesty. In the ICU, these goals are met in several ways:</li> <li>• Sensitive handling of a do-not resuscitate order.</li> <li>• Respect and compassion for the depersonalized, intubated, non-communicative patient.</li> <li>• Appropriate use of consultants and paramedical personnel.</li> <li>• Compassionate handling of families and development of rapport with them.</li> </ul>

<p>laboratory data with the clinical history and physical exam to make clinical diagnostic and management decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents will learn the appropriate use of daily progress notes in patient follow-up, and the need for frequent reevaluation of the unstable patient.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents should learn to ask permission for an autopsy in a forthright, non-threatening way and should be available to family members to discuss autopsy findings.</li> <li>The resident must be willing to acknowledge errors and determine how to avoid future similar mistakes.</li> <li>The resident must be responsible and reliable at all times.</li> <li>The resident must always consider the needs of patients, families, colleagues, and support staff.</li> <li>The resident must maintain a professional appearance at all times.</li> </ul>
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### **Teaching Strategies**

- A. Formal presentation of the new admissions.
- B. ICU Rounds
- C. Diagnostic and treatment strategies are discussed at the bedside.
- D. Didactic Lectures
- E. Reading assignments
- F. literature searches
- G. Noon conferences
- H. Skill teaching in ICU & emergency settings
- I. Skill teaching in skill laboratory

### **Evaluation/Feedback**

- At the midway point of the rotation, residents are given feedback (informally) on their performance to date. Areas and methods of improvement are suggested. A formal evaluation and verbal discussion with the resident is to be done at the end of the rotation.
- 360 degree evaluation to judge the professionalism, ethics

- A formal evaluation and verbal discussion with the PGT is to be done at the end of the rotation / PGTs are encouraged to discuss with the supervisor, co-supervisor and program director/Dean their learning experiences, difficulties or conflicts.
- Evaluation of training program by trainees pertinent to effectiveness and efficiency of program to equip trainees with necessary skills

**Suggested Readings:**

- Paul L. Marino, The ICU Book, 3rd edition.
- Marin H. Kollef, The Washington Manual of Critical Care.
- ATS website <http://www.thoracic.org/education/career-development/residents/ats-reading-list/>
- Antonelli M *et.al.* "Year in review in Intensive Care Medicine 2009: 1. Pneumonia and infections, sepsis, outcome, acute renal failure and acid base, nutrition, and glycaemic control" Intensive Care Medicine 2010; 36:196-209 (available through UNM HSC library ejournal)

## **C. CORONARY CARE UNIT**

**Educational Purpose:**

The goal of the Coronary Care faculty is to train the general internist to evaluate and treat critically ill cardiac patients, use consultants and paramedical personnel effectively, and stress sensitive, compassionate management of patients and their families.

**Content of required knowledge:**

1. Understand blood gas results and respond appropriately.
2. Understand cardiovascular hemodynamics in a wide range of disease states.
3. Management of congestive heart failure and cardiogenic shock.
4. Basics of conventional mechanical ventilation.
5. Nutritional support of the critically ill.

6. Management of acute myocardial ischemia.
7. Acute renal failure-diagnosis and treatment.
8. Acute treatment of cardiac arrhythmias.

**Procedural Skills:**

- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Endotracheal intubation
- Central venous access
- Hemodynamic monitoring (Pulmonary Artery Catheterization)
- Thoracentesis
- Arterial cannulation
- Placement of a temporary transvenous and transcutaneous pacemaker

**Attributes required other than knowledge**

Patient Care	Practice Based Learning Improvement	Professionalism
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trainees will learn to obtain a logical, chronological history from critically ill patients and their families and to do an effective physical examination in this challenging milieu. Use of information from old charts and private physicians is stressed.</li> <li>• Residents will learn to integrate physiological parameters and laboratory data with the clinical history and physical exam to make clinical diagnostic and management decisions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should use feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve performance.</li> <li>• The resident should read the required material and articles provided to enhance learning.</li> <li>• The resident should use the medical literature search tools in the library to find appropriate articles related to interesting cases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should continue to develop his/her ethical behavior and the humanistic qualities of respect, compassion, integrity, and honesty. In the CCU, these goals are met in several ways:</li> <li>• Sensitive handling of a do-not resuscitate order.</li> <li>• Respect and compassion for the depersonalized, intubated, non-communicative patient.</li> <li>• Appropriate use of consultants and paramedical personnel.</li> <li>• Compassionate handling of families and development of rapport with them.</li> <li>• Residents should learn to ask permission for an autopsy in a forthright, non-threatening way and should be available to family members to discuss autopsy findings.</li> <li>• The resident must be willing to acknowledge errors and determine how to avoid future similar mistakes.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents will learn the appropriate use of daily progress notes in patient follow-up, and the need for frequent reevaluation of the unstable patient.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The resident must be responsible and reliable at all times.</li> <li>The resident must always consider the needs of patient's families, colleagues, and support staff.</li> <li>The resident must maintain a professional appearance at all times.</li> </ul>
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### **Teaching Strategies**

- CCU resident will attend EKG readings
- Formal presentation of the new admissions
- Diagnostic and treatment strategies are discussed at the bedside.
- Didactic lectures
- Reading assignments
- literature searches
- interactive seminars
- grand rounds
- problem based learning
- case based learning
- skill teaching in ICU settings
- journal club meetings
- clinic pathological conferences
- skill teaching in skill laboratory

### **Evaluation/Feedback**

- Monthly evaluations by faculty of residents and by residents of faculty are submitted. Resident evaluations are written with input from the nursing staff, patients or families as regards specific attitudes towards the critically ill patients.
- Faculty supervises most of the daytime procedures done in the CCU and evaluation and feedback here is immediate and ongoing

- At the midway point of the rotation, residents are given feedback (informally) on their performance to date. Areas and methods of improvement are suggested
- A formal evaluation and verbal discussion with the resident is to be done at the end of the rotation.

### **Suggested readings:**

1. Coronary Care Manual 2e – Review, February 11, 2011 by Edward Burns
2. Coronary Care Manual 2nd Edition by Peter Thompson, Churchill Livingstone Australia 2010
3. Management of the Patient in the Coronary Care Unit 1st Edition by Mehdi H. Shishehbor DO MPH (Editor), Thomas H. Wang MD (Editor), Arman T. Askari MD (Editor), Marc S. Penn MD PhD (Editor), Eric J. Topol MD (Editor), lippincott, williams & wilkins

## **D. AMBULATORY MEDICINE**

### **Educational Purpose**

- To provide the resident guidance and supervision as they develop a timely clinical approach to the patient in the outpatient setting. This would include the ability to formulate differential diagnoses based on the patient's specific complaints, the art of effective and appropriate communication with patients and other members of the health care delivery team.
- To promote and teach the principles of Preventive Medicine, primary and secondary prevention in screening of asymptomatic adults.

### **Content of required knowledge:**

- **Diabetes** Classification, pathogenesis, diagnosis, management, comprehensive preventive care, management and identification of complications in accordance with American Diabetes Association ADA guidelines.
- **Lipid Disorders** Pathogenesis, diagnosis, screening, therapy and monitoring of lipid disorders in accordance with the ATP III guidelines.
- **Anticoagulation management** Pathogenesis, INR goal achievement, indications, length of treatment,

complications of anticoagulation therapy in accordance with the most recent ACCP Consensus Conference on Antithrombotic Therapy (CHEST guidelines).

- **Hypertension** Diagnosis, classification. Identification of screening interventions for secondary hypertension, management and pathogenesis. Understand the metabolic syndrome and causes of resistant hypertension in accordance with JNC 7 guidelines.
- **Congestive heart failure** Pathogenesis, classification, diagnosis, management and prognostication in accordance with ACC guidelines.
- **Osteoporosis** Pathogenesis, diagnosis, causes of secondary osteoporosis, and management in accordance with National standards.
- **Osteoarthritis** Pathogenesis, diagnosis and management in accordance with National Standards.

**Headache** Pathogenesis, diagnosis and management.

**Attributes required other than knowledge**

<b>Professionalism</b>	<b>Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>	<b>Evaluation of Medical Knowledge</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should continue to develop his/her ethical behavior and must show the humanistic qualities of respect, compassion, integrity, and honesty.</li> <li>• The resident must be willing to acknowledge errors and determine how to avoid future similar mistakes.</li> <li>• The resident must be</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should learn when to call a subspecialist for evaluation and management of a patient.</li> <li>• The resident should be able to clearly present the consultation cases to the staff in an organized and thorough manner.</li> <li>• The resident must be able to establish a rapport with the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should use feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve performance.</li> <li>• The resident should read the required material and articles provided to enhance learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident's ability to answer directed questions and participate in didactic sessions.</li> <li>• The resident's ability to apply the information learned in the resources to the patient care setting.</li> <li>• The residents' performance on multiple choice examinations by the end of</li> </ul>

<p>responsible and reliable at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident must always consider the needs of patients, families, colleagues, and support staff.</li> <li>• The resident must maintain a professional appearance at all times.</li> </ul>	<p>patients and listen to the patient's complaints to promote the patient's welfare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should provide effective education and counseling for patients.</li> <li>• The resident must write organized and legible notes.</li> <li>• The resident must communicate any patient problems to the staff in a timely fashion.</li> <li>• The resident will demonstrate empathy, compassion, patience and concern for the patient in relation to their medical complaints.</li> <li>• The resident will learn how to deal with psychosocial issues including depression, poverty and family abuse on an outpatient basis.</li> <li>• The resident will learn how to communicate in a clear, concise and polite manner with physicians, patients, nurses and other healthcare providers.</li> <li>• The resident will listen carefully to patient complaints and determine the appropriate course of action for those complaints which occasionally may require no more than reassurance and understanding.</li> <li>• The resident will build on the</li> </ul>		<p>the rotation.</p>
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	<p>attitudes developed in the ambulatory clinic to foster the belief in working cooperatively with physicians from other fields as well as other health professionals for the benefit of the patient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident will gain an appreciation for multifaceted differences in approach that various healthcare practitioners have in the outpatient setting. They will learn to respect these differences and work with other healthcare professionals for the common good of the patient.</li> </ul>		
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**Teaching Strategies:**

- Most of the teaching is done through experience of the PGTs at General Care Clinic, Urgent Care Clinics and Subspecialty clinics.
- The Urgent Care clinics consist of patients that are referred for evaluation from the Emergency department, walk-in patients with various complaints and existing patients who need timely attention. Occasionally, patients are referred to these clinics for outpatient preoperative evaluation.
- The Subspecialty clinics that the residents will participate in include HIV clinic, Pulmonary clinic, Hematology/Oncology clinic, GI clinic, Diabetes and Endocrine clinics, Nephrology clinic, Cardiology clinic and Rheumatology clinic. All residents in these clinics are supervised by faculty.
- General and Urgent Care clinics are supervised by the General Medicine faculty. This faculty will review and discuss each case with the clinic residents. The General Medicine faculty supervises no more than four residents.

- General Medicine staff will provide didactic guidance during case reviews that is in accordance with international guidelines for the management of hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol management and congestive heart failure, osteoporosis, osteoarthritis and anticoagulation.
- Bedside teaching
- Residents will be provided with website resources for self-directed learning.

#### **Evaluation/Feedback:**

- 360<sup>o</sup> evaluation of the resident to judge professionalism and ethics
- The faculty will fill out the standard evaluation forms for workplace based evaluation of the resident.
- The residents will fill out an evaluation of the clinic rotation at the end of the month.
- Any constructive criticism, improvements, or suggestions to further enhance the training in general internal medicine is welcome at any time.
- The resident should receive frequent (generally daily) feedback in regards to his or her performance during the ambulatory medicine rotation.
- The faculty is encouraged to use the “early concern” and “praise card” throughout the rotation.
- A formal evaluation and verbal discussion with the resident is to be done at the end of the rotation.

#### **Suggested readings:**

1. Residents are encouraged to read appropriate textbook material that is germane to the types of medical problems that they see in clinic. Residents that rotate in the subspecialty clinics may be given additional readings by the respective subspecialist in that clinic.
2. MKSAP booklet on Primary Care
3. Primary Care Medicine. Noble, Greene, et al 2001 latest edition
4. ACP teaching series videos (skin biopsy, effective communication, arthrocentesis technique).
5. U.S. Preventive Task Force
6. **Medical Literature:** A collection of updated review articles will be available which address basic areas of general ambulatory medicine. The resident is encouraged to read as many of these articles as possible.

7. **Pathology:** Abnormal hematologic peripheral smears should be reviewed by the resident and staff generalist with a pathologist when the review is germane to clinical decision making and the establishment of a clear diagnosis.

## **E. CARDIOLOGY**

### **Educational Purpose**

To give the PGTs formal intensive instruction, clinical experience, and the opportunity to acquire expertise in the evaluation and management of cardiovascular disorders.

### **Content of required knowledge:**

1. The general internist should be able to provide primary and secondary preventive care and initially manage the full range of cardiovascular disorders.
2. The need for additional competencies in cardiovascular disease will depend on the availability of a cardiologist in the primary practice setting.
3. In some communities, the general internist may be responsible for management of more complex cardiovascular disorders that require intensive hemodynamic monitoring (for example, balloon-tipped pulmonary artery catheters) in the intensive care unit.

### **Common Clinical Disorders:**

- Coronary Artery Diseases
- Chronic stable angina.
- Unstable angina.
- Care of post-CABG and post-PTCA patients.
- Myocardial infarction (covered mainly in the coronary care unit rotation).
- Care of post myocardial infarction patients.
- Congestive heart failure:
- Chronic heart failure.
- Systolic heart failure from various etiologies (ischemic/ non ischemic).

- Diastolic heart failure.
- Pulmonary edema.
- Valvular heart disease.
- Infective endocarditis.
- Arrhythmias
- Atrial fibrillation, atrial flutter and other common supraventricular arrhythmias.
- Ventricular arrhythmias, sudden cardiac death and indications for AICD implantation.
- Bradyarrhythmias and major indication of temporary and permanent pacing.
- Basic understanding of pacemaker function.
- Indication and value of electrophysiologic testing.
- Adult congenital heart disease.
- Cardiomyopathies and myocarditis.
- Preoperative evaluation:
- Assessing cardiac risk in patients undergoing non-cardiac surgeries.
- Interventions to minimize cardiac risk in patients undergoing non-cardiac procedures.
- Hypertension:
- Hypertensive urgencies and emergencies.
- Management of chronic hypertension, especially patients with difficult to control hypertension.
- Secondary hypertension.
- Aortic disease (aortic aneurysm).
- Venous thromboembolic disease / pulmonary embolism, pulmonary vascular disease, and chronic venous stasis.
- Arterial insufficiency
- Pericardial disease
- Dyslipidemia
- Common Clinical Presentations
- Abnormal heart sounds or murmurs
- Chest pain

- Dyspnea
- Effort intolerance, fatigue
- Hypertension
- Intermittent claudication
- Leg swelling
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Risk factor modification
- Shock, cardiovascular collapse
- Syncope, lightheadedness

#### **Procedure Skills**

- Advanced cardiac life support
- Insertion of balloon-tipped pulmonary artery catheter (optional)
- Insertion of temporary pacemaker (optional)

#### **Interpretation of clinical and laboratory Tests**

- Ambulatory ECG monitoring
- Echocardiography
- Electrophysiology testing
- Left ventricular catheterization and coronary angiography
- Nuclear scan wall motion study
- Right ventricular catheterization (including flotation catheter)
- Stress electrocardiography and thallium myocardial perfusion scan
- Tilt-table physiology study
- Cardiac markers

#### **Teaching Strategies:**

- Didactic lectures

- Outpatient evaluation at cardiology clinic
- bedside teaching rounds
- learning through monitoring of the stress tests
- Exposure to Echocardiograms
- Exposure to Nuclear cardiology studies
- coach-and-pupil method for daily interpretation of ECGs
- Didactic lectures
- Seminars
- Problem based learning
- Case based learning
- Clinic pathological conferences
- Teaching skills in ward settings and skill laboratory

**Assessment:**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

**Evaluation/Feedback**

- 360 degree evaluation to judge the professionalism, ethics
- A formal evaluation and verbal discussion with the PGT is to be done at the end of the rotation / PGTs are encouraged to discuss with the supervisor, co- supervisor and program director/Dean their learning experiences, difficulties or conflicts.
- Evaluation of training program by trainees pertinent to effectiveness and efficiency of program to equip trainees with necessary skills

**Attributes required other than knowledge**

Practice and Procedural Skills	Attitudes, Values and Habits	Professionalism	Interpersonal and Communication Skills	Practice Based Learning Improvement	Evaluation of Medical Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of proficiency in examination of the cardiovascular system, in general and cardiac auscultation, in particular</li> <li>• Preoperative evaluation of cardiac risk in-patients undergoing non-cardiac surgery</li> <li>• Preoperative evaluation of cardiac risk in-patients undergoing non-cardiac surgery</li> <li>• The appropriate way to answer cardiac consultations</li> <li>• The appropriate follow-up, including use of substantive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping the patient and family informed on the clinical status of the patient, results of tests, etc.</li> <li>• Frequent, direct communication with the physician who requested the consultation.</li> <li>• Review of previous medical records and extraction of information relevant to the patient's cardiovascular status. Other sources of information may be used, when pertinent</li> <li>• Understanding that patients have the right to either accept or decline recommendations made by the physician</li> <li>• Education of the patient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PGT should continue to develop his/her ethical behavior and the humanistic qualities of respect, compassion, integrity, and honesty.</li> <li>• The PGT must be willing to acknowledge errors and determine how to avoid future similar mistakes.</li> <li>• The PGT must be responsible and reliable at all times.</li> <li>• The PGT must always consider the needs of patients,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PGT should learn when to call a subspecialist for evaluation and management of a patient with a cardiovascular disease.</li> <li>• The PGT should be able to clearly present the consultation cases to the staff in an organized and thorough manner</li> <li>• The PGT must be able to establish a rapport with the patients and listens to the patient's complaints to promote the patient's welfare.</li> <li>• The PGT should provide effective education and counseling for patients.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PGT should use feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve performance</li> <li>• The PGT should read the required material and articles provided to enhance learning</li> <li>• The PGT should use the medical literature search tools in the library to find appropriate articles related to interesting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PGT's ability to answer directed questions and to participate in the didactic sessions.</li> <li>• The PGT's presentation of assigned short topics. These will be examined for their completeness, accuracy, organization, and the PGTs' understanding of the topic.</li> <li>• The PGT's ability to apply the information learned in</li> </ul>

<p>progress notes, of patients who have been seen in consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out-patient cardiac care.</li> <li>• Differential diagnosis of chest pain</li> </ul>		<p>families, colleagues, and support staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PGT must maintain a professional appearance at all times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PGT must write organized and legible notes</li> <li>• The PGT must communicate any patient problems to the staff in a timely fashion</li> </ul>	cases.	<p>the didactic sessions to the patient care setting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PGT's interest level in learning.</li> </ul>
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**Suggested Readings:**

1. Section on cardiovascular disease in Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, McGraw-Hill publisher
2. Section on cardiovascular disease in Cecil's Textbook of Medicine, WB Saunders Publisher.
3. MKSAP booklet on Cardiology
4. A collection of updated review articles references will also be provided which address basic areas of cardiology. The PGT is strongly encouraged to read as many of these articles as possible.

**F. DERMATOLOGY**

**Educational Purpose:**

To give the residents formal intensive instruction, clinical experience, and the opportunity to acquire expertise in the evaluation and management of cutaneous disorders.

**Content of required knowledge:**

1. Understanding the morphology, differential diagnosis and management of disorders of the skin, mucous membranes, and adnexal structures, including inflammatory, infectious, neoplastic, metabolic, congenital, and structural disorders.
2. Competence in medical and surgical interventions and dermatopathology are important facets.



3. The general internist should have a general knowledge of the major diseases and tumors of the skin. He or she should be proficient at examining the skin; describing findings; and recognizing skin, signs of systemic diseases, normal findings (including benign growths of the skin), and common skin malignancies.
4. The general internist should be able to diagnose and manage a variety of common skin conditions and make referrals where appropriate.
5. These objectives will be taught through the didactic sessions and at bedside teaching as they relate to specific patients in the clinic and on the consult service:

The resident should learn the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of: Acne, Rosacea, Contact dermatitis, Atopic Dermatitis, Nummular eczema, Dyshidrotic eczema, Psoriasis, Seborrheic dermatitis, Pityriasis Rosea, Warts, Molluscum contagiosum, Herpes Simplex, Herpes Zoster, Impetigo, Folliculitis, Furuncles, Erythrasma, Tinea infections, Candida infections, Pityriasis Versicolor, Scabies, Cutaneous reaction to flea bites, Seborrheic keratosis, Keratoacanthoma, Moles, Blue nevus, Cherry angioma, Spider angioma, Pyogenic granuloma, Dermatofibroma, Keloids, Skin tags, Epidermoid cysts, Trichilemmal cysts, Miliium, Digital myxoid cyst, alopecia areata, Androgenic alopecia, Sun burn, dermatoheliosis, Solar Lentigo, Solar keratosis, Phototoxic reaction, Photoallergic reaction, Polymorphous Light Eruption, Lichen Planus, Granuloma annulare, Infectious exanthema, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Rubella, Measles, Scarlet fever, Varicella, Sporotrichosis, Leprosy, Tuberculosis, Leishmaniasis, Lyme disease, Cellulitis, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Chancroid, Genital warts, Genital Herpes, Kaposi's Sarcoma, Erythroderma, Urticaria, Erythema multiforme, Erythema Nodosum, Lupus, Vasculitis, Sarcoidosis, Xanthelasma, Exanthematous Drug eruptions, Fixed drug eruptions, Vitiligo, Melasma, Melanoma, Basal Cell Carcinoma, Squamous Cell Carcinoma, Paget's disease.

### **Common Clinical Presentations**

- Abnormalities of pigmentation
- Eruptions (eczematous, follicular, papulovesicular, vesicular, vesiculobullous)
- Hair loss
- Hirsutism
- Intertrigo
- Leg ulcer
- Mucous membrane ulceration
- Nail infections and deformities

- Pigmented lesion
- Pruritus
- Purpura
- Skin papule or nodule
- Verrucous lesion

**Procedure Skills**

- Application of chemical destructive agents for skin lesions e.g., warts and molluscum, condyloma
- Incision, drainage, and aspiration of fluctuant lesions for diagnosis or therapy
- Scraping of skin (for potassium hydroxide, mite examination)
- Skin biopsy
- Cryotherapy
- Primary Interpretation of Tests
- Microscopic examination for scabies, nits, etc.
- Tzanck smear
- Ordering and Understanding Tests
- Dark-field microscopy
- Fungal culture
- Skin biopsy

***Attributes required other than knowledge:***

Professionalism	Interpersonal and Communication Skills	Practice Based Learning Improvement	Evaluation of Medical Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should continue to develop his/her ethical behavior and the humanistic qualities of respect,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should learn when to call a sub specialist for evaluation and management of a patient with a dermatologic disease.</li> <li>• The resident should be able to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should use feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident's ability to answer directed questions and to participate in the didactic sessions.</li> <li>• The resident's presentation of</li> </ul>

<p>compassion, integrity, and honesty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident must be willing to acknowledge errors and determine how to avoid future similar mistakes.</li> <li>• The resident must be responsible and reliable at all times.</li> <li>• The resident must always consider the needs of patients, families, colleagues, and support staff.</li> <li>• The resident must maintain a professional appearance at all times.</li> </ul>	<p>clearly present the consultation cases to the staff in an organized and thorough manner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident must be able to establish a rapport with the patients and listens to the patient's complaints to promote the patient's welfare.</li> <li>• The resident should provide effective education and counseling for patients.</li> <li>• The resident must write organized and legible notes.</li> <li>• The resident must communicate any patient problems to the staff in a timely fashion.</li> </ul>	<p>performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should read the required material and articles provided to enhance learning.</li> <li>• The resident should use the medical literature search tools in the library to find appropriate articles related to interesting cases.</li> </ul>	<p>assigned short topics. These will be examined for their completeness, accuracy, organization, and the resident's understanding of the topic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident's ability to apply the information learned in the didactic sessions to the patient care setting.</li> <li>• The resident's interest level in learning.</li> <li>• The resident will take a pre and post test written and color slide exam. Improvement from one end of the rotation to the other should be realized.</li> </ul>
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**Teaching Strategies:**

- Resident will see a wide variety of patients from various ages, socioeconomic, educational, and cultural backgrounds at dermatology clinic.
- Outpatients will be evaluated by the resident, and then discussed and seen with the dermatologist.
- All dermatology inpatient consults will be seen and discussed with the dermatologist.
- Weekly didactic teaching lectures
- The residents will be responsible for reviewing a current journal review article on a dermatology topic.
- Can be asked to do some simple research on a dermatology topic.
- Short presentations on the given dermatology topics.
- Clinico pathological conferences
- Skill teaching in ward settings and procedure rooms
- Journal club meeting'

- Case based learning
- Problem based learning

**Assessment:**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

**Evaluation/Feedback:**

- 360 degree evaluation to judge the professionalism, ethics
- The faculty will fill out the standard evaluation form using the criteria for evaluations of the resident in the required competencies related to dermatology.
- The residents will fill out an evaluation of the dermatology rotation at the end of the month. Any constructive criticism, improvements, or suggestions to further enhance the training in dermatology are welcome at any time.
- The resident should receive frequent (generally daily) feedback in regards to his or her performance during the dermatology rotation.
- The resident will be informed about the results of the evaluation process, and input will be requested from the resident in regards to his or her evaluation of the dermatology rotation.
- The faculty is encouraged to use the “early concern” and “praise card” throughout the rotation.
- A formal evaluation and verbal discussion with the resident is to be done at the end of the rotation.

**Suggested readings:**

1. Mandatory Reading: Fitzpatrick T. *Color Atlas and Synopsis of Clinical Dermatology*
2. MKSAP booklet on Dermatology
3. Medical Literature: A collection of updated review articles will also be provided which address basic areas of

dermatology. The resident is strongly encouraged to read as many of these articles as possible.

## **G. ENDOCRINOLOGY**

### **Educational Purpose:**

To give the residents formal intensive instruction, clinical experience, and the opportunity to acquire expertise in the evaluation and management of endocrine disorders.

### **Content of required knowledge:**

These objectives will be taught through the didactic sessions and at bedside teaching as they relate to specific patients in the clinic and on the consult service.

1. The principal endocrine problems handled by the general internist include goiter, thyroid nodules, thyroid dysfunction, diabetes mellitus, hyper- and hypocalcemia, adrenal cortex hyper- and hypofunction, endocrine hypertension, gonadal disorders, hyper- and hyponatremia, certain manifestations of pituitary tumors, disorders of mineral metabolism, and hyperlipidemias.
2. Recognize Type 1 from Type 2 DM
3. Plan dietary therapy, oral hypoglycemic agents and insulin therapy for all diabetics, especially Type 2 DM patients
4. Plan and advice recommendations for weight loss
5. Understand the concept of tight control, standards of care and targets of control for both Type 1 and Type 2 DM patients
6. Learn the management of acute decompensation of diabetes, i.e. DKA, hyperosmolar state.
7. Learn how to use a multidisciplinary team approach to diabetes management (including role of cardiology, nephrology, ophthalmology and Podiatry).
8. Learn to interpret thyroid function tests, thyroid imaging and to initiate and follow patients on thyroid hormone replacement therapy.

9. Diagnosis, evaluation, differential diagnosis and management of overt and subclinical hyperthyroidism and hypothyroidism, thyroid storm and low uptake versus high uptake thyrotoxicosis.
10. Approach to thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer
11. Evaluate and develop treatment strategies for Pituitary disorders – pituitary tumors and hypopituitarism, diagnosis, difference between the various etiologies and replacement hormonal therapies.
12. Learn to approach adrenal diseases including Cushing's syndrome and adrenal insufficiency focus on acute and chronic adrenal insufficiency – diagnosis and management.
13. Evaluation, D/D and management of Hypercalcemia (focus on primary hyperparathyroidism) and Hypocalcemia, Osteoporosis, Osteopenia, Vitamin D deficiency.
14. Endocrine causes of secondary hypertension- Cost efficient evaluation and management.
15. Learn to recognize and treat Poly endocrine autoimmune syndromes.
16. Evaluate and treat male and female hypogonadism (focus on testosterone replacement Therapy).
17. HRT in females and related reproductive endocrine disorders.
18. Approach to endocrine incidentalomas – (pituitary, adrenal and thyroid with a focus on adrenal incidentalomas).
19. The general internist must be able to evaluate and manage common endocrine disorders and refer appropriately. He or she must also be able to evaluate and identify the endocrinologic implications of abnormal serum electrolytes, hypertension, fatigue, and other nonspecific presentations.
20. The general internist plays a key role in managing endocrine emergencies, particularly those encountered in the intensive care unit, including diabetic ketoacidosis and hyperosmolar non ketotic stupor, severe hyper- and hypocalcemia and Addisonian crisis.

### **Common Clinical Disorders**

- Pathophysiology of Type 1 & 2 diabetes
- Diagnostic criteria for Diabetes, Differentiate Type I vs. Type II
- Standards of care for a patient with Diabetes
- Targets of care for a patient with Diabetes
- Metabolic syndromes
- Importance & treatment of Metabolic syndrome

- Life style modifications in metabolic syndrome and diabetes
- Classes of oral anti hypoglycemic agents used and their mechanism of action. indications and contraindications for each class and side effects Insulin management in Type 1 and 2 DM
- Types of insulin available today (Rapid, Short, Intermediate, Basal, Premixed insulin preparations)
- Indications, contraindications, complications associated with insulin use
- Insulin protocols used in ICU setting including IV insulin therapy
- Acute diabetes complications, diagnosis and management
- Hyperlipidemia
- Combination therapy to treat diabetic dyslipidemia
- Thyroid function tests in diagnosing various thyroid dysfunction states.
- Interpretation of TSH, FT4, T3, T7, FTI, T3RU, Thyroglobulin
- Role of thyroid scan and radioactive iodine uptake – indications and contraindications for use
- Thyroid imaging – when to use it (ultrasound, CT scan, MRI. Role of PET scan)
- Hyperthyroidism; etiology, pathophysiology, clinical features, diagnosis and management
- Differentiate hyperthyroidism from thyrotoxicosis
- Differential diagnosis of hyperthyroidism (graves' disease vs toxic MNG, single hot nodule, thyroiditis etc)
- Thyroid hormone therapy
- Hypothyroidism: primary vs secondary hypothyroidism
- Diagnosis and management
- Thyrotoxic storm and myxedema coma
- Euthyroid sick syndrome
- Approach to thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer
- Endocrine hypertension
- Management – indications for surgery vs medical management
- Pheochromocytoma:
- Approach to adrenal diseases
- Adrenal insufficiency

- Cushing's disease
- Hypocalcaemia and hypercalcaemia
- Osteoporosis, osteopenia, vitamin D deficiency
- Incidentalomas:
- Hypopituitarism including pituitary tumors:
- Prolactinomas and Acromegaly
- Hirsutism
- Male and Female Hypogonadism
- Testosterone replacement therapy in males
- Update on the HRT in females
- Polyendocrine autoimmune syndromes

### **Common Clinical Presentations**

- Asthenia
- Blood lipid disorders
- Breast discharge
- Change in menstrual, gonadal/sexual function
- Diarrhea
- Disorders of pigmentation
- Goiter (diffuse, nodular)
- Hirsutism
- Hypertension refractory to primary therapy
- Hypotension
- Incidentally discovered abnormalities in serum electrolytes, calcium, phosphate, or glucose
- Mental status changes
- Osteopenia
- Polyuria, polydipsia
- Signs and symptoms of osteopenia



- Symptoms of hyper- and hypoglycemia
- Symptoms of hypermetabolism
- Symptoms of hypometabolism
- Urinary tract stone
- Weight gain, obesity Procedure Skills
- Dexamethasone suppression test (overnight)
- Home blood glucose monitoring
- ACTH stimulation test

### **Ordering and Understanding Tests**

- Bone mineral analysis (densitometry)
- Fasting and standardized postprandial serum glucose concentrations
- Glycohemoglobin or serum fructosamine concentration
- Imaging studies of the sella turcica
- Microalbuminuria
- Serum alkaline phosphatase activity (for Paget's disease of bone)
- Serum and urine ketone concentrations (quantitative or qualitative)
- Serum and urine osmolalities
- Serum gonadotropin concentrations (follicle-stimulating hormone, luteinizing hormone)
- Serum lipid profile
- Serum phosphate concentration
- Serum prolactin concentration
- Serum testosterone concentration
- Serum thyroid function tests
- Thyroid scanning and ultrasound
- Urinary calcium, phosphate, uric acid excretion
- Urinary sodium, potassium excretion

- Urine metanephrine, VMA (vanillylmandelic acid), and total catecholamine levels

***Attributes required other than knowledge:***

Patient care	Evaluation of Patient Care	Professionalism	Interpersonal and Communication Skills	Practice Based Learning Improvement	Evaluation of Medical Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize symptoms of hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia. Seek pertinent physical exam and laboratory information to identify systemic complications that occur as a result of diabetes such as diabetic retinopathy, neuropathy, nephropathy, CAD, or gastroparesis.</li> <li>• Become familiar with the nutritional treatment of diabetes, aspects of home glucose monitoring, and the adjustments of hypoglycemic therapy required in association with abnormal glucose levels, exercise, concurrent illness, surgical procedures, etc.</li> <li>• The resident will be taught to do an appropriate and thorough foot exam of diabetic patients, including the use of the mono filament for neuropathy testing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completeness and accuracy of medical interviews and physical examinations.</li> <li>• Thoroughness of the review of the available medical data on each patient.</li> <li>• Performance of appropriate maneuvers and procedures on patients.</li> <li>• Accuracy and thoroughness of patient assessments.</li> <li>• Appropriateness of diagnostic and therapeutic decisions.</li> <li>• Soundness of medical judgment.</li> <li>• Consideration of patient preferences in making therapeutic decisions.</li> <li>• Completeness of medical charting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should continue to develop his/her ethical behavior and the humanistic qualities of respect, compassion, integrity, and honesty.</li> <li>• The resident must be willing to acknowledge errors and determine how to avoid future similar mistakes.</li> <li>• The resident must be responsible and reliable at all times.</li> <li>• The resident must always consider the needs of patients, families, colleagues, and support staff.</li> <li>• The resident must maintain a professional appearance at all times.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should learn when to call a subspecialist for evaluation and management of a patient with an endocrine disease.</li> <li>• The resident should be able to clearly present the consultation cases to the staff in an organized and thorough manner.</li> <li>• The resident must be able to establish a rapport with the patients and listens to the patient's complaints to promote the patient's welfare.</li> <li>• The resident should provide effective education and counseling for patients.</li> <li>• The resident must write organized and legible notes.</li> <li>• The resident must communicate any patient problems to the staff in a timely fashion.</li> </ul>	<p>The resident should use feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve performance. The resident should read the required material and articles provided to enhance learning. The resident should use the medical literature search tools in the library to find appropriate articles related to interesting cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident's ability to answer directed questions and to participate in the didactic sessions.</li> <li>• The resident's presentation of assigned short topics. These will be examined for their completeness, accuracy, organization, and the resident's understanding of the topic.</li> <li>• The resident's ability to apply the information learned in the didactic sessions to the patient care setting.</li> <li>• The resident's interest level in learning.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify signs and symptoms of thyrotoxicoses and hypothyroidism. The resident will be taught perform an adequate examination of the thyroid gland and this will be specifically demonstrated during this rotation.</li> <li>• The resident may observe or have the technique of fine needle aspiration for sampling thyroid nodules explained if none are done during the month.</li> <li>• Identify signs and symptoms of lipid disorders and their management, including the use of the National Cholesterol Education Program guidelines for treatment.</li> <li>• Identify signs and symptoms of adrenal disorders and their management, including the use of the cosyntropin stimulation test.</li> <li>• Identify signs and symptoms of pituitary disorders and their management.</li> <li>• Identify signs and symptoms of bone and calcium disorders and</li> </ul>					
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<p>their management including interpretation of bone density tests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify signs and symptoms of gonadal disorders and their management.</li> </ul>					
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**Teaching Strategies:**

- The resident will receive individual instruction by the endocrine specialist through seeing patients in the endocrine outpatient clinics, the consult service and didactic teaching sessions
- The resident will see patients referred from the general medicine clinics and this will allow the resident to see a wide variety of patients from various ages, socioeconomic, educational, and cultural backgrounds.
- Each outpatient will be evaluated by the resident, and then discussed and seen with the staff endocrinologist.
- The resident must complete a thorough progress note on every outpatient and this must be countersigned by the staff endocrinologist.
- All endocrinology inpatient consults will be seen and consultation notes completed by the resident, the cases must be discussed with the endocrinology faculty who will then see the patient with the resident, do bedside teaching rounds, and complete the consultation note.
- Didactic teaching lectures
- The residents will be responsible for reviewing 2-3 general endocrine topics for the month and giving short presentations on these topics
- Clinico pathological conferences
- Journal club meetings
- Problem based learning
- Case based learning

- Interactive seminars

**Assessment:**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

**Evaluation/Feedback:**

- 360 degree evaluation to judge the professionalism, ethics
- The faculty will fill out the standard evaluation form using the criteria for evaluations as delineated above to grade the resident in the required competencies as related to endocrinology.
- The residents will fill out an evaluation of the endocrine rotation at the end of the month.
  
- Any constructive criticism, improvements, or suggestions to further enhance the training in endocrinology are welcome at any time.
- The resident should receive frequent (generally daily) feedback in regards to his or her performance during the endocrinology rotation. The resident will be informed about the results of the evaluation process, and input will be requested from the resident in regards to his or her evaluation of the endocrinology rotation.
  
- The faculty is encouraged to use the “early concern” and “praise card” throughout the rotation.
- A formal evaluation and verbal discussion with the resident is to be done at the end of the rotation.

**Suggested readings:**

1. Section on endocrine-metabolic disease in Harrison’s Principles of Internal Medicine, McGraw-Hill publisher

2. Section on endocrine-metabolic disease in Cecil's Textbook of Medicine, WB Saunders Publisher
3. MKSAP booklet on Endocrinology
4. **Medical literature:** A collection of updated review articles will also be provided which address basic areas of endocrinology. The resident is strongly encouraged to read as many of these articles as possible.
5. **Pathology :** All FNA's and surgical specimens will be reviewed by the resident and staff endocrinologist with a pathologist.

## **H. GASTROENTEROLOGY**

### **Educational Purpose:**

To give the residents formal instruction, clinical experience, and opportunities to acquire expertise in the evaluation and management of gastroenterological disorders.

### **Content of required knowledge:** the major objectives are as following

1. To provide Residents with opportunities to evaluate and manage patients with a wide variety of digestive disorders in an inpatient and outpatient setting. The Resident will act, under the supervision of the attending gastroenterologist, as a consultant to other clinical services.
2. To give Residents opportunities to learn about various aspects of a broad range of GI, liver and pancreatic disorders, with emphasis on the more common disorders.
3. To provide Residents with opportunities to learn the indications, contraindications, complications, limitations and alternatives for GI procedures.
4. Additional areas include knowledge of nutrition and nutritional deficiencies, and screening and prevention, particularly for colorectal cancer. The general internist should have a wide range of competency in gastroenterology and should be able to provide primary and in some cases secondary preventive care, evaluate a broad array of gastrointestinal symptoms, and manage many gastrointestinal disorders.

### **Common Clinical Disorders**

- Malabsorptive/Nutritional disorders
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome
- Peptic Ulcer Diseases
- Malignancies of the Digestive System
- GI disorders and pregnancy
- Gastrointestinal Emergencies
- Indications/complications of GI procedures
- Viral hepatitis
- Chronic liver disease and Cirrhosis
- GI motility disorders
- Biliary disorders
- Pancreatic disorders
- Common Clinical Presentations
- Abdominal distention
- Abdominal pain
- Abnormal liver function test
- Anorectal discomfort, bleeding, or pruritus
- Anorexia, weight loss
- Ascites
- Constipation
- Diarrhea
- Excess intestinal gas
- Fecal incontinence
- Food intolerance
- Gastrointestinal bleeding
- Heartburn

- Hematemesis
- Indigestion
- Iron-deficiency anemia
- Jaundice
- Liver failure
- Malnutrition
- Melena
- Nausea, vomiting
- Non-cardiac chest pain
- Swallowing dysfunction
- **Procedure Skills**
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy
- Paracentesis
- Placement of nasogastric tube
- Sengstaken-Blakemore tube (optional)
- **Primary Interpretation of Tests**
- Fecal leukocytes
- Test for occult blood
- **Ordering and Understanding tests**
- 24-Hour esophageal motility studies and pH monitoring
- Assays for Helicobacter pylori
- Biopsy of the gastrointestinal mucosa
- Blood tests for autoimmune, cholestatic, genetic liver diseases
- Upper endoscopy
- Colonoscopy
- Computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound of the abdomen
- Contrast studies (including upper gastrointestinal series, small-bowel follow through, barium enema)



- Culture of stool for ova, parasites
- D-Xylose absorption test and other small bowel absorption tests
- Endoscopic retrograde cholangio-pancreatography
- Esophageal manometry
- Examination for stool for ova, parasites
- Fecal electrolytes
- Fecal osmolality
- Interpretation of fecal occult blood tests.
- Gall bladder radionuclide scan
- Gastric acid analysis, serum gastrin level, secretin stimulation test
- Viral hepatitis serology
- Lactose and hydrogen breath tests
- Laparoscopy
- Laxative screen
- Liver biopsy
- Paracentesis and interpretation of ascitic fluid analysis
- Mesenteric arteriography
- Percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography
- Qualitative and quantitative stool fat
- Scans of gastric emptying
- Serum B12 and Schilling tests

***Attributes required other than knowledge:***

<b>Professionalism</b>	<b>Interpersonal Communication Skills and</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>	<b>Evaluation of Medical Knowledge</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect for the risks and benefits of diagnostic and therapeutic Procedures.</li> <li>• Prudent, cost-effective and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ability to ask gastroenterology consultants a precise and clear Question.</li> <li>• The development of critical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should use feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consults will be reviewed with the attending physicians.</li> <li>• Patient presentations and</li> </ul>

<p>judicious use of special instruments, test</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• and therapy in the diagnosis and management of gastroenterologic disorders.</li> <li>• Appropriate method of calling gastroenterology consults.</li> <li>• Need for continually reading current literature on gastroenterology–liver diseases to stay current in terms of diagnosis and treatment of diseases</li> </ul>	<p>reading skills for the gastroenterology literature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to give clear patient presentations to consultants and at conferences in gastroenterology.</li> </ul>	<p>performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should read the required material and articles provided to enhance learning.</li> <li>• The resident should use the medical literature search tools in the library to find appropriate articles related to interesting cases.</li> </ul>	<p>conference presentations will be reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procedures done by the resident will be documented, giving the indications, outcomes, diagnoses, level of competence and assessment by the supervisor of the ability of the resident to perform it independently.</li> <li>• Mid-rotation evaluation session with the faculty member working with the resident.</li> <li>• The residents will also fill out an evaluation of the gastroenterology rotation at the end of the month.</li> </ul>
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**Teaching Strategies:**

- Patients with gastrointestinal disorders and clinical problems are seen by residents during their internal medicine ward rotations, gastroenterology consult service rotation, and in the outpatient clinics.
- Gastroenterology faculty provides didactic teaching.
- Grand teaching rounds.
- Residents participate in outpatient care at the weekly gastroenterology clinic.
- Residents become familiar with diagnostic and therapeutic upper endoscopy, colonoscopy, ERCP, capsule endoscopy, liver biopsy, and esophageal motility studies in our modern endoscopy unit and radiology department.
- Teaching skills in the procedure rooms and skill laboratory
- Didactic lectures
- Interactive Seminars

- Problem based learning
- Case based learning
- Clinic pathological conferences

**Assessment:**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

**Evaluation/Feedback:**

1. **Resident Evaluation:** The faculty will fill out the standard evaluation form using the criteria for required competencies as related to gastroenterology.
2. **Program Evaluation**
  - i. The residents will fill out an evaluation of the gastroenterology rotation at the end of the month.
  - ii. Any constructive criticism, improvements, or suggestions to further enhance the training in gastroenterology are welcome at any time.
3. Residents will receive feedback with respect to achieving the desired level of proficiency and working out ways in which they can enhance their performance when the desired level of proficiency has not been achieved.
4. The faculty is encouraged to use the “early concern” and “praise card” throughout the rotation.
5. A formal evaluation and verbal discussion with the resident is to be done at the end of the rotation.

**Suggested readings:**

1. Allied hospitals of Rawalpindi Medical University have large patient populations with a broad spectrum of gastrointestinal and liver diseases.
2. Pathology and Radiology department of Allied hospitals of Rawalpindi Medical University have excellent diagnostic testing services available.
3. Medical Literature: Articles related to major topics will also be made available.
4. The resident will be oriented to the major textbooks and journals in gastroenterology and hepatology available in

## **I. GENERAL MEDICINE CONSULT SERVICE**

### **Educational Purpose:**

- A. To provide internal medicine residents with the required knowledge base, patient care skills, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism training and practice-based learning skills to function effectively as a consultant to all other medical specialties.
  
- B. To perform a comprehensive preoperative evaluation and optimal postoperative follow up of patients for non-cardiac surgery using a systematic approach based on clinical practice guidelines and other pertinent current literature.

### **Content of required knowledge:**

- A. Access and critically evaluate the medical literature relevant to the cases seen on the service.
  
- B. Review articles on core topics required during the rotation addressing:
  - 1. Fundamentals of the Medical Consultation
  - 2. Perioperative Cardiac Risk Assessment and Testing
  - 3. Perioperative Deep Vein Thrombosis Prophylaxis and Perioperative Anticoagulation Management
  - 4. Perioperative Diabetes Management
  
- C. Expand the resident's knowledge base in consultative medicine focusing specifically on perioperative care, psychiatry, pregnancy, and neurology.

### **Attributes required other than knowledge:**

<b>Patient care</b>	<b>Professionalism</b>	<b>Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competently interview and examine patients about to undergo an operative procedure or referral by a non-internal medicine service for evaluation of a medical condition.</li> <li>• Obtain all other necessary medical information by chart review and review of all other available data.</li> <li>• Make informed recommendations about diagnostic and therapeutic options and interventions based on clinical judgment, scientific evidence, and patient preference.</li> <li>• Competently and efficiently manage all perioperative and general medical problems as requested by the consulting physician.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a professional patient-physician, physician-family and physician-physician relationships. Respond sensitively to gender, age, culture, religion, socioeconomic status, and beliefs of patients and professional colleagues.</li> <li>• Follow HIPPA rules on confidentiality, scientific integrity, and informed consent.</li> <li>• Provide clear medical record documentation is expected to avoid all chart conflicts.</li> <li>• Clearly and respectfully communicate and explain recommendations and plan of care to consulting physician and staff.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate effectively with patients and families on the consultative service.</li> <li>• Communicate promptly, concisely, and respectfully both verbally and through the written record with all other physicians and providers involved in the care of the patient.</li> <li>• Promptly and professionally answer all questions raised by the consulting physician.</li> <li>• Encourage further consultation by eagerness, promptness, helpfulness, and competence.</li> <li>• Assure smooth delegation of patient care responsibilities during outpatient clinic duties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define gaps in knowledge, skills, and attitudes about consultative medicine and use evidence-based medicine to fill these gaps.</li> <li>• Adult learning principles of self determination, goal oriented and respect are the preferred methods for competency and knowledge development during the medical consult service rotation.</li> <li>• A biweekly review and discussion session will be held to cover a total of 10 selected articles in perioperative management.</li> <li>• Residents and attending will actively seek current literature pertinent to patient care, problems consulted and overall perioperative practice</li> </ul>

### **Teaching Strategies:**

- Self-directed learning
- Problem based learning
- Didactic lectures
- Case based learning
- Interactive seminars

### **Assessment:**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

### **Evaluation/Feedback:**

- 360 degree evaluation to judge the professionalism, ethics
- All Residents in the Department of Internal Medicine receive formal evaluation on standardized evaluation and feedback forms during the rotation
- Resident and faculty should schedule a face to face discussion of the learning experience on the consultation service.

**Suggested readings:** Essential reading material on core topics with the purpose to fulfill the objective of basic medical knowledge will be provided to develop the basis of an effective Internal Medicine consultant. Core topics are:

#### **1. *Fundamentals of the Medical Consultation***

Perioperative risk assessment and medical management of medical conditions entails balancing estimated risk against expected benefits of the surgery. Beyond the teaching of clinical and technical skills to solve the problem the objective of this section is to outline the ethical principles to establish an adequate relationship with patient and consulting physicians.

2. Review of two chapters from the book “Medical Consultation: The Internist on Surgical, Obstetric, and Psychiatric Services” by Richard J. Gross and William Kammerer is encouraged to better understand the role of the Internist as a consultant and to clearly define the ethical principles to follow.

3. ***Perioperative Cardiac Risk Assessment and Testing***

The goal is to provide an evidence based strategy to follow during for the perioperative cardiac risk assessment and management. This goal has the purpose of teaching residents the significance of preoperative testing and perioperative intervention of patients with ischemic and non-ischemic heart disease.

4. Residents are expected to develop competency in five specific areas including perioperative evaluation and management of ischemic heart disease, hypertension, congestive heart failure, arrhythmias and valvular heart disease.

5. ***Perioperative Deep Vein Thrombosis Prophylaxis and Perioperative Anticoagulation Management:***

The main objective is to provide residents with the tools to choose an optimal strategy to minimize perioperative risk for embolic disease due to coagulopathy or bleeding due to intervention.

6. ***Perioperative Diabetes Management:*** A common reason for consultation is perioperative management of diabetes. The objective of the review of suggested literature is to reinforce the concept of tight blood glucose control in the perioperative and in hospital setting to minimize short and long term mortality, morbidity and length of stay.

7. ***Other topics recommended for self-study***

- Perioperative management of patients with neurologic disease.
- Perioperative evaluation and management of pulmonary complications.
- Perioperative management of patients with end stage renal disease.
- Perioperative assessment and management of patients with psychiatric disorders.

- Perioperative evaluation of patients with liver diseases

## J. **NEUROLOGY**

### **Educational Purpose:**

To give residents formal instruction, clinical experience, and the opportunity to acquire expertise necessary to evaluate and manage neurological diseases.

### **General objectives of Neurology course:**

At the end of the Neurology course the resident should have achieved the following objectives:

1. The general internist should possess a broad range of competency in neurology and the knowledge should encompass the prevention and management of disorders of the central and peripheral nervous systems.
2. Knowledge of therapeutics, surgical and medical and primary and secondary prevention of neurologic diseases and should be familiar with the presenting features, diagnosis, and treatment of common neurologic disorders and other conditions, such as headache, caused by non-neural dysfunction
3. Interpreting the significance of neurological symptoms.
4. He or she should be able to perform and interpret a detailed neurologic examination.
5. Interpreting the signs obtained in the examination
6. Localization of diseases process in the nervous system
7. Integration of symptoms and signs into neurological syndromes and recognizing neurological illnesses
8. Making a differential diagnosis
9. Learning the basis of neuroimaging (CT scan, MRI), and electrodiagnostic studies (EEG's and EMG's)
10. Utilizing laboratory data to complete topographic and etiologic diagnoses
11. Defining pathophysiologic mechanisms of disease processes
12. Formulating plan for investigation and management
13. Assessing prognosis
14. Understanding main neurological manifestations of systemic diseases



15. Identifying emergencies and need for expert assistance
16. The general internist may encounter neurologic disorders in various settings, including ambulatory care, hospital, long-term care, and home care.
17. In communities where a neurologist is not available, the general internist may be a consultant for some complex neurologic disorders (for example, control of status epilepticus).

**Content of required knowledge:**

**Common Clinical Disorders:**

- Headache
- Facial Pain
- Inflammatory meningeal and encephalitic lesions
- Epilepsy
- Syncope and Dysautonomia
- Sensory Disturbances
- Weakness and Paralysis
- Transient Ischemic Attacks
- Stroke
- Intracranial and Spinal Space-Occupying Lesions.
- Nonmetastatic Neurologic Complications of Malignant Disease.
- Pseudotumor Cerebri
- Selected Neurocutaneous Diseases
- Movement Disorders
- Dementia
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Vitamin E Deficiency
- Spasticity
- Myelopathies in AIDS

- Myelopathy of Human T Cell Leukemia Virus
- Subacute Combined Degeneration of the Spinal Cord.
- Wernicke's Encephalopathy
- Stupor and Coma
- Head Injury
- Spinal Trauma
- Syringomyelia
- Motor Neuron Diseases
- Peripheral Neuropathies
- Discogenic Neck Pain
- Brachial and Lumbar Plexus Lesions
- Disorders of Neuromuscular Transmission
- Myopathic Disorders
- Periodic Paralysis Syndrome

**Common Clinical Presentations**

- Abnormal speech
- Abnormal vision
- Altered sensation
- Confusion
- Disturbed gait or coordination
- Dizziness, vertigo
- Headache
- Hearing loss
- Localized pain syndromes: Facial pain, radiculopathy
- Loss of consciousness
- Memory impairment
- Seizure
- Sleep disorder
- Tremor

- Weakness/paresis (generalized, localized)

**Procedure Skills**

- Caloric stimulation test
- Tensilon (edrophonium chloride) test (optional)
- Lumbar Puncture

**Ordering and Understanding Tests**

- Anticonvulsant drug levels
- Carotid Doppler echo scans
- Computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging of central nervous system
- Digital intravenous angiography
- Electroencephalography, evoked potentials (visual, auditory, sensory)
- Electromyography, nerve conduction studies
- Muscle biopsy
- Myelography
- Screen for toxins, heavy metals
- Sleep study

**Attributes required other than knowledge:**

<b>System based learning</b>	<b>Professionalism</b>	<b>Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>	<b>Evaluation of Medical Knowledge</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents should gain insight into and appreciation of the psychosocial effects of chronic illness.</li> <li>• Residents should enhance their utilization of communication with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of ethical behavior and humanistic qualities of respect, compassion, integrity, and honesty</li> <li>• Willing to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents should be able to decide when to call another specialist for evaluation and management on a patient with a neurological disease.</li> <li>• Residents should be able to clearly present the problem to the consultant and ask a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use feedback and self-evaluation to improve performance</li> <li>• Read the required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer specific questions and to participate in didactic sessions</li> <li>• Properly present</li> </ul>

<p>many health services and professionals such as nutritionists, nurse clinicians, physician assistants, social workers podiatrist, ophthalmologist, physical therapist, surgeon, radiologist and nuclear medicine specialist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents should learn the importance of preventive medicine in routine health care and specifically in the area of neurological disease management.</li> <li>• Residents should be knowledgeable on the use of cost effective medicine</li> <li>• Residents will assist in development of systems of improvements to correct identified problems.</li> </ul>	<p>acknowledge errors and determine how to prevent them in the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsibility and reliability at all times</li> <li>• Consideration of needs from patients, families, colleagues and support staff</li> <li>• Professional appearance at all times</li> </ul>	<p>precise question to the consultant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents should continue to develop their ethical behavior and the humanistic qualities of respect, compassion, empathy, and rapport with patients and family to promote the patient's welfare.</li> <li>• Residents should provide effective education and counseling to patients.</li> <li>• Residents must write organized and legible notes.</li> <li>• Residents must communicate to the staff in a timely fashion any problem or conflict that arouse during interaction with the patients.</li> </ul>	<p>material from textbook, journals and handouts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use medical literature search tools at the library and through on-line to find appropriate articles that apply to interesting cases.</li> </ul>	<p>assigned topics (these will be examined for completeness, accuracy, organization, and resident's understanding of the subject)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply the learned information on patients care setting</li> <li>• Give more than their share and demonstrate interest, and enthusiasm in learning</li> </ul>
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**Teaching Strategies:**

- Residents will evaluate outpatients and will discuss findings with neurologists. Residents must complete a thorough progress note on every outpatient and this must be countersigned by the neurology faculty or professor in charge.
- Residents will provide indigent care and will examine patients referred to Neurology from other departments.

This will allow the residents to see a wide variety of patients from various ages, social economic, educational, and cultural backgrounds.

- Residents will see the inpatient consults, and gather information from chart, radiology and laboratory reports. Residents then will discuss all this information with the staff neurologists as part of the bedside teaching round.
- Residents will follow their assigned admitted patients as their own until patients are released.
- Didactic lectures
- Case based learning
- Problem based learning
- Interactive seminars
- Small group discussion
- Clinico- pathological conference
- Neurology Grand Round given by visiting professors.
- Short presentation by the residents on one general Neurology topic per week.
- Follow up clinics
- Other responsibilities include providing continuity of care for Neurology clinic patients seen by prior clinic residents. This consists of returning phone calls and reviewing patient lab. work. Any questions concerning this care will be discussed with the Neurology staff.

### **Assessment:**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

### **Evaluation/Feedback:**

**A. Residents Evaluation:**

- 360 degree evaluation to judge the professionalism and ethics
- The Faculty will fill out the standard Evaluation Form using the criteria for evaluations to grade the residents' performance in required competencies.

**B. Program Evaluation:** The residents will fill out an evaluation of the Neurology rotation at the end of the month. This will include constructive criticism for improvement; or suggestions to further enhance training.

**Suggested readings:**

- i. Gilman, Newman SW: Maner and Gatz's Essentials of clinical neuroanatomy and neurophysiology. Philadelphia FA Davis Co. 1994.
- ii. Adams RD, Victor M: Principles of Neurology, current edition. McGraw-Hill Publisher.
- iii. Section on Neurology in Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine; McGraw-Hill, Publisher.
- iv. Section on Neurology in Cecil's Textbook of Medicine, WB Saunders, Publisher.
- v. The Neurologic Examination. Russell De Yong, current edition.
- vi. Patten J. Neurological differential diagnosis. Springer, Publisher, 1995
- vii. Patten and Posner, Stupor and coma. Current edition.
- viii. Medical Literature: A collection of updated review articles will also be provided which address all basic areas of Neurology. Residents are strongly encouraged to read as many of these articles as possible. In addition residents are encouraged to read basic neurological journals such as Neurology, Archives of Neurology and Annals of Neurology.
- ix. Neuroimaging: There shall a formal instruction to interpret of neuroimaging techniques.

## **K. PSYCHIATRY**

**Educational Purpose:**

To give residents formal instruction, clinical experience, and the opportunity to acquire expertise necessary to evaluate and manage some psychiatric diseases commonly seen in Internal Medicine patients and to know when to request consultation services.

**General objectives of the psychiatry course:**

1. Understanding of the prevention and treatment of mental disorders and associated emotional, behavioral and stress-related problems.
2. Given a patient with a chief complaint residents will: a) perform a focused history, b) request appropriate diagnostic tests, c) formulate a set of working diagnoses, d) formulate appropriate treatment plans including referrals.
3. In general internal medicine practice, management of risk factors for mental disorders and early diagnosis and intervention for established disease (primary and secondary prevention) are important elements.
4. The general internist should have a wide range of competency in psychiatric disease, particularly as it is encountered in outpatient settings and should be able to diagnose symptoms and use pharmacotherapy, behavioral modification, and counseling to provide primary and secondary preventive care and initially manage many mental disorders.
5. Patients hospitalized for general medical problems and those in the intensive care unit may have significant psychiatric comorbidity that contributes to general medical morbidity and length of stay. In these and all other settings, the general internist must be able to evaluate and manage psychiatric co morbidity effectively with appropriate specialty consultation.
6. The range of competencies expected of a general internist will depend on the availability of psychiatrists in the primary practice setting. Refractory cases and patients with mental disorders requiring psychotherapeutic interventions will generally be referred to a psychiatric hospitalization.
7. Demonstrate appropriate approaches to the execution of a psychiatric consultation.
8. Quickly develop a therapeutic alliance with medically ill patients.
9. Evaluate for psychopathologic processes in patients with concomitant medical and surgical conditions.
10. Advice and guide consultees about the role of psychosocial factor in medical disease and the effect of medications on the patient are presenting symptoms.
11. Demonstrate the use of the liaison process to increase awareness of the psychiatric issues of the medically and surgically ill among non-psychiatrist staff.
12. Understand the impact of illness, hospitalization and medical care on the psychological functioning of patients.

13. Understand the role of psychiatric, psychological and behavioral factors in the pathogenesis of medical disorders.
14. Develop a fund of knowledge about psychiatric issues pertaining to medical patients through didactic means including teaching rounds, selected readings and seminars.
15. Discuss the liaison process and its utility within the hospital setting.
16. Understand the use of psychotropic medications and ECT in medical/surgical patients, including physiological effects, contraindications, drug interactions, and dosing concerns.
17. Understand the use of non-organic treatments, including brief psychotherapy, behavioral management techniques, family interventions and psychoeducation.

**Content of required knowledge:**

**Common Clinical Disorders**

- Psychiatric assessment of common psychiatric disorders.
- Substance use disorders.
- Delirium, dementia and other cognitive disorders
- Geriatric psychiatric disorders
- Psychiatric problems associated with hospitalization and medical and surgical disorders
- Common Clinical Presentations
- Agitation or excitement
- Anxiety
- Confusion
- Delusions or bizarre beliefs
- Depressed or sad mood
- Fatigue
- Hallucinations
- Insomnia
- Memory loss
- Poor hygiene or self-care



- Strange speech or behavior
- Suicide risk
- Suspiciousness or feelings of persecution
- Unexplained changes in personality or performance
- Unexplained physical symptoms suggesting somatization

**Procedure Skills**

- Depression inventory
- Mental status examination, including standardized cognitive examinations when indicated
- Ordering and Understanding Tests
- Electroencephalography
- Neuropsychological evaluation

**Attributes required other than knowledge:**

<b>System based learning</b>	<b>Professionalism</b>	<b>Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>	<b>Evaluation of Medical Knowledge</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents should enhance their utilization of communication with many health services and professionals such as nutritionists, nurse clinicians, physician assistants, social workers podiatrist, ophthalmologist, physical therapist, surgeon, radiologist and nuclear medicine specialist.</li> <li>• Residents should learn the importance of preventive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of ethical behavior and humanistic qualities of respect, compassion, integrity, and honesty</li> <li>• Willing to acknowledge errors and determine how to prevent them in the future</li> <li>• Responsibility and reliability at all times Consideration of needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents must write organized and legible notes.</li> <li>• Residents must communicate to the staff in a timely fashion any problem or conflict that</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use feedback and self-evaluation to improve performance</li> <li>• Read the required material from textbook, journals and handouts</li> <li>• Use medical literature search</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer specific questions and to participate in didactic sessions</li> <li>• Properly present assigned topics (these will be examined for completeness, accuracy,</li> </ul>

<p>medicine in routine health care and specifically in the area of psychiatric disease management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents should be knowledgeable on the use of cost effective medicine.</li> <li>• Residents will assist in development of systems of improvements to correct identified problems</li> </ul>	<p>from patients, families, colleagues and support staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional appearance at all times</li> </ul>	<p>arises during interaction with the patients.</p>	<p>tools at the library and through on-line to find appropriate articles that apply to interesting cases.</p>	<p>organization, and resident's understanding of the subject)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply the learned information to patients care settings</li> </ul>
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**Teaching Strategies:**

1. Residents will provide indigent care and will examine patients referred to Psychiatry from other departments. This will allow the residents to see a wide variety of patients from various ages, social economic, educational, and cultural backgrounds.
2. Resident shall see the inpatient, and gather information from chart, radiology and laboratory reports. Residents then will discuss all this information with the staff psychiatrist as part of the bedside teaching rounds.
3. Residents must complete a thorough progress note on every patient, and this must be countersigned by the psychiatry staff member in charge of the rotation.
4. Residents will follow the assigned patients under supervision until the patients are released from the hospital.
5. Residents will be responsible for reviewing one general Psychiatry topic per week and giving a short presentation
6. Resident shall participate in outpatient psychiatric management
7. Grand teaching rounds
8. Didactic lectures
9. Seminars
10. Workshops
11. Problem based learning

- 12. Case based learning
- 13. Journal club meeting
- 14. Self-directed learning

**Assessment:**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

**Evaluation/Feedback:**

- **Resident Evaluation:**
  - 360 degree evaluation to judge the professionalism and ethics
  - The Faculty will fill out the standard Evaluation Form using the criteria for evaluations as delineated above to grade the residents' performance in each category of competency.
- **Program Evaluation:** The resident will fill out an evaluation of the Psychiatry rotation at the end of the month. This will include constructive criticism for improvement; or suggestions to further enhance training.
- Residents should receive frequent (generally daily) feedback in regards to their performance during the rotation. Residents will be informed about the results of the evaluation process and input will be requested from residents in regards to their evaluation of the Psychiatry rotation.
- There will be a formal evaluation and verbal discussion with the resident at the end of the rotation

**Suggested readings:**

- A. **Mandatory Reading:**

Wise, MG, Rundell, JR: Clinical Manual of Psychosomatic Medicine: A Guide to Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry. American Psychiatric Publishing, Washington, DC. 2005.

**B. Suggested Reading:**

Stern, TA, Herman, JB, and Slavin, PL: Massachusetts General Hospital Guide to Primary Care Psychiatry, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. New York. 2004.

## **L. RADIOLOGY**

### **Educational Purpose:**

To give residents formal, informal instruction and clinical experience in the evaluation and clinical correlation of the results of various imaging techniques utilized in a modern radiology department.

### **General objectives for Radiology course:**

1. The ability to understand the principles of radiological studies
2. Utilization of imaging techniques in the acutely injured or ill patient
3. Effective evaluation of acute chest and abdominal conditions
4. Therapeutic and diagnostic interventions with imaged guided procedures
5. Basics aspects of medical radiation exposure and protection
6. Physiologic principles of nuclear medicine and functional MRI
7. Newer neuroimaging techniques for cerebral diseases and conditions
8. Awareness and use of the data base that exists in radiology

### **Content of required knowledge:**

1. Fundamentals of chest roentgenology
2. Basics of radiology of heart disease
3. Differential diagnoses in cardiac disease
4. Plain film of the abdomen
5. Approach to Small Bowel Disease
6. Differential Diagnoses in GI Disease
7. Differential Diagnoses in MSK Disease

8. Radiological findings of Chest diseases
9. Radiological findings of Liver diseases
10. Radiological findings of Pancreas diseases
11. Radiological findings of Trauma diseases
12. Basics of CT scan, interpretation & diagnosis of common diseases
13. Basics of MRI scan, interpretation & diagnosis of common diseases

***Attributes required other than knowledge:***

<b>Patient care</b>	<b>System Based learning</b>	<b>Professionalism</b>	<b>Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizing appropriateness of various imaging procedures</li> <li>• Correlating imaging procedures with clinical findings</li> <li>• Appreciate concerns with techniques for performing imaging studies</li> <li>• Recognizing abnormal radiological findings of the commonly-used imaging studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should improve in the utilization of and communication with many health services professionals; such as technologists, sonographers and other support staff.</li> <li>• The resident should improve in the prudent, cost-effective and judicious use of imaging studies and other diagnostic testing by recognizing the value and limitations of various imaging procedures.</li> <li>• The resident should develop a systematic approach to utilize</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident should continue to develop his/her ethical behavior and the humanistic qualities of respect, compassion, integrity, and honesty.</li> <li>• The resident must be willing to acknowledge errors and determine how to avoid future similar mistakes.</li> <li>• The resident must be</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proper role of radiological consultation</li> <li>• Obtaining appropriate clinical information needed to complete an imaging study</li> <li>• Addressing patients' concerns about radiation and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve performance</li> <li>• Read the required material and articles provided to enhance learning</li> <li>• Use the medical literature</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper interpretation of the imaging consultation report</li> </ul>	<p>available imaging techniques to work-up the patients with various clinical findings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident will assist in determining the root cause of any error which is identified and methods for avoiding such problems in the future.</li> <li>• The resident will assist in development of systems' improvement if problems are identified.</li> </ul>	<p>responsible and reliable at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The resident must always consider the needs of patients, families, colleagues, and support staff.</li> <li>• The resident must maintain a professional appearance at all times.</li> </ul>	<p>imaging procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding technical limitations of imaging procedures in certain settings</li> </ul>	<p>search tools to find appropriate articles related to interesting cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop capabilities in interpreting results of basic radiological studies.</li> </ul>
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**Teaching Strategies:**

1. The resident will observe the radiologist interpreting the morning images and/or performing the morning fluoroscopic procedures.
2. The resident is also expected to observe special procedures, diagnostic ultrasound, mammography, and nuclear medicine procedures performed in the department.
3. The resident is required to be present at all pertinent radiological conferences during their rotation of radiology.
4. The resident is encouraged to discuss with the radiologist any interesting cases.
5. The resident is provided with opportunities and appropriate materials to enhance his/her learning achievement.
6. Didactic lectures
7. Interactive Seminars
8. Workshops
9. Problem based learning
10. Case based learning
11. Journal club meeting
12. Self-directed learning

- 13. Clinic pathological conferences
- 14. Teaching skills in the department settings

**Assessment:**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

**Evaluation/Feedback**

1. 360 degree evaluation to judge the professionalism and ethics
2. Attendance at the required morning X-ray film review
3. Assigned case presentations and conference presentations will be evaluated
4. Ability to interpret results of commonly used imaging studies
5. Mid-rotation evaluation session between the resident and the consult service attending for that month
6. Residents will receive feedback with respect to achieving the desired level of proficiency.
7. Ways in which they can enhance their performance will be discussed when the desired level of proficiency has not been achieved.
8. Evaluation and feedback will occur during the rotation.
9. A formal evaluation and verbal discussion with the resident is to be done at the end of the rotation.
  - Should be able to interpret CT and MRI scans for common diseases

**Suggested readings:**

1. The Emergency Patient. Charles S. Langston, Lucy Frank Squire. Saunders, 1975

2. Emergency Radiology. T. Keats. Mosby, 1988 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
3. Radiology of the Emergency Patient: An Atlas Approach. Edited by Edward I. Greenbaum. New York: Wiley, c1982.
4. Videodisc: Head and neck, GI, GU Ultrasound files
5. Learning Radiology.com

## **M. HAEM-ONCOLOGY**

### **Educational Purpose**

To equip the postgraduate trainees with sufficient knowledge, clinical skills and proficiency for evaluating and managing haematologic disorders, emergencies and malignancies.

### **Content of Required Knowledge**

1. PGT should be able to recognize signs and symptoms of all haematologic disorders and manage them in consultation with supervisor
2. PGT should understand the principles of therapy for haematologic malignancies
3. PGT should seek pertinent physical exam, laboratory information, and radiographic studies to rule out metastatic disease and oncologic emergencies

### **Haem-Oncologic Diseases**

#### **A. Common Haematologic Disorders**

##### **1. Anaemias**

- Iron deficiency anaemia
- Thalassemias
- Aplastic anaemia
- Haemolytic anaemia
- Sickle cell anaemia
- Pernicious anaemia

##### **2. Thrombocytopenia**

##### **3. Leukocytosis**

##### **4. Coagulopathies**

#### **B. Oncologic Emergencies**



- fever and neutropenia
- hypercalcemia
- tumor lysis syndrome
- Hyperleukocytosis
- spinal cord compression
- superior vena cava syndrome

### **C. Haematologic Malignancies**

- Leukemias
- non-Hodgkin's lymphomas
- Hodgkin's disease
- multiple myeloma

### **D. Common Solid Tumors**

- CA breast
- CA colon
- CA lung
- CA prostate

### **E. Common Para-neoplastic Syndromes**

- Hypercalcemia
- SiADH
- Eaton Lambert
- ectopic ACTH

### **F. Metastatic Diseases**

#### **Procedural Skills**

- Bone marrow aspiration
- Bone marrow biopsy
- Lumbar puncture
- Peripheral blood smears
- Paracenteses

- thoracenteses
- administration of chemotherapy through all therapeutic routes

### **Interpretation of clinical and laboratory procedures**

- Bone marrow biopsy
- Lumbar puncture
- Paracenteses
- Peripheral blood smears

### **Teaching strategies**

- Didactic lectures
- Bed side teaching
- Case based discussion
- Problem based learning
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Symposiums
- Outpatient evaluation in clinical settings
- Interactive sessions

### **Assessment**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

\*Assessment of the trainees will be followed by constructive feedback for improvement of their attitude, performance and competencies.

### **Evaluation / Feedback**

- 360 degree evaluation of the trainees to judge the professionalism, ethics, counseling & interpersonal communication skills

- Evaluation by formal discussion of trainees with supervisor, co-supervisor and program director by the end of rotation to rule out conflicts of interest and difficulties faced by trainees
- Evaluation of training program pertinent to effectiveness and efficiency of program in equipping trainees with necessary skills
- Trainees will frequently be provided with feedback for improvement of their performance.

**Attributes required other than knowledge**

Systems Based Learning	Attitudes, Values and Habits	Professionalism	Interpersonal and Communication Skills	Practice Based Learning Improvement	Evaluation of Medical Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should improve in the utilization of and communication with many health services and professionals such as the radiologist, surgeon, and pathologist</li> <li>• PGT should improve in the use of cost effective medicine</li> <li>• PGT should assist in determining the root cause of any error which is identified and methods for avoiding such problems in the future</li> <li>• PGT should</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping the patient and family informed on the clinical status of the patient, results of tests, etc.</li> <li>• Frequent, direct communication with the physician who requested the consultation</li> <li>• Review of previous medical records and extraction of information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should understand the ethical conflict between care of an individual and welfare of the community</li> <li>• PGT should understand the ethical conflicts pertinent to antimicrobial therapy, vaccination and preventive measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should learn when to call a subspecialist to manage patient with hematologic /oncologic problem</li> <li>• PGT should clearly present the cases to staff in organized way</li> <li>• PGT should be able to establish rapport with patients</li> <li>• PGT should</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should use feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve performance.</li> <li>• PGT should read the required material and articles provided to enhance learning.</li> <li>• PGT should use the medical literature search tools in the library to find appropriate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should be able to answer directed questions &amp; participate in case management</li> <li>• PGT presentations on assigned short topics will be assessed for completeness, accuracy, organization &amp; understanding of topic</li> <li>• Ability of</li> </ul>

<p>recommend the drugs available in hospital pharmacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bed bureau should be informed for bed issue</li> <li>• PGT must assist in development of systems' improvement if problems are identified</li> </ul>	<p>relevant to the patient's hematologic status. Other sources of information may be used, when pertinent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding that patients have the right to either accept or decline recommendations made by the physician</li> <li>• Education of the patient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should acknowledge medical errors and should learn how to avoid mistakes in future</li> <li>• PGT should be responsible and timely in consulting with staff &amp; patients</li> <li>• PGT should have professional appearance at all times</li> <li>• PGT should</li> </ul>	<p>listen to the patient's complaints for patient's welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should effectively educate &amp; counsel patients</li> <li>• PGT should not down all complaints of patients in organized manner</li> <li>• PGT should timely communicate pt's problem to the staff</li> </ul>	<p>articles related to interesting cases</p>	<p>PGT to apply the information to the patient care setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• interest level of PGT in learning</li> </ul>
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### Suggested Readings

1. Hoffbrand's Essential Haematology, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. October 2015, ©2016, Wiley-Blackwell.
2. Dacie and Lewis Practical Haematology, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition By Barbara J. Bain, Copyright 2017
3. Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, Latest Edition OR Cecil's Textbook of Internal Medicine, Latest Edition
4. Hematologic diseases, part XIV (pages 958 – 1106) and Oncology, latest Edition part XV (pages 1108 – 1256).
5. MKSAP latest edition – (Oncology & Hematology booklets).
6. New England Journal of Medicine ([www.nejm.org](http://www.nejm.org))
7. Journal of Clinical Oncology ([www.jco.org](http://www.jco.org))

8. National Comprehensive Cancer Network ([www.nccn.org](http://www.nccn.org))
9. Understanding the benefits of adjuvant chemotherapy in Breast, Colon and Lung cancer patients ([www.adjuvantonline.com](http://www.adjuvantonline.com))

## **N. INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

### **Educational Purpose**

To train the postgraduate trainees with provision of fundamental information, acquisition of clinical skills so that they are well versed in prevention, assessment and management of infectious diseases.

### **Content of required Knowledge**

1. PGT should Identify sign and symptoms and management of patients presenting with common infectious diseases
2. PGT should recognize and interpret the importance of certain life styles and life events in the risk for specific infections, including intravenous drug abuse, sexual orientation or behavior, socioeconomic status, travel, animal exposure and environmental exposure
3. PGT should recognize the role of advanced age, diabetes mellitus, renal failure, malnutrition, alcoholism, COPD and cardiovascular disease in development of infections
4. PGT should be able to recommend appropriate antimicrobial therapy in a variety of infectious entities both in community acquired or nosocomial infections.
5. PGT must recognize and understand the natural and pathogenesis of sepsis associated with infections at specific organ system
6. PGT should be aware of microbial virulence factors, host defense mechanisms, epidemiology of infectious diseases and anti-infective therapy principles

### **Basic Concepts of Clinical Microbiology**

1. Appropriate collection and transport of specimen
2. Sterilization and disinfection
3. Microscopy
4. Staining (Gram, AFB and others)

5. Culture media and basic preparation
6. Culture techniques (standard & automated)
7. Bacterial and mycobacterial microbiology
8. Sensitivity testing
9. Parasitology
10. Mycology
11. Molecular diagnostics
12. Virology
13. Safety
14. Quality assurance

### **Management of Major Infectious Clinical syndromes**

1. Fever evaluation
2. Respiratory tract infections
3. Cardiovascular infections
4. CNS infections
5. Skin and soft tissue infections
6. Gastrointestinal infections, food poisoning and hepatitis
7. Bone and joint infections
8. Diseases of reproductive organs and STDs & AIDS
9. Eye and ENT infections
10. Infections in immune-compromised hosts and burns
11. Transplant infections
12. Nosocomial infections
13. Infections in special hosts
14. Surgical & trauma related infections
15. Zoonoses
16. Viral, bacterial, chlamydial, rickettsial, protozoal and fungal infections

### **Special Topics**

1. Immunization

2. Infection control
3. Risk reduction
4. Outbreak investigation
5. Travel medicine
6. Biological warfare

### **Procedural Skills**

#### **A. Bacteriology**

- Perform gram stain
- Inoculation of culture plates

#### **B. Mycobacteriology**

- Perform AFB smear

#### **C. Urine Analysis**

- Perform urine dipstick

#### **D. Mycology**

- Identification of molds and yeasts

#### **E. Serology**

- Perform RPR
- Perform MP ICT

### **Interpretation of clinical and laboratory procedures**

- Interpret gram stains of blood, sterile fluids and sputum
- Interpret culture plates
- Interpret antimicrobial susceptibility testing (disc diffusion, MIC)
- Interpret API
- Interpret AFB smear
- Interpret AFB cultures
- Interpret serologies
- Interpret RPR
- Interpret MP ICT

### **Teaching strategies**

- Didactic lectures
- Bed side teaching
- Case based discussion
- Problem based learning
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Symposiums
- Outpatient evaluation in clinical settings
- Interactive sessions

### **Assessment**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

\*Assessment of the trainees will be followed by constructive feedback for improvement of attitude, performance and ability of the trainees

### **Evaluation / Feedback**

- 360 degree evaluation of the trainees to judge the professionalism, ethics, counseling & interpersonal communication skills.
- Mid-rotation evaluation session between the resident and the infectious diseases staff will also be conducted
- Evaluation by formal discussion of trainees with supervisor, co-supervisor and program director by the end of rotation to rule out conflicts of interest and difficulties faced by trainees. The faculty will complete a standard written evaluation form used by the department.
- Evaluation of training program pertinent to effectiveness and efficiency of program in equipping trainees with necessary skills will also be carried out.



- Trainees will frequently be provided with feedback for improvement of their performance.

**Attributes required other than knowledge, attitude and skills**

<b>Systems Based Learning</b>	<b>Attitudes, Values and Habits</b>	<b>Professionalism</b>	<b>Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>	<b>Evaluation of Medical Knowledge</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT recommend drugs easily available in hospital setting</li> <li>• PGT should understand the issues implicated with the transmission of an infectious agent and the responsibility of the physician to protect uninfected individuals</li> <li>• PGT should apply evidence-based, cost-effective strategies for prevention,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping the patient and family informed on the clinical status of the patient, results of tests, etc.</li> <li>• Frequent, direct communication with the physician who requested the consultation</li> <li>• Review of previous medical records and extraction of information relevant to the patient's infectious</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should develop ethical behavior</li> <li>• Should reflect humanistic qualities of respect, compassion, integrity, and honesty</li> <li>• PGT should admit his errors and must learn how to avoid them in future</li> <li>• PGT should be responsible &amp; reliable at all times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should communicate with lab staff to obtain relevant microbiologic data of patients' samples</li> <li>• PGT should appropriately call a subspecialist for evaluation and management of a patient with infectious disease</li> <li>• PGT should ask precise questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should identify parameters to monitor care</li> <li>• PGT should maintain currency with patient's clinical progress</li> <li>• PGT should keep up to date with medical literature related to interesting cases seen in consult service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should be able to perform procedures and consult adequately the plan of care</li> <li>• PGT should be able to participate in didactic infectious diseases sessions</li> <li>• PGT should apply the information learnt in didactic sessions in patient care setting</li> </ul>

<p>diagnosis and disease management</p>	<p>status. Other sources of information may be used, when pertinent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding that patients have the right to either accept or decline recommendations made by the physician</li> <li>• Education of the patient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should consider the needs of patients, families, colleagues, and support staff</li> <li>• PGT should maintain a professional appearance at all times</li> <li>• PGT should understand how personal and cultural characteristics impact the efforts to control spread of communicable diseases</li> </ul>	<p>from infectious diseases consultants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should arrange the elements of patient's report in a systematic manner to be useful for both patients and consultant</li> <li>• PGT should establish rapport with patients</li> <li>• PGT should be able to health educate and counsel the patients</li> <li>• PGT should write legible and organized consultation notes</li> <li>• PGT should clearly present problem to</li> </ul>		
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			the consultants & infectious diseases conferences		
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### **Suggested Readings**

1. Mandell, Douglas, and Bennett's Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases: Expert Consult Premium Edition. Two Volumes, 7th Edition.
2. Baron's Medical Microbiology / 4th ed.; 2000
3. Best Practices in Infection Prevention and Control: An International Perspective, 2nd ed.; 2012.
4. The Blue Book – Guidelines for the Control of Infectious Diseases / 2nd ed.; 2011.
5. Cohen & Powderly: Infectious Diseases, 3rd ed.; 2010. --- Clinical Key
6. Infectious Diseases section: The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy, 19th ed., 2011.
7. Microbial Threats to Health: Emergence, Detection, and Response / edited by Mark S. Smolinski, Margaret A. Hamburg, and Joshua Lederberg, Board on Global Health; 2003.

## **O. NEPHROLOGY**

### **Educational Purpose**

To make postgraduate trainees competent in identification of the problem and provision of care to patients presenting with renal disorders.

### **Content of Required Knowledge**

1. PGT should be able to classify renal failure and stage chronic kidney diseases
2. PGT should understand etiology, pathogenesis and competent enough to clinically present, diagnose and manage the cases of glomerulopathies, tubule-interstitial disorders
3. PGT must be proficient in managing acid-base disorders and fluid / electrolyte imbalances
4. PGT should know principles of dialysis procedure and its complications

### **Renal Disorders**

- Acute renal failure
- Chronic renal failure

- Primary & secondary glomerulopathies
- Tubulo-interstitial disorders
- Obstructive nephropathy (acute & chronic)
- Hereditary nephropathy (Polycystic kidney disease, Alport's syndrome)
- Diabetic nephropathy
- Primary and secondary hypertension
- Lupus nephritis
- Nephritic syndrome
- Acid base disorders
- Fluid & electrolytes imbalances
- Urinalysis
- Kidney biopsy indications
- Acute and chronic dialysis
- Kidney transplantation

### **Procedural Skills**

- placement of temporary hemodialysis catheters
- kidney biopsies
- placement of tunneled hemodialysis catheters
- ultrasonography
- hemodialysis access interventions
- Placement of peritoneal dialysis catheters

### **Interpretation of clinical and laboratory procedures**

- Renal Function Tests (RFTs)
- Renal biopsy
- Renal ultrasonography

### **Teaching strategies**

- Didactic lectures
- Bed side teaching

- Case based discussion
- Problem based learning
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Symposiums
- Outpatient evaluation in clinical settings / dialysis clinic
- Interactive sessions

**Assessment**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

\*Assessment of the trainees will be followed by constructive feedback for improvement of their attitude, performance and competencies.

**Evaluation / Feedback**

- 360 degree evaluation of the trainees to judge the professionalism, ethics, counseling & interpersonal communication skills
- Evaluation by formal discussion of trainees with supervisor, co-supervisor and program director by the end of rotation to rule out conflicts of interest and difficulties faced by trainees
- Evaluation of training program pertinent to effectiveness and efficiency of program in equipping trainees with necessary skills will also be done.
- Trainees will frequently be provided with feedback for improvement of their performance.

**Attributes required other than knowledge**

<b>Systems Based Learning</b>	<b>Attitudes, Values and Habits</b>	<b>Professionalism</b>	<b>Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>	<b>Evaluation of Medical Knowledge</b>
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<p>improve in the utilization of and communication with many health services and professionals such as nutritionists, nurses, therapists, surgeons and administrative staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should improve in the use of cost effective medicine</li> <li>• PGT should recommend drugs available in hospital setting</li> <li>• PGT should assist in determining the root cause of any error which is identified and methods for avoiding such problems in the future</li> <li>• PGT must assist in development of systems' improvement if</li> </ul>	<p>patient and family informed on the clinical status of the patient, results of tests, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent, direct communication with the physician who requested the consultation</li> <li>• Review of previous medical records and extraction of information relevant to the patient's renal status. Other sources of information may be used, when pertinent</li> <li>• Understanding that patients have the right to either accept or decline recommendati</li> </ul>	<p>understand the ethical conflict between care of an individual and welfare of the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should understand the ethical conflicts pertinent to antimicrobial therapy, vaccination and preventive measures</li> <li>• PGT should acknowledge medical errors and should learn how to avoid mistakes in future</li> <li>• PGT should be responsible and timely in consulting with staff &amp; patients</li> </ul>	<p>learn when to call a subspecialist to manage patient with renal disease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should clearly present the cases to staff in organized way</li> <li>• PGT should be able to establish rapport with patients</li> <li>• PGT should listen to the patient's complaints for patient's welfare</li> <li>• PGT should effectively educate &amp; counsel patients</li> <li>• PGT should not down all complaints of patients in organized manner</li> <li>• PGT should</li> </ul>	<p>feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve Performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should read the required material and articles provided to enhance learning.</li> <li>• PGT should use the medical literature search tools in the library to find appropriate articles related to interesting cases</li> </ul>	<p>be able to answer directed questions &amp; participate in case management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT presentations on assigned short topics will be assessed for completeness, accuracy, organization &amp; understanding of topic</li> <li>• Ability of PGT to apply the information to the patient care setting</li> <li>• interest level of PGT in learning</li> </ul>
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problems are identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education of the patient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should have professional appearance at all times</li> </ul>	timely communicate pt's problem to the staff		
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### Suggested Readings

1. Murray Longmore. Oxford Handbook of Clinical Medicine and Oxford Assess and Progress: Clinical Medicine Pack. 2014.
2. Douglas C.Eaton. John Pooler. Vanders Renal Physiolyg, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition. Lange.
3. Michael J. Field, Carol Pollock, David Harris. The Renal System: Systems of the body series. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Churchill Livingstone.
4. Richard A. Preston. Acid Base, fluids and electrolytes made ridiculously simple. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. 2010.

## **P. PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE**

### **Educational Purpose**

To give a broad view of pulmonary diseases to postgraduate trainees to facilitate them in diagnosing and managing acute and chronic pulmonary diseases and when to pursue pulmonary subspecialty consultations.

### **Content of Required Knowledge**

1. PGT should be able to recognize signs and symptoms, diagnose and manage all common pulmonary infections, TB, COPD.
2. PGT should be proficient enough to diagnose and manage pulmonary vascular diseases and respiratory failure.
3. PGT should seek pertinent physical exam, laboratory information, and radiographic studies to rule out malignancies of pleura and mediastinum including pneumothorax and empyema.

### **Pulmonary Disorders**

- Pulmonary infections, including fungal infections, and those in the immuno-compromised host
- Tuberculosis
- Obstructive lung diseases including asthma, bronchitis, emphysema and bronchiectasis
- Malignant diseases of the lung, pleura and mediastinum, both primary and metastatic
- Pulmonary vascular diseases (Pulmonary embolism)

- Pleuro-pulmonary manifestations of systemic diseases
- Respiratory failure (Respiratory Distress Syndrome)
- Occupational and environmental lung disease
- Diffuse interstitial lung disease
- Disorders of the pleura and mediastinum, including pneumothorax and empyema
- Sleep-induced disorders of breathing

### **Procedural Skills**

- Thoracentesis
- Bronchoscopy
- Chest intubation
- Needle biopsy of pleura

### **Interpretation of clinical and laboratory procedures**

- Pulmonary Function Tests
- Thoracentesis
- Needle biopsy of pleura
- Bronchoscopy
- Chest intubation

### **Teaching strategies**

- Didactic lectures
- Bed side teaching
- Case based discussion
- Problem based learning
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Symposia
- Outpatient evaluation in pulmonary outpatient clinic / TB clinic
- Interactive sessions

### **Assessment**



- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

\*Assessment of the trainees will be followed by constructive feedback for improvement of their attitude, performance and competencies.

**Evaluation / Feedback**

- 360 degree evaluation of the trainees to judge the professionalism, ethics, counseling & interpersonal communication skills
- Evaluation by formal discussion of trainees with supervisor, co-supervisor and program director by the end of rotation to rule out conflicts of interest and difficulties faced by trainees
- Evaluation of training program pertinent to effectiveness and efficiency of program in equipping trainees with necessary skills
- Trainees will frequently be provided with feedback for improvement of their performance.

**Attributes required other than knowledge**

<b>Systems Based Learning</b>	<b>Attitudes, Values and Habits</b>	<b>Professionalism</b>	<b>Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>	<b>Evaluation of Medical Knowledge</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should improve in the utilization of and communication with many health services and professionals such as the radiologist, surgeon, and pathologist</li> <li>• PGT should improve in the use of cost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping the patient and family informed on the clinical status of the patient, results of tests, etc.</li> <li>• Frequent, direct communication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should understand the ethical conflict between care of an individual and welfare of the community</li> <li>• PGT should</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should learn when to call a subspecialist to manage patient with endocrine disease.</li> <li>• PGT should clearly present the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should use feedback and self-evaluation in order to improve performance.</li> <li>• PGT should read the required material and articles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGT should be able to answer directed questions &amp; participate in case management</li> <li>• PGT presentations on assigned</li> </ul>

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**Suggested Readings**

1. John B. West, Andrew M. Luks. West’s respiratory physiology: The Essentials. 10<sup>th</sup> Edition. Wolters Kluver.
2. Dinah Bradley. Foreword by Dr. Mike Thomas. Hyperventilation syndrome. Breathing Pattern Disorder. 2012. London. United Kingdom.
3. Lynelle N.B. Pierce. Management of Mechanically Ventilated Patient. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. 2006. Elsevier.

**Q. RHEUMATOLOGY**

**Educational Purpose**

To provide the postgraduate trainees with intensive instruction, clinical experience, and the opportunity to be proficient in evaluation and management of rheumatologic disorders.

**Content of Required Knowledge**

1. PGT should be able to recognize clinical manifestations, diagnose and manage cases of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, SLE, other inflammatory and metabolic myopathies.
2. PGT should be competent enough to diagnose and manage scleroderma, fibromyalgia and soft tissue rheumatism.

**Rheumatologic Diseases**

- Acute Monoarticular arthritis
- Osteoarthritis

- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
- Scleroderma
- Anti-phospholipid syndrome
- Other inflammatory and metabolic myopathies
- Seronegative arthropathies
- Crystal induced arthritis (Gout)
- Vasculitis
- Fibromyalgia and soft tissue rheumatism (tennis elbow)

### **Procedural Skills**

- soft tissue and joint injections
- spinal injections for relief of back pain
- biopsy procedures such synovial or muscle biopsies
- musculoskeletal ultrasound
- synovial fluid aspirations
- synovial biopsy
- arthrocentesis
- trigger point injections

### **Interpretation of clinical and laboratory procedures**

- X-ray and other imaging techniques
- Lab tests
- soft tissue and joint injections
- spinal injections for relief of back pain
- biopsy procedures such synovial or muscle biopsies
- musculoskeletal ultrasound
- synovial fluid aspirations
- synovial biopsy

### **Teaching strategies**

- Didactic lectures
- Bed side teaching
- Case based discussion
- Problem based learning
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Symposiums
- Outpatient evaluation in clinical settings
- Interactive sessions

**Assessment**

- OSCE
- MCQs
- SEQs
- Long case
- Short case

\*Assessment of the trainees will be followed by constructive feedback for improvement of their attitude, performance and competencies.

**Evaluation / Feedback**

- 360 degree evaluation of the trainees to grade the trainees in each of the six competencies as related to rheumatology.
- Evaluation by formal discussion of trainees with supervisor, co-supervisor and program director by the end of rotation to rule out conflicts of interest and difficulties faced by trainees
- Evaluation of training program pertinent to effectiveness and efficiency of program in equipping trainees with necessary skills
- Trainees will frequently be provided with feedback for improvement of their performance.

**Attributes required other than knowledge**

<b>Systems Based Learning</b>	<b>Attitudes, Values and Habits</b>	<b>Professionalism</b>	<b>Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>	<b>Practice Based Learning Improvement</b>	<b>Evaluation of Medical Knowledge</b>
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**Suggested Readings**

1. Section on musculoskeletal disease in Harrison’s Principles of Internal Medicine, McGraw-Hill publisher.
2. Section of Rheumatology in Cecil’s Textbook of Medicine, latest Edition WB Sanders Publisher.
3. MKSAP booklet on Rheumatology.
4. The textbook Primer on the Rheumatic Disease will also be provided which address all basic areas of rheumatology.

**R. EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

**Educational Purpose**

To learn practicing emergency medicine, prioritization of care and triage, interaction with ambulance and other emergency personnel and basic approach to common emergencies; traumatic, medical, pediatric and adult.

**Content of Required Knowledge**

1. PGT should be able to obtain all pertinent historical data and correctly do physical examination and assessment in acute illness
2. PGT should be competent enough to develop an appropriate diagnosis & care plan for Emergency patients
3. PGT should be proficient in performing emergency procedures under universal precautions
4. PGT should be adequately skilled to resuscitate a critically ill patient

### **Medical & Surgical Emergencies**

- Knowledge of pathological abnormalities, clinical manifestations and principles of management of medical and surgical emergencies
- Understanding of routine investigations for proper management of patients
- Ability to take decision regarding hospitalization or timely referral to other consultants / subspecialty
- Competency in selecting correct drug combinations for different clinical problems keeping in view their pharmacological effect, side effects, interaction with other drugs
- Proficiency in recommending preventive, restorative and rehabilitative aspects including those in elderly so as to counsel the patients correctly after recovery from acute or chronic illness.

### **General skills to be achieved for managing Emergencies**

- History taking
- Planning initial management
- Simple airway maneuvers
- Bag mask ventilation
- LMA & multi-lumen esophageal airway insertion
- Oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal airway
- Apply nasal prongs
- Administer nebulizer
- Arterial puncture
- Inline immobilization
- Application of cervical collar
- Oxygen therapy
- Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation
- Basics of ECG
- Rhythm recognition
- Defibrillation and cardio version



- Peripheral I/V access
- NG tube insertion
- Urinary catheter insertion
- Decompression of pneumothorax
- Examination of Ear, Nose and Throat
- Splinting
- Debridement
- Wound care
- Suturing
- P/V and P/R examination
- Lumbar puncture
- Basics of radiology

❖ **Desired medical and surgical procedures which should be demonstrated after trainees have been imparted competencies**

### **Medical Skills**

- Advanced airway management
- Ventilator support
- Non-invasive ventilation
- Central vascular access
- CVP monitoring
- Trans cutaneous pacing
- Trans venous pacing
- Invasive hemodynamic monitoring
- Temporary pacemaker insertion and maintenance
- Pain relief
- Naso-jejunal tube placement
- Bronchoscopy
- Abdominal paracentesis

- Hemodialysis

### **Surgical Skills**

- Percutaneous tracheostomy
- Cricothyroidotomy
- Surgical tracheostomy
- Burr hole
- ICP measurement
- Venous cut down
- Thoracentesis
- ICD tube placement
- External fixation of pelvis
- Fasciotomy
- Escharotomy
- Embolization of bleeding vessels
- Retrograde urethrogram
- IVU

### **Hands on Training in Trauma Management & Assessment**

1. Needle thoracentesis
2. Cricothyroidectomy
3. Needle cricothyroidotomy
4. Supra pubic catheterization
5. Inter osseous nailing
6. Central venous access
7. Spine immobilization
8. Splinting
9. POP casting
10. Compartment pressure measurement
11. Invasive pressure monitoring
12. Suturing technique

13. ABG sampling
14. Anterior and posterior nasal packing
15. Foreign body removal
16. Reducing dislocated joints
17. Debridement
18. Endotracheal insertion
19. Insertion of Foley's catheter
20. Umbilical vein catheterization
21. Emergency ultrasonography
22. Nail bed hematoma removal
23. Reducing paraphymosis
24. External fixator for pelvis
25. Auto transfusion technique
26. Incision and Drainage
27. Nerve blocks
28. Abdominal compartment pressure monitoring

#### **Interpretations of clinical and laboratory procedures**

- Reading trauma and surgical related CT
- Reading trauma and surgical related MRI
- Reading trauma and surgical related X-ray
- Interpret results of specialized investigations like:
  - Ultrasonography
  - Biochemical, hemodynamic, electro-cardiographic, electro-physiological, pulmonary functional, hematological, immunological, nuclear isotope scanning and ABG analysis results

#### **Teaching strategies**

- Hands on training in trauma management workshops
- Didactic lectures
- Bed side teaching

- Case based discussion
- Problem based learning
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Symposia
- Outpatient evaluation in clinical settings
- Interactive sessions

**Assessment**

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**Attributes required other than knowledge**

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**Suggested Readings**

1. Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider Manual by American Heart Association. 2016.
2. Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured (Book & Navigate 2 Essentials Access). 11th Edition. American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)
3. Responding to Emergency: Comprehensive First Aid / CPR / AED. American Red Cross. 1st Edition.
4. John Tardiff, Paula Derr, Mike McEvoy. Emergency & Critical Care Pocket Guide 8th Edition. 2016.

**S. GERIATRICS**

**Educational Purpose**

To learn the principles of aging, recognize and manage geriatric syndromes and become expert in diagnosing, managing and evaluating common geriatric disorders

**Content of Required Knowledge**

1. PGT should be able to recognize signs and symptoms of all haematologic disorders and manage them in consultation with supervisor
2. PGT should understand the principles of therapy for haematologic malignancies
3. PGT should seek pertinent physical exam, laboratory information, and radiographic studies to rule out metastatic disease and oncologic emergencies

## Geriatric Diseases / Problems

### Common Clinical Disorders

**Prevention**      Adult preventive visit  
Adult immunizations  
Smoking Cessation

**Eye**              Low vision  
Cataract  
Blepharitis

**ENT**              Sinusitis  
Pharyngitis  
URI  
Cerumen impaction  
Hearing loss

**Respiratory**      Acute bronchitis  
COPD/chronic bronchitis  
Chronic cough  
Asthma/wheezing  
Pneumonia  
Influenza

**Cardiovascular**      Hypertension  
Coronary artery disease  
CHF  
Chest Pain  
Palpitations  
Peripheral edema  
Post MI care  
Atrial fibrillation  
Deep vein thrombosis

**Gastrointestinal**      GE reflux

	Ulcer/gastritis
	Gastroenteritis/acute diarrhea
	Irritable bowel Syndrome
	Constipation
	Hemorrhoids
	Diverticular Disease
	Liver disease/jaundice
<b>Renal</b>	Renal insufficiency
	Nephrolithiasis
	Proteinuria
	Hematuria
<b>Gynecology</b>	Pyelonephritis
	Menopause
	Vaginitis, atrophic
	Vaginitis, infectious
	Breast mass
	Uterine fibroid
<b>Urology</b>	Incontinence
	UTI
	Prostatism
	Prostatitis
	Prostate mass
<b>Musculoskeletal</b>	Low back pain
	Osteoporosis
	Osteoarthritis
	Arthritis, Other
	Knee pain
	Neck Pain
	Overuse Syndrome/ tenosynovitis



**Neurology**

Delirium  
Headache  
Dementia  
Cerebrovascular Disease  
Sleep disorder  
Parkinson's disease  
Gait ataxia  
Dizziness  
Multiple sclerosis  
Seizure disorder

**Mental Health**

Depression  
Alcohol abuse  
Anxiety  
Adjustment disorder  
Somatization  
Panic disorder

**Hematology/Oncology/  
Immunology**

Anemia  
Cancer Screening  
Systemic Cancer care coordination  
Cancer diagnosis

**Infectious Diseases**

HIV  
Tuberculosis  
Malaria

**Dermatology**

Pressure Ulcer  
Actinic keratosis  
Seborrheic keratosis  
Dermatitis  
Nevus/benplasm  
Tinea

**Constitutional**  
Varicella zoster  
Skin infection (abscess, cellulitis, Endocrine  
Diabetes mellitus, type II  
Hypothyroidism  
Hyperlipidemia  
Obesity  
Hyperthyroidism  
Diabetes mellitus, type I  
Hormone replacement therapy  
Fatigue  
Unintentional weight loss  
Fever

**Abuse/neglect**  
Elder abuse/neglect

**Procedural Skills**

- ADL and IADL Assessment
- Mini—Mental Status Exam (MMSE)
- Life Expectancy Estimate
- Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS)
- Decision-Making Capacity Assessment
- Mobility Status Assessment 1
- Righting Reflex Assessment
- Nutritional Status Assessment
- Medication Review with Recommendations
- Pressure Ulcer Risk Assessment/Prevention
- Pressure Ulcer Staging/Treatment
- Urinary Incontinence Assessment/Management
  
- **Teaching strategies**

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2. Geriatric disease in Cecil's Textbook of Medicine, WB Saunders Publisher.
3. MKSAP booklet on Geriatrics

## **CURRICULUM FOR 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR MD DERMATOLOGY**

### **Foundation of Dermatology**

1. History of dermatology
2. Structure and Function of skin
3. Histopathology of skin: general principles
4. Diagnosis of skin disease
5. Epidemiology of skin disease
6. Health economics and skin disease
7. Genetics and the skin
8. Inflammation, immunology and allergy
9. Photobiology
10. Cutaneous response to injury and wound healing
11. Psychological and social impact of long term dermatological conditions
12. Adverse immunological reactions to drugs
13. Topical drug delivery
14. Clinical pharmacology

### **Management**

1. Principles of holistic management of skin disease
2. Principles of measurement and assessment in dermatology
3. Principles of evidence based dermatology
4. Principles of topical therapy
5. Principles of systemic therapy
6. Principles of skin surgery
7. Principles of phototherapy
8. Principles of photodynamic therapy
9. Principles of cutaneous laser therapy
10. Principles of radiotherapy

## **Infections and infestations**

1. Viral infections
2. Bacterial infections
3. Mycobacterial infections
4. Leprosy
5. Syphilis and congenital syphilis
6. Other sexually transmitted bacterial diseases
7. HIV and the skin
8. Fungal infections
9. Parasitic diseases
10. Arthropods

## **Inflammatory dermatoses**

1. Psoriasis and related disorders
2. Pityriasis rubra pilaris
3. Lichen planus and lichenoid disorders
4. Graft versus host disease
5. Eczematous disorders
6. Seborrheic dermatitis
7. Atopic eczema
8. Urticaria
9. Recurrent angio oedema without weals
10. Urticarial vasculitis
11. Autoinflammatory diseases presenting in the skin
12. Mastocytosis
13. Reactive inflammatory erythemas

14. Adamantiades behcet disease
15. Neutrophilic dermatoses
16. Immunobullous diseases
17. Lupus erythematosus
18. Antiphospholipid syndrome
19. Dermatomyositis
20. Mixed connective tissue disease
21. Dermatological manifestations of rheumatoid disease
22. Systemic sclerosis
23. Morphea and allied scarring and sclerosing inflammatory dermatoses

#### **Metabolic and nutritional disorders affecting the skin**

1. Cutaneous amyloidoses
2. Cutaneous mucinoses
3. Cutaneous porphyrias
4. Calcification of skin and subcutaneous tissue
5. Xanthomas and abnormality of lipid metabolism and storage
6. Nutritional disorders affecting the skin
7. Skin disorders in diabetes mellitus

#### **Genetic disorders involving the skin**

1. Inherited disorders of cornification
2. Inherited acanpholytic disorders
3. Ectodermal dysplasias
4. Inherited hair disorders
5. Genetic defects of nails and nail growth



6. Genetic disorders of pigmentation
7. Genetic blistering diseases
8. Genetic disorders of collagen, elastin and dermal matrix
9. Disorders affecting cutaneous vasculature
10. Genetic disorders of adipose tissue
11. Congenital naevi and other developmental abnormalities affecting the skin
12. Chromosomal disorders
13. Poikiloderma syndromes
14. DNA repair disorders with cutaneous features
15. Syndromes with premature ageing
16. Hamartoneoplastic syndromes
17. Inherited metabolic diseases
18. Inherited immunodeficiency

### **Psychological, sensory and neurological disorders and the skin**

1. Pruritus, prurigo and lichen simplex
2. Mucocutaneous pain syndromes
3. Neurological conditions affecting the skin
4. Psychodermatology and psychocutaneous disease

### **Skin disorders associated with specific cutaneous structure**

2. Acquired disorders of epidermal keratinization
  1. Acquired pigmentary disorders
  2. Acquired disorders of hair
  3. Acne
  4. Rosacea
  5. Hidradenitis suppurative
  6. Other acquired disorders of the pilosebaceous unit

7. Disorders of sweat glands
8. Acquired disorders of nails and nail unit
9. Acquired disorders of dermal connective tissue
10. Granulomatous disorders of the skin
11. Sarcoidosis
12. Panniculitis
13. Other acquired disorders of subcutaneous fat

### **Vascular disorders involving the skin**

1. Purpura
2. Cutaneous vasculitis
3. Dermatoses resulting from disorders of the veins and arteries
4. Ulceration resulting from disorders of the veins and the arteries
5. Disorders of the lymphatic vessels
6. Flushing and blushing

### **Skin disorders associated with specific sites, sex and age**

1. Dermatoses of the scalp
2. Dermatoses of external ear
3. Dermatoses of the eye, eyelids and eyebrows
4. Dermatoses of the oral cavity and lips
5. Dermatoses of the male genitalia
6. Dermatoses of the female genitalia
7. Dermatoses of perineal and perianal skin
8. Cutaneous complications of stomas and fistulae
9. Dermatoses of pregnancy
10. Dermatoses of the neonate
11. Dermatoses and haemangiomas of infancy

## **Skin disorders caused by external agents**

1. Benign cutaneous adverse reactions to drugs
2. Severe cutaneous adverse reactions to drugs
3. Cutaneous side effects of chemotherapy and radiotherapy
4. Dermatoses induced by illicit drugs
5. Dermatological manifestations of metal poisoning
6. Mechanical injury to the skin
7. Pressure injury and pressure ulcers
8. Cutaneous reactions to cold and heat
9. Burns and heat injury
10. Cutaneous photosensitivity diseases
11. Allergic contact dermatitis
12. Irritant contact dermatitis
13. Occupational dermatology
14. Stings and bites

## **Neoplastic ,proliferative and infiltrative disorders affecting the skin**

1. Benign melanocytic proliferation and melanocytic
2. Benign keratinocytic acanthomas and proliferation
3. Cutaneous cysts
4. Lymphocytic infiltrates
5. Cutaneous histiocytoses
6. Soft tissue tumors and tumor like conditions

7. Tumors of skin appendages
8. Kaposi sarcoma
9. Cutaneous lymphomas
10. Basal cell carcinoma
11. Squamous cell carcinoma and its precursors
12. Melanomas
13. Melanoma clinicopathology
14. Melanoma surgery
15. Systemic treatment of melanoma
16. Dermoscopy of melanoma and naevi
17. Merkel cell carcinoma
18. Skin cancer in immunocompromised patient

### **Systemic disease and the skin**

1. Cutaneous markers of internal malignancy
2. The skin and the disorders of the haematopoietic and immune systems
3. The skin and endocrine disorders
4. The skin and disorders of heart
5. The skin and the disorders of the respiratory system
6. The skin and the disorders of the digestive system
7. The skin and the disorders of the kidney and urinary tract
8. The skin and the disorders of the musculoskeletal system

### **Aesthetic Dermatology**

1. Skin ageing
2. Cosmeceuticals
3. Soft tissue augmentation
4. Aesthetic uses of botulinum toxins
5. Chemical peels
6. Lasers and energy-based devices

## **SECTION – III**

### **RESEARCH & THESIS WRITING**

Total of one year will be allocated for work on a research project with thesis writing. Project must be completed and thesis be submitted before the end of training. Research can be done as one block in 5<sup>th</sup> year of training or it can be stretched over five years of training in the form of regular periodic rotations during the course as long as total research time is equivalent to one calendar year.

#### **Research Experience**

The active research component program must ensure meaningful, supervised research experience with appropriate protected time for each resident while maintaining the essential clinical experience. Recent productivity by the program faculty and by the residents will be required, including publications in peer-reviewed journals. Residents must learn the design and interpretation of research studies, responsible use of informed consent, and research methodology and interpretation of data. The program must provide instruction in the critical assessment of new therapies and of the medical literature. Residents should be advised and supervised by qualified staff members in the conduct of research

#### **Clinical Research**

Each resident will participate in at least one clinical research study to become familiar with

1. Research design
2. Research involving human subjects including informed consent and operations of the Institutional Review Board and ethics of human experimentation
3. Data collection and data analysis
4. Research ethics and honesty
5. Peer review process

This usually is done during the consultation and outpatient clinic rotations

#### **Case Studies or Literature Reviews**

Each resident will write, and submit for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, a case study or literature review on a topic of his/her choice

#### **Laboratory Research**

11. **Bench Research** Participation in laboratory research is at the option of the resident and may be arranged through any faculty member of the Division. When appropriate, the research may be done at other institutions

12. **Research involving animals**

Each resident participating in research involving animals is required to:

1. Become familiar with the pertinent Rules and Regulations of the Rawalpindi Medical University i.e. those relating to "Health and Medical Surveillance Program for Laboratory Animal Care Personnel" and "Care and Use of Vertebrate Animals as Subjects in Research and Teaching".
2. Read the "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals".
3. View the videotape of the symposium on Humane Animal Care

13. **Research involving Radioactivity**

Each resident participating in research involving radioactive materials is required to:

1. Attend a Radiation Review session
2. Work with an Authorized User and receive appropriate instruction from him/h

**SECTION – IV**    **DETAILS OF RESEARCH CURRICULUM & MANDATORY  
WORKSHOPS**

**CURRICULUM OF RESEARCH & MANDATORY WORKSHOPS**

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# INTRODUCTION

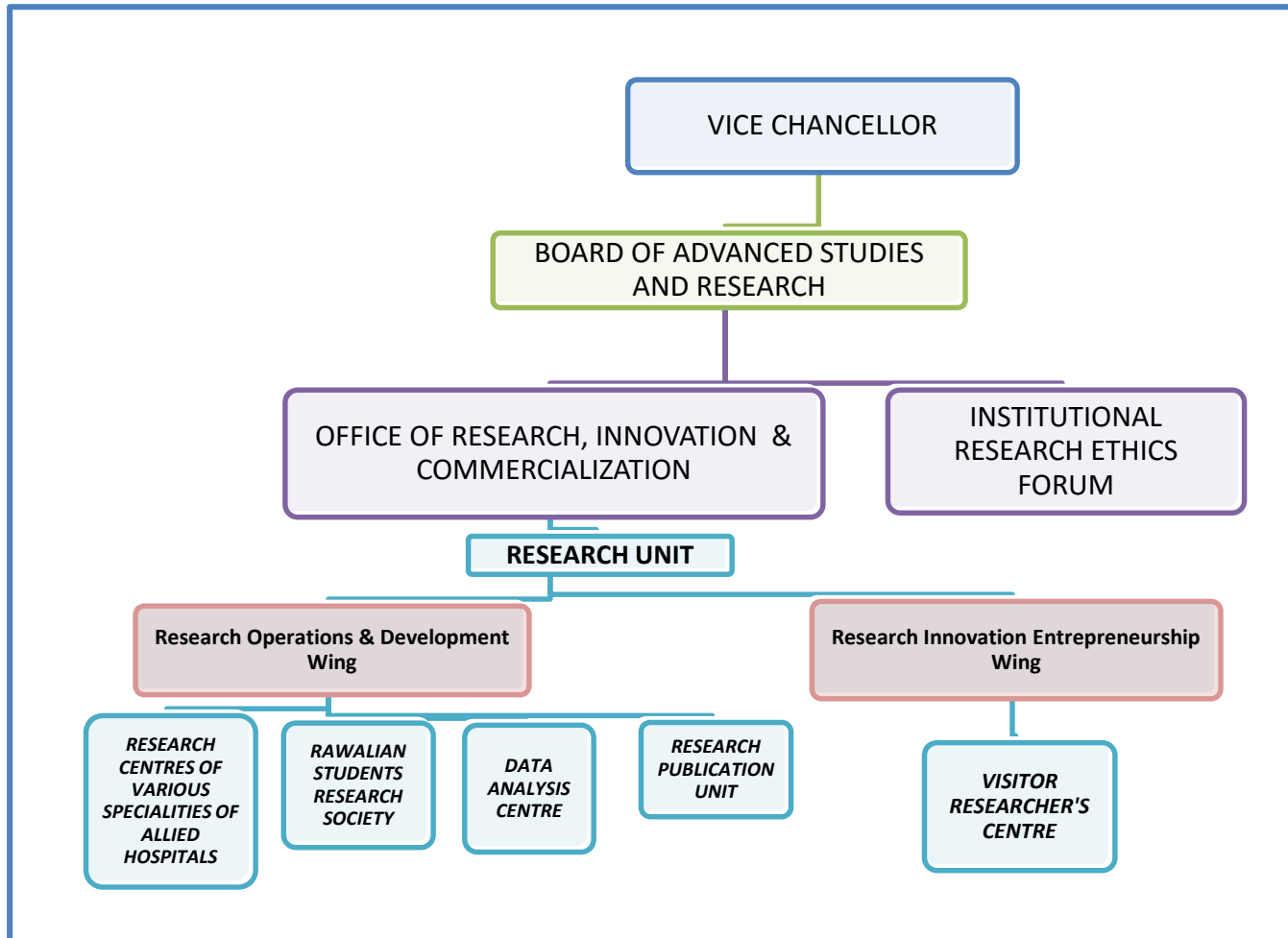
**With advent of Evidence Based Practice over last two to three decades in medical science**, merging the best research **evidence** with good clinical expertise and patient values is inevitable in decision making process for patient care. Therefore apart from receiving per excellence knowledge of the essential principles of medicine and necessary skills of clinical procedures, the trainees should also be well versed and skillful in research methodologies. So the training in research being imperative is integrated longitudinally in all four year's training tenure of the trainees.

The purpose of the research training is to provide optimal knowledge and skills regarding research methods and critical appraisal. The expected outcome of this training is to make trainees dexterous and proficient to practically conduct quality research through amalgamation of their knowledge, skills and practice in research methodologies.

## ORIENTATION SESSION FOR POST GRADUATE TRAINEES:

- I. At the beginning of the research course, an orientation session or an introductory session of one hour duration will be held, organized by Director, Deputy Directors of ORIC (Office of Research Commercialization and Innovation) of RMU to make trainees acquainted to the research courses during four years post graduate training, the schedule of all scholarly and academic activities related to research and the assessment procedures.
- II. Trainees will also be introduced to all the facilitators of the course, organizational structure of ORIC (Annexure 1) and the terms of references of corresponding authorities (Annexure 2) for any further information and facilitation.
- III. All the curriculum details and materials for assistance and guidance will be provided to trainees during the orientation session.
- IV. The research model of RMU as given in Figure 1 and will be introduced to the newly inducted trainees of RMU.

**Figure 1. MODEL OF RESEARCH AT RAWALPINDI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY**



The research training component for Post Graduate Trainees comprises of four years and the Distribution and curriculum for each year is mentioned as follows:

## **RESEARCH COURSE OF FIRST POST GRADUATION TRAINING YEAR R-Y1**

### **PURPOSE OF R-Y1 RESEARCH COURSE:**

The RESEARCH YEAR 1 or R-Y1 research course of the post graduate trainees intends to provide ample knowledge to trainees regarding the importance of research, its necessity and types. This course will provide them clarity of concepts that what are the priority problems that require research, how to sort them out and select topics for research. It will also teach them the best techniques for exploring existent and previous evidences in research through well organized literature search and also how to critically appraise them. The course will not only provide them comprehensive knowledge but will also impart optimum skills on how to practically and logically plan and design a research project by educating and coaching them about various research methodologies. The trainees will get familiarized to research ethics, concepts of protection of human study subjects, practice-based learning, evidence based practice in addition to the standard ethical and institutional appraisal procedures of Rawalpindi medical University by Board of Advanced Studies and Research and Institutional and Ethics Research Forum of RMU.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES OF R-Y1 RESEARCH COURSE**

After completion of R-Y1 course the trainees should be efficiently able to:

1. Discuss the value of research in health service in helping to solve priority problems in a local context.
2. Identify, analyse and describe a research problem
3. Review relevant literature and other available information
4. Formulate research question, aim, purpose and objectives
5. Identify study variables and types
6. Develop an appropriate research methodology
7. Identify appropriate setting and site for a study
8. Calculate minimally required sample size for a study.
9. Identify sampling technique, inclusion and exclusion criteria
10. Formulate appropriate data collection tools according to techniques
11. Formulate data collection procedure according to techniques
12. Pre-test data collection tools
13. Identify appropriate plan for data analysis
14. Prepare of a project plan for the study through work plans and Gantt charts
15. Identify resources required for research and means of resources
16. Prepare a realistic study budget in accordance with the work plan.
17. Critically appraise a research paper of any national or international journal.

18. Present research papers published in various national and international journals at journal club.
19. Prepare a research proposal independently.
20. Develop a strategy for dissemination and utilisation of research results.
21. Familiarization with application Performa for submission of a research proposal to BASR or IREF.
22. Familiarization with format of presentations and procedure of presentation and defence of a research proposal to BASR or IREF.
23. Familiarization with the supervisor, nominated by the Dean and to develop a harmonious rapport with supervisor.

### **RESEARCH COURSE OF FIRST TRAINING YEAR**

Following academic and scholarly activities will be carried out during year 1 ie R-Y1 of Research course catering the post graduate trainees

#### **A. TEACHING SESSIONS:**

Research will be taught to the trainees through following methods in various sessions. Each session will comprise of all or either one or two or all five of the following techniques;

1. Didactic lectures through power-point presentations.
2. On spot individual exercises.
3. On spot group exercises.
4. Take home individual assignment
5. Take home group assignment.

The facilitators of these sessions will be staff members (that are director, deputy directors (managers), research associates, statistician and publication in charge) of Office of Research Innovation and commercialization (ORIC) of RMC. While visitor lecturers including renowned national and international public health consultants, researchers, epidemiologists and biostatisticians will also be invited, according to their availability, for some modules of these course

#### ***Format of teaching sessions:***

- i. During year 1 i.e. R-Y1, 23 teaching sessions in total will be taken, with an average of three sessions per month. Each session will comprise of a didactic lecture delivered initially, to attain the mentioned learning outcomes.
- ii. Each didactic lecture will be of 30 minutes' duration using the power-point medium that will be followed by a 30 minutes on spot individual or group exercises of trainees during the same session.
- iii. By the end of each session, a take home individual task/assignment will be given to trainees, either individually or in groups, that will be duly evaluated and marked each month.

#### ***Course content of teaching sessions:***

- i. The course materials will be based on an updated modified version of course titled as “Designing Health Services Research (Basic)” that was developed in collaboration of Rawalpindi Medical College & Nuffield Institute for Health, University of Leeds, UK based adapted from “Designing and Conducting Health Systems Research Projects” by CM. Varkevisser KIT Publishers, Amsterdam (International Development Research Centre) in association with WHO Regional Office for Africa.
- ii. The trainees will be provided hard copies as well as soft copies of the course content in a folder at the initiation of the course.
- iii. In addition to it they will be provided various soft copies and links of updated and good resource materials regarding research by the course facilitators.

**Curriculum of teaching sessions:**

The details of the 22 teaching sessions of the trainees during year one R-Y1 along with the tentative time frame work, teaching strategies, content of curriculum and objectives/Learning outcomes of each sessions are displayed in table 1

**TABLE 1. TEACHING SESSIONS OF RESEARCH CURRICULUM OF YEAR 1 OF TRAINEES OF POST GRADUATE TRAINEES/MD SCHOLARS OF RMU**

<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</b>
SESSION 1 WEEK 1 Month 1	Lecture through power point presentation followed by both individual exercise & Group exercise	A. Introduction to health systems research B. Identifying and Prioritizing Research Problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the purpose, scope and characteristics of health systems research</li> <li>• Identify criteria for selecting health-related problems to be given priority in research</li> </ul>
SESSION 2 WEEK 2 Month 1	Lecture through power point presentation followed by Individual exercise	Analysis and statement of problem & Introduction to Literature review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze a selected problem and the factors influencing it and understand how to prepare the statement of the problem for research.</li> <li>• Describe the reasons for reviewing available literature and other information for preparation of a research.</li> <li>• Identify the resources that are available for carrying out such a review.</li> </ul>
SESSION 3 WEEK 3 Month 1	Lecture through power point presentation followed by Individual exercise &	Literature review Referencing systems; Vancouver & Harvard referencing systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the methods for reviewing available literature and other information for preparation of a research.</li> <li>• Should be familiar with referencing systems and</li> </ul>

	Take home assignment		its importance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use Vancouver and Harvard referencing systems and should be able to differentiate between them.</li> </ul>
<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</b>
SESSION 4 WEEK 1 Month 2	Lecture through power point presentation followed by Individual exercise & Take home assignment	Literature review Referencing managing systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the methods for reviewing available literature and other information for preparation of a research.</li> <li>• Should be familiar with use and importance of reference managing systems; Endnote &amp; Mendeley.</li> <li>• Use the literature review and other information pertaining to a research topic that will adequately describe the context of study and strengthen the statement of the problem.</li> </ul>
SESSION 5 WEEK 2 Month 2	Lecture through power point presentation followed by Individual exercise & Take home assignment	Plagiarism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the significance and necessity of plagiarism detection</li> <li>• Use online plagiarism detection tools and turn-it-in for detecting plagiarism through assessment of originality scores/similarity index for plagiarism</li> </ul>
SESSION 6 WEEK 3 Month 2	Lecture through power point presentation followed by Individual exercise	Formulation of research objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State the reasons for writing objectives for a research project.</li> <li>• Define and describe the difference between general and specific objectives.</li> <li>• Define the characteristics of research objectives.</li> <li>• Prepare research objectives in an appropriate format.</li> <li>• Develop further research questions, and</li> </ul>

<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES</b> <i>i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</i>
SESSION 7 WEEK 4 Month 2	Lecture through power point presentation followed by Individual Assignment	Formulation of Hypothesis for a research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State the reasons and scenario for formulating research hypothesis.</li> <li>• Define and describe the types difference between one sided and two sided hypothesis.</li> <li>• Formulate Null hypothesis and Alternate hypothesis in an appropriate format.</li> <li>• Identify importance of hypothesis testing and to identify type I &amp; type II errors.</li> </ul>
SESSION 8 WEEK 1 Month 3	Lecture through power point presentation followed by a group exercise.	Research methodology; Variables and Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define what study variables are and describe why their selection is important in research.</li> <li>• State the difference between numerical and categorical variables and define the types of scales of measurement.</li> <li>• Discuss the difference between dependent and independent variables and how they are used in research designs.</li> <li>• Identify the variables that will be measured in a research project and development of operational definitions with indicators for those variables that cannot be measured directly.</li> </ul>
<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES</b> <i>i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</i>
SESSION 9 WEEK 2	Lecture through power point presentation followed	Research methodology;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the study types mostly used in HSR.</li> <li>• Define the uses and limitations of each study</li> </ul>

Month 3	by a group exercise.	Study types	<p>type.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe how the study design can influence the validity and reliability of the study results.</li> <li>• Identify the most appropriate study design for a study.</li> </ul>
SESSION 10 WEEK 1 Month 4	Lecture through power point presentation	Data collection techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe various data collection techniques and state their uses and limitations.</li> <li>• Advantageously use a combination of different data collection techniques.</li> <li>• Identify various sources of bias in data collection and ways of preventing bias.</li> <li>• Identify ethical issues involved in the implementation of research and ways of ensuring that informants or subjects are not harmed.</li> <li>• Identify appropriate data-collection techniques.</li> </ul>
SESSION 11 WEEK 2 Month 4	Lecture through power point presentation	Data collection tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare data-collection tools that cover all important variables.</li> </ul>
<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</b>
SESSION 12 WEEK 1 Month 5	Lecture through power point presentation	Sampling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and define the population(s) to be studied</li> <li>• Describe common methods of sampling.</li> <li>• Decide on the sampling method(s) most appropriate for a research design.</li> </ul>



SESSION 13 WEEK 2 Month 5	Lecture through power point presentation Group exercises	Sampling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List the issues to consider when deciding on sample size.</li> <li>• Calculate minimally required sample size according to study designs</li> <li>• Use WHO's (World Health Organization's) sample size calculator.</li> <li>• Decide on the sample size(s) most appropriate for a research design.</li> </ul>
SESSION 14 WEEK 3 Month 5	Lecture through power point presentation	Plan for Data Entry , storage and Statistical Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and discuss the most important points to be considered when starting to plan for data collection.</li> <li>• Determine what resources are available and needed to carry out data collection for study.</li> <li>• Have knowledge of resources, available for data recording, storage and to carry out data analysis of a study?</li> <li>• Describe typical problems that may arise during data collection and how they may be solved.</li> <li>• Identify important issues related to sorting, quality control, and processing of data.</li> </ul>
<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe how data can best be analyzed and interpreted based on the objectives and variables of the study</li> <li>• Prepare a plan for the processing and analysis of data (including data master sheets and dummy</li> </ul>

			tables) for the research proposal being developed.
SESSION 15 WEEK 1 Month 6	Lecture through power point presentation and individual exercises	Introduction to Statistical Package of Social Sciences (SPSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Statistical Package of Social Sciences.</li> <li>• Entry of various types of variables in SPSS.</li> </ul>
SESSION 16 WEEK 2 Month 6	Lecture through power point presentation and individual exercises	Pilot and project planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the components of a pre-test or pilot study that will allow to test and, if necessary, revise a proposed research methodology before starting the actual data collection.</li> <li>• Plan and carry out pre-tests of research components for the proposal being developed.</li> <li>• Describe the characteristics and purposes of various project planning and scheduling techniques such as work scheduling &amp; GANTT charting.</li> <li>• Determine the various tasks and the staff needed for a research project and justify any additional staff (research assistants, supervisors) apart from the research team, their recruitment procedure, training and</li> </ul>
<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</b>
			<p>supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a work schedule, GANTT chart and staffing plan for the project proposal.</li> </ul>
SESSION 17 WEEK 3 Month 6	Lecture through power point presentation and individual exercises	Budgeting for a study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify major categories for a budget.</li> <li>• Make reasonable estimates of the expenses in various budget categories.</li> <li>• List various ways a budget can be reduced, if necessary, without substantially damaging a project.</li> <li>• Prepare a realistic and appropriate budget for the project proposal</li> </ul>

SESSION 18 WEEK 1 Month 7	Lecture through power point presentation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project administration</li> <li>• Plan for dissemination</li> <li>• Research ethics &amp; concepts of protection of human study subjects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List the responsibilities of the team leader and project administrator related to the administration and monitoring of a research project.</li> <li>• Prepare a brief plan for administration and monitoring of a project.</li> <li>• Identify the ethical considerations mandatory during execution of a research project and their importance.</li> <li>• Prepare a plan for actively disseminating and fostering the utilization of results for a research the project proposal.</li> </ul>
SESSION 19 WEEK 2 Month 7	Lecture through power point presentation	Differences between original articles, short communications, case reports, systematic reviews and meta-analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differentiate between original articles, short communications, case reports, systematic reviews and meta-analysis</li> </ul>
<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</b>
SESSION 20 WEEK 3 Month 7	Lecture through power point presentation and group exercises	Writing a Case report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify important components of a good case report.</li> <li>• Formulate a quality case report of any rare case presented in the clinical unit during the training period</li> </ul>
SESSION 21 WEEK 1 Month 8	Lecture through power point presentation and group exercises	Undertaking a clinical audit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify Clinical audit as an essential and integral part of clinical governance.</li> <li>• Differentiate between research and clinical audit.</li> <li>• Identify types of Clinical Audit</li> <li>• Understand steps of process of Clinical Audit</li> </ul>
SESSION 22 WEEK 2	Lecture through power point presentation and	Critical Appraisal of a research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the importance and purpose of critical appraisal of research papers or articles.</li> </ul>

Month 8	group project	paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have ample knowledge of important steps of critical appraisal</li> <li>• Can effectively critically appraise a research paper published in any national or international journal.</li> </ul>
SESSION 23 WEEK 3 Month 8	Lecture through power point presentation and individual exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making effective power-point presentations</li> <li>• Making effective poster presentations</li> <li>• Presenting a research paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine various tips for making effective power-point presentations.</li> <li>• Determine various tips for making effective poster and its presentations.</li> <li>• Identify important components of research paper that essentially should be communicated in a presentation.</li> <li>• Can effectively and confidently make a power-point presentation of a research paper published in any national or international</li> </ul>
<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</b>
			<p>journal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can formulate a poster of a research paper published in any national or international journal.</li> </ul>

**Minimal Attendance of teaching sessions:**

The attendance of the trainees in the Research training sessions must be 80% or above during year 1, and it will be duly recorded in each session and will be monitored all the year round.

**Assessment of Trainees for teaching sessions:**

- i. For didactic lectures, the learning and knowledge of the trainees will be assessed during the end of year examination or Annual Research Paper.
- ii. One examination paper of Research of R-Y1 will be taken that will comprise of 75 marks in total and will consist of two sections. Section one will be of 50 marks in total and will comprise of 25 MCQ's (multiple choice questions) while section two will comprise of 5 SAQ's (Short answer questions) and Problems/Conceptual questions.
- iii. Total duration of the paper will be 90 minutes.

- iv. The papers will be checked by the research associates and Deputy Directors of ORIC.

***Assessment of individual and group exercises:***

- i. The quality, correctness and completeness of the individual as well as group exercises will be assessed during the teaching sessions, when they will be presented by the end of each session by trainees either individually or in groups respectively.
- ii. The mode of presentations will be oral using media of charts, flip charts & white boards.
- iii. There will be no scores or marks specified for the individual or group exercises but the feedback of evaluation by the facilitators will be on spot by end of presentations.

***Assessment of individual or group; take home tasks/assignments:***

- i. The correctness, quality and completeness of the individual or group exercises will be determined once these will be submitted after completion to the facilitators after period specified for each task. Assignments should be submitted in electronic version and no manually written assignment will be accepted.
- ii. Each assignment will be checked for plagiarism through turn-it-in software. Any assignment that will have originality score less than 90% or similarity index more than 10% will be returned back to trainees for rephrasing and resubmission.
- iii. Assignments will be assessed and checked during the sessions and will be scored by the facilitators who had taken the session.
- iv. A total of 50 marks in total will be assigned for evaluation of all of these take home tasks/assignments.

## **B. PARTICIPATION IN JOURNAL CLUB SESSIONS**

- i. The journal club of every department will comprise of an academic meeting of the head of department, faculty members, trainees and internees at departmental level.
- ii. The purpose of journal club will be to collectively attempt to seek new knowledge through awareness of current and recent research findings and also to explore best current clinical research and means of its implementation and utilization.
- iii. Apart from the teaching sessions of the trainees should attend the journal club sessions of the departments and should attempt to actively participate in them too.
- iv. One journal club meeting must be organized in the department in every two months of the year and its attendance by the trainees will be mandatory.
- v. The journal club meeting will be chaired by the Dean of specialty.
- vi. The purpose of participation of the trainees in journal club will be to enhance their scientific literacy and to have optimal insight of the relationship between clinical practice and evidenced-based medicine to continually improve patient care.

***Format of Journal Club Meetings:***

- i. In a journal club meeting, one or two research paper/s published in an indexed national or international journal, selected by the Dean of the department will be presented by year 2 trainees; R-Y2 trainees.

- ii. The research paper will be presented through power-point and the critical appraisal of the paper will follow it.
- iii. The topic will also be discussed in comparison to other evidences available according to the latest research.
- iv. The year one trainee i.e. R-Y1 trainee will only participate in the journal club and will not present during first year of training. He/she will be informed regarding the selected paper one and a half month prior to the meeting and should do extensive literature search on the topic and also of the research paper that will be presented in meeting.
- v. The trainees should actively participate in question & answer session of the journal club meeting that will be carried out following the presentation of the critical appraisal of the research paper. It will be compulsion for each R1 trainee to ask at least one question or make at least one comment relevant to the topic and/or the research paper, during the journal club meeting.

***Minimal Attendance of Journal Club meetings by R-Y1 trainee:***

The R-Y1 trainees should attend at least 5 out of 6 journal club meetings during their first year of training.

***Assessment of Trainees for Journal Club sessions:***

There will be no formal quantitative or qualitative assessment of the trainee during year one for their participation in the journal club.

## C. OBSERVATION OF MONTHLY MEETING OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (IREF) OF RMU

- i. In order to provide exposure to R-Y1 trainees regarding standard operational procedures and protocols of the research activities of Rawalpindi Medical University, each R-Y1 trainee should attend at least two monthly meetings of the Institutional Research Ethics Committee of RMU and should observe the proceedings of the meeting.
- ii. He/she will be informed by the research associates of ORIC about the standard procedures of application to IREF step wise including guidance regarding how an applicant should access the RMU website and download the application Performa and then how to electronically fill it in for final submission. They will also be provided format of presentation for their future presentations at IREF meetings.

***Minimal Attendance of IREF meetings by R-Y1 trainee:***

The R-Y1 trainees should attend at least at least two (out of 12) monthly meetings of IREF during their first year of training.

***Assessment of Trainees for participation in the IREF meetings:***

There will be no formal quantitative or qualitative assessment of the trainee during year one for their participation in the IREF meetings.

## D. NOMINATION OF THE SUPERVISOR OF THE TRAINEE FOR THE DISSERTATION PROJECT

- i. During the first year of training, the supervisor of each trainee must be nominated within first six months. The Dean of the specialty will decide the nomination of the supervisor for the post graduate trainee as well as MD scholars.
- ii. A meeting will be held in the middle of the year, in June preferably, that will be attended by all heads of the departments and the Dean. The list of all the first year trainees and the available supervisors in each department will be presented by respective heads

of each department in meeting. All of the eligible trainees and supervisors will also be around for brief interviews during the meeting.

- iii. The head of departments, prior to interviews of the trainees and supervisors, will inform the Dean in the meeting, their own personal observation of the level of performance, talent personality and temperament of both the trainees and the supervisors. Based on their consideration of the compatibility of both eligible trainees and the supervisors, Head of departments (HOD's) will recommend or propose most suitable supervisors for each trainee after eloquent discussions and justifications.
- iv. The Dean will then call each trainee individually to inform him/her the suggested Supervisor for him/her and will also give right and time for objection or reservation in nomination, if any. The Dean will seek the trainee's final consent and then after asking the trainee to leave the meeting room, will call the supervisor for final consent.
  - v. If the supervisor will also be willing to happily supervise the trainee, then the Dean will finally approve the nomination.
- vi. A tentative list will be issued by the office of the Dean, within three days of the meeting, copied to the HOD's and the trainees and supervisors.
- vii. Both the trainees and the supervisors will be given two weeks to challenge the nominations, in case either of the two have any qualms or objections regarding the nominations. They will also be given right to personally approach the Dean for any request for change. In case of any objection, the Dean will make changes in consultation with the HOD's, after final consent and satisfaction of both trainee and supervisor
- viii. The final revised list of nominations will be then issued by the office of Dean and will be sent to the Board of Advanced studies and Research of RMU (BASR).
- ix. The Board of Advanced studies and Research of RMU will issue final approval of the list and the Vice chancellor will endorse the nominations as final authority.
- x. During the last few months of the first year of training, the trainees and supervisors will be advised by the Dean, to get familiar with each other and try to identify their abilities to efficiently and successfully work together as a team, especially during the project of Clinical Audit, mentioned in next section.
- xi. In case of any issues, either of both will have right to request any change in nomination to the Dean, till last week of first year of training. The Dean will then consider the case and will seek modification in nomination from the BASR.
- xii. After completion of first year of training, no substitution in nomination will be allowed. In case of any serious incompatibility between the trainee and the supervisor, the issue will be brought to the Vice chancellor directly by the Dean as a special case, who will make the final decision accordingly, as the final authority.
- xiii. As regards the MD scholars, the external supervisors will also be nominated and those nominations will be made by Vice chancellor of RMU in consultation with the Dean of specialty. The consent of the trainees and supervisors will follow the same protocol as specified above and the final list of nominations will then be submitted to BASR for final approval.

- xiv. After finalization of nominations a letter of agreement of supervision will be submitted by the trainee to the office of Dean, including consent and endorsement of both trainee and the internal and/or external supervisor, with copies to HOD, ORIC and BASR.
- xv. The supervisor and the trainee will be bound to meet on weekly basis exclusively for research activity with documented record of the activity done during the meeting in the log book.

### E. UNDERTAKING A CLINICAL AUDIT PROJECT

- i. During ninth month of training year 1; R-Y1 the head of department will form groups of trainees, either two or three trainees in one group (along with each supervisor of each trainee), depending on the total number of trainees available in that respective first year.
- ii. These groups will undertake clinical audits on various aspects of the department as a project assignment, on one topic assigned to each group by the Dean and Heads of Departments.
- iii. If the group will comprise of two trainees and their supervisors' then there will be four group members in that group and if three trainees in one group, then there will be six members of that group after inclusion of their supervisors.
- iv. The trainees during session 21 conducted in first week of eighth month of training R-Y1, will already have been taught how to undertake a clinical audit and this task of undertaking a clinical audit will be assigned to them as its group project. This project will also provide the trainees and the supervisors an opportunity to work closely and will help them understand and foresee their group dynamics for future dissertations.
- v. The clinical audits completed in groups will be published as Annual Audit Reports of the departments by the Dean and HOD's and each member of the group will be acknowledged as author in the Annual Audit reports or if also published in any research journal.
- vi. The clinical audit will also be presented in weekly Clinico-pathological conferences (CPC) of the University, if approved by the Dean. The presentation will be supervised by HOD.
- vii. The contribution of the post graduate trainees'/ MD trainees in audits will be qualitatively assessed by the supervisors and the head of departments.

### F. MONITORING OF RESEARCH COURSE OF YEAR 1

- i. All the concerned faculty members, at department, research units of specialties (including supervisors, senior faculty members and Head of Department) and the Deputy Directors and Director at the Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization of RMU will keep vigilant and continuous monitoring of all the academic activities of each trainee.
- ii. There will be a separate section of research in Structured Log books of trainees and also section of Research in portfolio record of the trainees specific to research component of the training that will be regularly observed, monitored and endorsed by all the concerned faculty members, supervisor and facilitators. The Log and portfolio for the research curriculum of each training year will be entered separately.



- iii. The Structured Research section in Log books specific to research curriculum of training year 1 will include the record of attendance of all the teaching sessions of the trainee that will be monthly updated and endorsed by the Department of Medical Education (DME) of RMU.
- iv. There will also be submission record and scores attained for the individual and group assignments of the trainees, endorsed by the facilitators of ORIC including Deputy Directors and Research Associates.
- v. The log books will also include the attendance of the trainees in the Journal club sessions of the department and with qualitative assessment of the trainee regarding any active participation of the trainee during the journal club. It will specifically mention whether any question or comment was raised by the trainee during each journal club session. This information will be endorsed by the supervisor of the trainee and the Head of Department.
- vi. The attendance record of the trainees in the monthly meetings of the Institutional Research Ethics Forum (IREF) of RMU will also be part of the Log Book that will be endorsed by the convener of the IREF by the end of each attended meeting.
- vii. The HOD will monitor the weekly meetings through observation of the documented record of meetings in log books by the end of every month.
- viii. The result of the annual research paper of R-Y1 will be entered in the Log books and will be endorsed by Deputy Directors and Research Associates of ORIC.
- ix. The research portfolio of the trainee R-Y1 will be qualitative and quantitative self assessment of the trainee in narrative form. It will also include the individual assessment of the objectives and aims defined by the trainee during the year and elaboration of the extent of attainment of these. The trainee will be able to specify his/her achievements or knowledge gained in any aspect of research that was not even formally part of the research curriculum. It will include reporting of any research courses, online or physically attended by the trainee, contribution in any research paper or publication, any participation and/or presentation in any research conference, competition etc during year R-Y1.
- x. The research portfolio will assist the trainees to reinforce the importance of strategic thinking as a way to understand their context and look to the future. By having a recorded insight of the individual achievements, weaknesses and strengths, the trainee will be able to maximize his/her talent and potential of all the activities and projects of research with an aim of further progression in career development.

## G. OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE OF TRAINEES FOR YEAR 1

- i. Quantitative assessment of the performance and accomplishment of trainees will be done in an unbiased, impartial and equitable manner by the supervisor, ORIC department and the senior faculty members at the department.
- ii. The assessment of trainees will not only serve as an effective tool for evaluation of the extent and quality of knowledge gained and skills learnt by trainees but it will also effectively provide an evidence of the level of standards of teaching and training by the facilitators, supervisor and the faculty members.

- iii. For annual assessment of every trainee 75 marks of Annual Research Paper of R-Y1 will be included, while 25 marks will be included from the home tasks assignments. The 50 marks of the home task assignments will be converted to 25 marks, to get an aggregate of 100 total marks. Out of these 100 total marks, 40% will be passing marks of this Research course and in case of failure in it, second attempt will be allowed to the trainees and if any one fails in second attempt too then he/she should appear next year with next batch's first attempt.

#### H. EVALUATION/ FEEDBACK OF RESEARCH COURSE OF YEAR 1

Success of any academic or training activities greatly rely on the honest and constructive evaluation that opens pavements of improved and more effective performances and programs. The research course of the trainees will not only be evaluated by the trainees themselves but also by the deputy directors of ORIC, supervisors and HOD's through end of sessions forms and then collectively through end of course feedback forms.

- i. **The feedback of trainees** will include structured evaluation of each teaching session through structured and anonymous feedback forms/questionnaire that will be regularly distributed amongst the trainees. Anonymity will ensure an honest and unbiased response. They will be requested to provide their feedback regarding various aspects of teaching sessions eg content, medium used, facilitators performance and knowledge, extent of objectives attained etc through Likert scale. They will mark, through their personal choice without any pressure or peer consultation, one particular category amongst five scales specified ranging from 1-5, 1 representing the poorest quality while 5 representing excellence. Apart from this structured assessment, open ended questions will also include an in depth perspective and insight. Similarly, an overall feedback questionnaire will also be rotated amongst trainees.
- ii. **The feedback of trainers** will include structured evaluation of each teaching session by the facilitators, supervisors and senior faculty members involved in the Research training course. They will provide their feedback through structured and anonymous feedback forms/questionnaire, including closed and partially closed questions that will be regularly provided by them. They will provide their inputs and opinions regarding effectiveness of the course contents, curriculum, teaching methodologies, teaching aids and technologies, content and usefulness of the exercises and assessments etc.
- iii. **Three focus group discussions;** one of the R-Y1 trainees, second of the facilitators and third of the supervisors will also be organized by the ORIC to evaluate the research course, its benefits and weaknesses and scope for improvement.
- iv. **The research portfolio** will be checked and endorsed by the supervisor and the Director of ORIC.
- v. **A final evaluation report of the Research Course R-Y1** will be formulated and compiled by the ORIC of RMU. The report will be presented all concerned stake holders, since the course evaluations will play a significant role in curriculum modification and planning.

#### I. QUALITY ASSURANCE OF RESEARCH COURSE OF YEAR 1

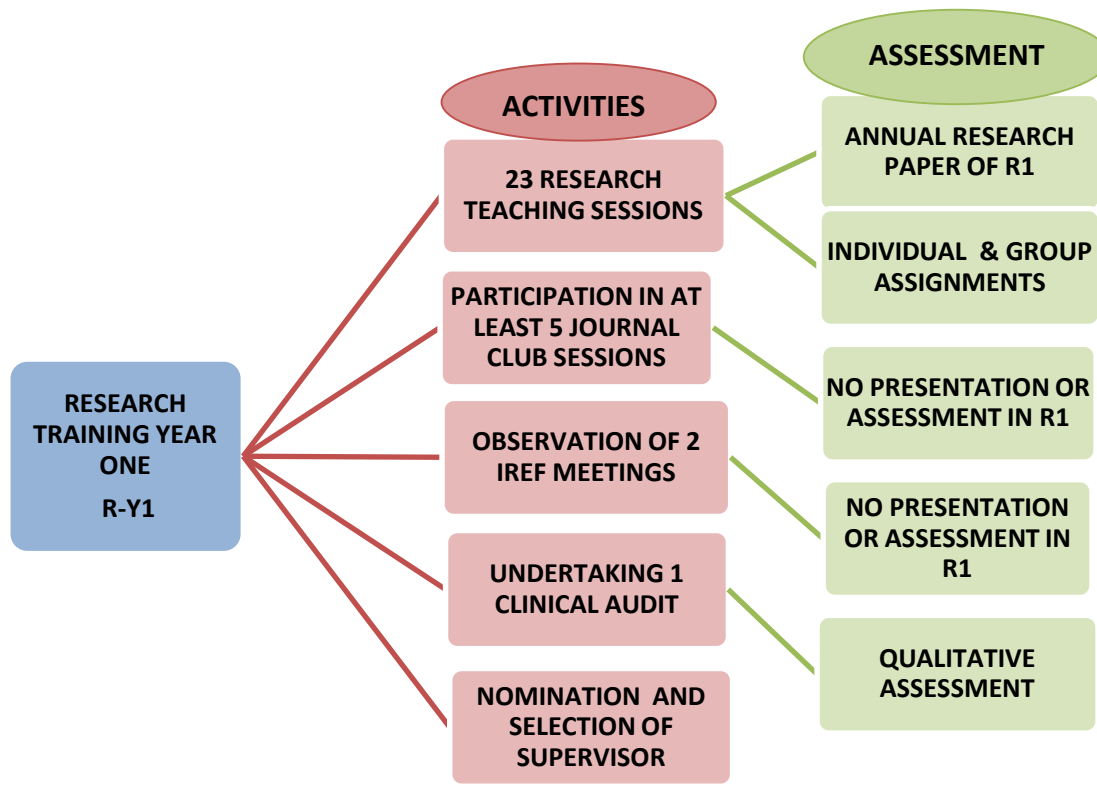
- i. The final quality evaluation report along with all the feedback material, randomly selected log books, research portfolios, submitted individual & groups assessments and randomly selected annual research course examination papers will be observed by an evaluation team of Research course. The quality evaluation team of research course will include the Head of departments,

Deans, selected representatives of BASR, IREF, Director DME (Department of Medical Education), Director of ORIC, Director of Quality enhancement cell (QEC) and Vice chancellor of RMU, individually. The selection of representatives of the concerned departments will be made by the Vice chancellor of RMU.

- ii. All the materials will be observed and evaluated by the above mentioned once during the course and finally by the end of course year.
- iii. The evaluation during the year will be done at any random occasion by members of evaluation teams individually or in teams and will be done without any prior information to the trainees and trainers.
- iv. The evaluation will include not only physical observation of the materials but the evaluators may also make a visit to observe any proceedings or activities of the research course e.g. a lecture, a group exercise, a journal club session and/or an IREF meeting.
- v. ORIC will be responsible for submission of the evaluation content to all including a copy to the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of RMU for internal evaluation.
- vi. The QEC will organize an external evaluation too through involvement of a third party that may include members of Quality assurance department of Higher Education Department based on their availability.
- vii. An annual meeting of the quality assessment and enhancement will also be organized by the Quality Enhancement Cell of RMU, including representatives of supervisors, Head of Departments, Dean, representative members of BASR, ORIC, DME, QEC & IREF and will be chaired by Vice chancellor. During the meeting all participants will review and discuss all the evaluation material. The quality evaluation team will also share their experiences of their evaluation visits and observations to validate the existing materials.
- viii. In perspective of the quality assessment, the Vice Chancellor and the Board of Advanced study and Research will finalize any modifications or enhancement in the next Research course.

The activities related to research training of post graduate trainees is also displayed in figure 1. Successful completion of above mentioned requirements of research course is one component of the all clinical and scholarly requirements for mandatory advancement to the next Post Graduate Year level i.e. year 2 training year or R-Y2.

**Figure 3. A FLOW CHART OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF R-Y1 POST GRADUATE/MD TRAINEE OF RMU AND THEIR ASSESSMENT**



## **RESEARCH COURSE OF SECOND POST GRAUDATION TRAINING YEAR R-Y2**

### **PURPOSE OF R-Y2 RESEARCH COURSE:**

The YEAR 2-R2 research course of the post graduate trainees will provide optimum skills to trainees to actually formulate their individual research proposal of the research project/dissertation, prerequisite to their degrees, in perspective of the knowledge acquired during year one of the training i.e. R-Y1. This course will provide them clarity of basic epidemiological and biostatistics concepts that they essentially require to transform their data into substantial evidences, to answer their research questions for their individual research project/dissertation. The course will also make them proficient to follow the standard ethical and institutional appraisal procedures of Rawalpindi medical University by Board of Advanced Studies and Research and Institutional and Ethics Research Forum of RMU. It will also impart them expertise to explore evidences in research through well organized literature search and also how to critically appraise them.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES OF R-Y2 RESEARCH COURSE**

After completion of R-Y2 course the trainees should be efficiently able to:

1. Identify and define the basic concepts of Epidemiological measures and biostatistics.
2. Formulate and pretest to finalize all the data collection tools for the research projects
3. Identify and execute proficiently all procedures required for data analysis and interpretation.
4. Analyze and interpret the data collected for a research project and draw conclusions related to the objectives of study.
5. Write a clear and concise research report (paper for a peer reviewed journal/dissertation) and a summary of the major findings and recommendations for each of the different parties interested in the results.
6. Present the major findings and the recommendations of a study to policy-makers managers and other stakeholders to finalize the recommendations.
7. Prepare a plan of action for the dissemination, communication and utilization of the findings and (if required) make recommendations for additional future research.
8. Critically appraise a research paper of any national or international journal.
9. Present research papers published in various national and international journals at journal club.
10. Prepare final draft of the research proposal of the Dissertation project, requisite to the post graduation degree of trainee, under the guidance of the nominated supervisor.
11. Fill in an application Performa for submission of Dissertation's research proposal to BASR or IREF.
12. Present and defend a research proposal to BASR or IREF.

### **RESEARCH COURSE OF SECOND TRAINING YEAR**

Following academic and scholarly activities will be carried out during year 2 i.e. R-Y2 of Research course catering the post graduate trainees

### A. TEACHING SESSIONS:

- i. Basic and advanced Biostatistics and Epidemiological concepts will be taught to the trainees through following methods in various sessions. Each session will comprise of all or either one or two or all four of the following techniques;
  1. Didactic lectures through power-point presentations.
  2. On spot individual exercises.
  3. Take home individual assignment
  4. Take home group assignment.
- ii. The facilitators of these sessions will be staff members of Office of Research Innovation and commercialization (ORIC) of RMC including Director, Deputy Directors, Research Associates, Statistician and Publication In charge. While visitor lecturers including renowned national and international public health consultants, researchers, epidemiologists and biostatisticians will also be invited, according to their availability, for some modules of these courses.

#### ***Format of teaching sessions:***

- i. During year 2 i.e. R-Y2, 16 teaching sessions in total will be conducted, with an average of three sessions per month.
- ii. Each session will comprise of a didactic lecture delivered initially, to attain the mentioned learning outcomes. Each didactic lecture will be of 30 minutes duration using the power-point medium that will be followed by a 30 minutes on spot individual exercises of trainees during the same session.
- iii. Since most of the curriculum will comprise of quantitative calculations so trainees will be encouraged to work individually on exercises assigned both manually as well on Statistical Package of Social Sciences, instead of group exercises. These exercises will require calculations and numerical solving too.
- iv. By the end of each session, a take home individual task/assignment will be given to trainees, that too preferably individually rather than in groups, that will be duly evaluated and marked each month.

#### ***Course content of teaching sessions:***

- i. The course materials will be based on an updated modified version of course titled as “Designing Health Services Research (Advanced)” that was developed in collaboration of Rawalpindi Medical College & Nuffield Institute for Health, University of Leeds, UK based adapted from “Designing and Conducting Health Systems Research Projects” by CM. Varkevisser KIT Publishers, Amsterdam (International Development Research Centre) in association with WHO Regional Office for Africa.
- ii. The trainees will be provided hard copies as well as soft copies of the course content in a folder at the initiation of the course.
- iii. In addition to it they will be provided various soft copies of various data sets for practicing data analysis in addition to links of updated and good resource materials regarding research by the course facilitators.

#### ***Curriculum of teaching sessions:***

The details of the 16 teaching sessions of the trainees during year two R-Y2 along with the tentative time frame work, teaching strategies, content of curriculum and objectives/Learning outcomes of each sessions are displayed in table 2.

**TABLE 2. TEACHING SESSIONS OF RESEARCH CURRICULUM OF YEAR 2 OF TRAINEES OF POST GRADUATE TRAINEES/MD SCHOLARS OF RMU**

<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</b>
SESSION 1 WEEK 1 Month 1	Lecture through power point presentation followed by individual exercises and Take home individual assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Biostatistics</li> <li>• Description of Variables</li> <li>• Numerical methods of Data summarization (Manual as well as through Statistical Package of Social Sciences)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the purpose, scope and importance of Biostatistics in Health systems research</li> <li>• Identify basic four steps of Biostatistics.</li> <li>• Describe data in terms of frequency distributions, percentages, and proportions.</li> <li>• Explain the difference between mean, median and mode.</li> <li>• Calculate the frequencies, percentages, proportions, ratios, rates, means, medians, and modes for the major variables of a study manually as well as through Statistical Package of Social Sciences (SPSS).</li> </ul>
SESSION 2 WEEK 2 Month 1	Lecture through power point presentation followed by individual exercises & Take home individual assignments.	Graphical presentation of data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify various types of graphs</li> <li>• Identify the graphical presentations appropriate for each type of variables</li> <li>• Describe data in terms of figures</li> <li>• Use of Microsoft Excel and SPSS in formulation of graphs.</li> </ul>

<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES</b> • <i>i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</i>
SESSION 3 WEEK 3 Month 1	Lecture through power point presentation followed by Individual exercise & Take home assignment	Cross-tabulation of quantitative data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the difference between descriptive and analytical cross-tabulations.</li> <li>• Construct all important cross-tabulations which will help meet the research objectives manually as well as through SPSS.</li> <li>• Interpret the cross-tabulations in relation to study objectives and study questions.</li> </ul>
SESSION 4 WEEK 1 Month 2	Lecture through power point presentation followed by Individual exercise & Take home assignment	Measures of Association based on risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define incidence, risk, relative risk and odds ratio.</li> <li>• Calculate relative risk for appropriate study designs (cross-sectional comparative studies, cohort studies, case-control studies and experimental studies)</li> <li>• Calculate measures of association manually and also through SPSS and med-calculator.</li> </ul>
SESSION 5 WEEK 2 Month 2	Lecture through power point presentation followed by Individual exercise & Take home assignment	Confounding and methods to control confounding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify what is confounding and what are confounder variables</li> <li>• Explain different ways of dealing with confounding at the design and analysis stage of a study.</li> <li>• Evaluate whether an association between two variables may be influenced by another confounding variable/risk factor.</li> <li>• Calculate association in a way that takes into</li> </ul>



			consideration the effect of potential confounding by another variable/risk factor.
<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES</b> <i>i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</i>
SESSION 6 WEEK 3 Month 2	Lecture through power point presentation followed by Individual exercise & Take home individual assignments	Basic statistical concepts; Measure of dispersion and confidence Intervals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain what is meant by a range, a percentile, a standard deviation, a normal distribution, a standard error and a 95% confidence interval.</li> <li>• Calculate ranges, standard deviations, standard errors and 95% confidence intervals for data, manually as well as through SPSS.</li> </ul>
SESSION 7 WEEK 1 Month 3	Lecture through power point presentation	Hypothesis testing for a research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State the concept of hypothesis testing.</li> <li>• Define and describe the types difference between one sided and two sided hypothesis.</li> <li>• Formulate Null hypothesis and Alternate hypothesis in an appropriate format.</li> <li>• Identify importance of hypothesis testing and to identify type I &amp; type II errors.</li> </ul>
SESSION 8 WEEK 2 Month 3	Lecture through power point presentation followed by a Take home individual assignment.	Tests of Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain what a significance test is and what its purpose is.</li> <li>• Explain what is probability value or p-value</li> <li>• Identifying various tests of significances</li> <li>• Identifying appropriate test of significance for a specific research design.</li> </ul>
<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES</b> <i>i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</i>

<p>SESSION 9 WEEK 1 Month 4</p>	<p>Lecture through power point presentation followed by an individual exercise &amp; a Take home individual assignment.</p>	<p>Determining difference between two groups- categorical data Paired &amp; unpaired observations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decide when to apply the chi-square test.</li> <li>• Calculate chi-square values.</li> <li>• Use the chi-square tables to assess whether calculated chi-square values are significant.</li> <li>• Decide when to apply the McNemars test and calculate its values.</li> <li>• Make a decision concerning whether these tests can be used on give data and, if so, what test should be used on which data.</li> <li>• Perform these tests on data manually as well as through SPSS.</li> </ul>
<p>SESSION 10 WEEK 2 Month 4</p>	<p>Lecture through power point presentation followed by an individual exercise &amp; Take home individual assignment.</p>	<p>Determining difference between two groups- numerical data Paired &amp; unpaired observations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decide when to apply the independent and dependent t-test.</li> <li>• Calculate paired and unpaired t- values.</li> <li>• Use the t tables to assess whether calculated t values are significant.</li> </ul> <p>Decide when to apply the independent and dependent t test and calculate its values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a decision concerning whether these tests can be used on give data and, if so, what test should be used on which data.</li> <li>• Perform these tests on data manually as well as through SPSS.</li> </ul>

<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES</b> <i>i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</i>
SESSION 11 WEEK 1 Month 5	Lecture through power point presentation followed by an individual exercise & Take home individual assignment.	Determining difference between more than two groups- numerical data ANOVA (Analysis of Variance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decide when to apply the ANOVA test.</li> <li>• Calculate F- values.</li> <li>• Use the F tables to assess whether calculated t values are significant.</li> <li>• Make a decision concerning whether this tests can be used on give data and, if so, what test should be used on which data.</li> <li>• Perform ANOVA tests on data through SPSS.</li> </ul>
SESSION 12 WEEK 2 Month 5	Lecture through power point presentation followed by an individual exercise	Determining Correlation between variables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decide when to apply the Pearson's and Spearman's correlation tests.</li> <li>• Calculate Pearson's correlation coefficient and Spearman's Pearson's correlation coefficient.</li> <li>• Use the p-values to assess whether calculated coefficients are significant.</li> <li>• Perform correlation tests on data through SPSS.</li> </ul>

SESSION 13 WEEK 3 Month 5	Lecture through power point presentation followed by an individual exercise	Regression Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain what is a regression analysis</li> <li>• Differentiate between simple linear and multiple logistic regression analysis.</li> <li>• Decide when to apply the regression analysis and how to interpret.</li> <li>• Make a decision concerning whether these tests can be used on give data and, if so, what test should be used on which data.</li> <li>• Perform these tests on data through SPSS.</li> </ul>
<b>SESSIONS &amp; TIMINGS</b>	<b>TEACHING STRATEGY</b>	<b>TOPIC OF SESSION</b>	<b>SESSION OBJECTIVES</b> <i>i.e. BY THE END OF SESSION THE TRAINEES SHOULD BE ABLE TO;</i>
SESSION 14 WEEK 1 Month 6	Lecture through power point presentation and individual exercises	Diagnostic Accuracy of a test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify what is a diagnostic accuracy of a test compared to gold standard tests.</li> <li>• Identify what are true positives, true negatives, false positive and false negatives in a diagnostic testing.</li> <li>• Calculate Sensitivity, specificity, Positive and negative predictive values of a diagnostic test using standard formulae.</li> </ul>
SESSION 15 WEEK 2 Month 6	Lecture through power point presentation and individual exercises	Writing a research paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List the main components of a research paper.</li> <li>• Make an outline of a research paper.</li> <li>• Write drafts of report in stages.</li> <li>• Check the final draft for completeness, possible overlaps for clarity and smoothness of style.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft recommendations for action based on research findings.</li> </ul>
SESSION 16 WEEK 3 Month 6	Lecture and individual exercises	Writing a dissertation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List the main components of a dissertation</li> <li>• Explain how a research paper differs from a dissertation</li> <li>• Make an outline of a dissertation.</li> </ul>

***Minimal Attendance of teaching sessions:***

The attendance of the trainees in the Research training sessions must be 80% or above during year 2 and it will be duly recorded in each session and will be monitored all the year round.

***Assessment of Trainees for teaching sessions:***

- i. For didactic lectures, the learning and knowledge of the trainees will be assessed during the end of year examination.
- ii. One examination paper of Research of R-Y2 will be taken that will comprise of 75 marks in total and will consist of two sections. Section one will be of 50 marks in total and will comprise of 25 MCQ's (multiple choice questions) while section two will comprise of 5 Numerical Problems/Conceptual questions.
- iii. Total duration of the paper will be 120 minutes.
- iv. The papers will be checked by the research associates and Bio-statisticians of ORIC.

***Assessment of individual exercises:***

- i. The quality, correctness and completeness of the individual exercises will be evaluated during the teaching sessions, when they will be presented by the end of each session by trainees.
- ii. The mode of presentations will be oral, electronic or written accordingly and if needed using media of charts, flip charts & white boards.
- iii. Most of the individual exercises will be observed and evaluated by the facilitators directly on computers since it mostly will involve skills of data analysis through Statistical Package of Social Sciences.
- iv. There will be no scores or marks specified for the individual exercises but the feedback of evaluation by the facilitators will be on spot.

***Assessment of individual; take home tasks/assignments:***

- i. The take home assignments of the trainees will be checked once these will be submitted after completion to the facilitators after period specified for each task.
- ii. Most of the take home assignments will be related to numerical problem solving, calculations or tasks of analysis in SPSS.
- iii. Assignments should be submitted in electronic version and no manually written assignment will be accepted.

- iv. Each assignment will be checked for plagiarism through turn-it-in soft ware. Any assignment that will have originality score less than 90% or similarity index more than 10% will be returned back to trainees for rephrasing and resubmission.
- v. They will be assessed and checked within one week of the session and will be scored by the facilitators.
- vi. A total of 50 marks in total will be assigned for evaluation of all of these take home tasks/assignments.

## B. PRESENTATION IN JOURNAL CLUB SESSIONS

- i. During year 2 of training, the trainees should actively participate in the journal club sessions of the department regular basis.
- ii. One journal club meeting must be organized in the department within every two months of a year and apart from mandatory more than 80% yearly attendance, the trainees must present two research paper in year 2 of training individually.
- iii. The purpose of presentation of the second year trainees in journal club is teach them how to form a bridge between research and practice, how to confidently appraise recent research and then how to practically apply best research findings into their clinical setting as their first steps evidenced-based medicine.

### ***Format of Journal Club Meetings:***

- i. In a journal club meeting, two research papers, published in an indexed national or international journal, selected by the Dean of the department must be presented by second year trainee during R-Y2 training year, in two different meetings.
- ii. Trainee will be given the selected paper one and a half month prior to the meeting by the Dean of the department.
- iii. After thoroughly going through the research a paper, trainee should do extensive literature search on the topic also and must be familiar with all the recent and current research done on the similar topic by other researchers.
- iv. An approximately 30 minutes long oral presentation will be made by the trainee, in monthly journal club session on the selected research paper. The research paper will be presented through power-point and the critical appraisal of the paper will follow it.
- v. The topic will also be discussed in comparison to other evidences available according to the latest research.
- vi. The other second year trainees should actively participate in question & answer session of the journal club meeting that will be carried out following the presentation of the critical appraisal of the research paper. It will be compulsion for each R-Y2 trainee to ask at least one question or make at least one comment relevant to the topic and/or the research paper, during the journal club meeting.

### ***Minimal Attendance of Journal Club meetings by R-Y2 trainee:***

The R-Y2 trainees should attend at least 5 out of 6 journal club meetings during their second year of training. Out of these 6 journal clubs, he/she must make presentation in any two sessions as a compulsion.

### ***Assessment of presentation of the trainee at Journal Club:***

- i. During the presentation, the head of department and two other senior faculty members will evaluate, trainee's ability to make effective presentation of the research paper and also his/her skills to critically appraise a research paper.

- ii. The scoring will not be done for the first paper presentation by the trainee, since that will be the first ever presentation by the trainee. During the first presentation the evaluators will generally qualitatively evaluate the skills of presenter without any quantitative assessment. They will inform the presenter by the end of first paper presentation, his/her mistakes, weaknesses and scope for improvement. The strengths and competences, on the other hand, will also be appreciated for encouragement.
- iii. A structured checklist for scoring the skills and abilities of trainee will be used by the above mentioned senior faculty members. The average of the three total scores will be calculated, out of total attainable score of 25 that will then be used in overall assessment of the trainee.
- iv. The evaluation will include aspects like the presenter's aptitude to identify the strengths and weaknesses of a research article, apart from assessment of the usefulness and validity of research findings. He/she should be able to determine the appropriateness of the study methodology and design for the research question, apart from suitability of the statistical methods used, their appropriate presentation, interpretation and discussion. He/she should also be able to identify and justify relevance of the research to one's own practice.

### C. FORMULATION OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL/S OF DISSERTATION/RESEARCH PAPERS AS REQUISITE TO POST GRADUATE DEGREE/MD DEGREE

- i. At the beginning of year 2, the trainee will start sorting out various research questions for his/her research project as dissertation requisite for the post graduation degree.
- ii. Trainee must submit and seek approval of the research proposal/s from the concerned institutions till end of year 2 i.e. R-Y2.
- iii. Since post graduate trainees seeking Fellowship from the College of Physicians and surgeons of Pakistan (CPSP) have either of the two following options, as per guidelines of CPSP:

OPTION A: Submission of one dissertation in specialty field as requisite to FCPS degree OR

OPTION B: Publication of two original research articles in any CPSP recognized journals, being first author, as requisite to FCPS degree

They will have to submit one research proposal for the dissertation till end of second year of training, if following option A and two research proposals of the original articles, if following option B accordingly.

- iv. The MD scholars will also have to submit one research dissertation, in specialty field, to Rawalpindi Medical University, so they will also submit one research proposal for the dissertation till end of second year of training.
- v. Whatever is the post graduation academic scenario; the trainee must decide the research question/s under the guidance of the supervisor till third month of R-Y2 and hence decide the final title of the research project/s.
- vi. During these first three months of R-Y2, the trainee under guidance of the supervisor and ORIC will do extensive review of the literature, relevant to topic. He/she will do online as well physical search of printed, Journal articles, reports, books, conference papers, dissertations, Research and program reports- published/ unpublished. He/she will also access the libraries of Rawalpindi medical University, repositories of various institutions.

- vii. The trainee will also consult the research Associates and Deputy Directors at the ORIC for the feasibility of the research question and any modification. The trainees will be encouraged to preferably select research questions that will be better answered through cross sectional comparative, analytic and experimental study designs instead of simple descriptive cross sectional or case series design. Descriptive cross sectional, exploratory or case series design will be allowed only in special cases when the research question will deal with an exceedingly significant and priority issue, not addressed previously even though published work either locally/nationally or internationally.
- viii. Once the research question and topic is finalized with mutual understanding of the supervisor, trainee will submit the selected topic to the Head of Department and Dean of specialty.
- ix. The Dean of the specialty will give approval of the topic after scrutiny and will confirm that there is no duplication of the topic in the department, after consultation with HOD's.
- x. Then the Dean will finalize the list of the topics of research proposals of all trainees during fourth month of R-Y2 and will submit the list to BASR.
- xi. BASR will give the final approval of all topics within same month.
- xii. For the post graduate trainees following aforementioned option B (Publication of two original research articles in any CPSP recognized journals, being first author, as requisite to FCPS degree) must submit their topics (already approved from BASR) to CPSP for its approval. Once the topics are approved by CPSP, they will initiate research proposal development for these research projects that they will publish as original articles.
- xiii. Once the trainee gets the approval of the topic/s from all concerned authorities, the formal write up of proposal/s must be initiated within fifth month of R-Y2 in consultation with supervisor and the research associates of ORIC for guidance in methodology.
- xiv. The research proposal/s will be brief outline of trainees' future research project/s (approx of 1000-1500 words) and must comprise of the following topics:
  1. Title of research project.
  2. Introduction and rationale (with Vancouver in text citations)
  3. Research aim, purpose and objectives
  4. Hypothesis, if required according to the study design.
  5. Operational Definitions
  6. Research Methodology:
    - a) Setting
    - b) Study Population
    - c) Study Duration
    - d) Study Design
    - e) Sampling: *Sample size with statistical justifications, sampling technique, inclusion criteria & exclusion criteria.*



- f) Data Collection technique/s
- g) Data Collection tool/s
- h) Data Collection procedure
- i) Plan for Data entry & Analysis
- 7. Ethical Considerations
- 8. Work plan/Gantt chart
- 9. Budget with justifications
- 10. Reference list according to the Vancouver referencing style
- 11. Annexure (*including data collection tool or performa, consent form, official letters, scales, scoring systems and/or any other relevant material*)
- xv. The research proposal should be completed in eighth month of R-Y2 and should also be reviewed and finalized by the Supervisor of the trainees.
- xvi. The finalized research proposal will be reviewed by publication in charge of ORIC for plagiarism through turn-it-in soft ware. Any proposal that will have originality score less than 90% or similarity index more than 10% will be returned back to trainees for rephrasing and resubmission. Only when the eligible scores will be reached, then the proposal will be further processed.
- xvii. The statistician at data analysis centre of ORIC will facilitate the trainees in sample size calculation through sample size calculators according their study designs.
- xviii. The trainees should formulate all the data collection tools under guidance of supervisor and research associates of ORIC and should also pretest to finalize all the data collection tools for their research projects.
- xix. These research proposals along with the tools will be submitted to all concerned authorities for appraisal.
- xx. The supervisors and research associates of ORIC will also ensure that the duration of research project should be adequate and realistic so that trainees will be able to complete their project/s during third year of training leaving enough time for its write up during year 4 of training. For the post graduate trainees following option of Publication of two original research articles as requisite to FCPS degree, the study duration will be even briefer.

#### D. PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL/S TO INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (IREF) OF RMU

- i. The R-Y2 trainees will already be aware of the standard operational procedures and protocols of the Institutional Research Ethics Committee of RMU as they had, as a mandatory activity, participated and observed the proceedings of the meeting during R-Y1. However, he/she will be informed about any modifications or updates regarding the standard procedures of application to IREF if will have occurred during last one year.

- ii. Trainees will be individually provided an updated step wise guidance by the research associates of ORIC, regarding how an applicant should access the RMU website and download the application Performa and then how to electronically fill it in for final submission. They will also be provided updated format of presentation for their Research Proposal presentations at IREF meetings.
- iii. The trainees must submit ten sets of hard copies of all the documentation including the research proposal with all annexes, plagiarism detection report and application performa to ORIC, at least ten days prior to the monthly meeting. ORIC will provide them date and month of the IREF meeting for presentation and the trainee must present in the meeting along with his/her supervisor.
- iv. The trainee must make a five to ten minutes' presentation through power-point at Institutional Research Ethics Forum during 9-10 months of R-Y2. By the end of presentation, he/she will respond to all the queries of the forum and the supervisor will facilitate in defense of the proposal.
- v. The IREF will appraise and scrutinize every aspect of the proposal/s and if found acceptable then will provide on spot verbal approval of the project followed by written approval letter within next two weeks to the trainees.
- vi. If members of IREF will find any modifications required in the proposal/s they will recommend them to trainee and supervisor. The trainee must incorporate those changes and will resubmit the corrected version of proposal/s within next one week's period.
- vii. The written approval letter of IREF will be issued within next two weeks of meeting, to the trainee.
- viii. In case the trainee will be working on option B of CPSP i.e. publication of two research papers, instead of writing dissertation, then he/she will present both research proposals to IREF for the two topics already approved by CPSP.

#### **E. ASSURANCE OF FEASIBILITY & AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- i. The trainee will ensure that for his/her research project/s ample resources in terms of monetary, human or physical will be available to complete the project. He will also provide documented proof and justification to avoid any unforeseen problems that may lead to incompleteness of research project/s.
- ii. No individual funding will be provided to the trainees for their research projects requisite to their post graduation degrees by Rawalpindi Medical University. The trainee may be bearing all the expenses on individual basis or may be applying to any of national or international funding agencies for research project/s.
- iii. In case the trainee will be applying for any external source of funding from any national or international funding agency, the funding application and approval process must be completed by the end of year 2 of training.
- iv. The trainee may also be pursuing the degree, through any scholarship that also will include the research project expenses.
- v. In either of the above mentioned circumstances, the trainee must provide and submit the budget details and documented evidences of the funding or availability of monetary resources to the supervisor and Dean who will ensure the feasibility of the resources available to the trainees.
- vi. Moreover, if any tools, kits, equipment or physical materials will be required for research project, the trainee will provide documented evidence of its availability.

- vii. If the data collection will require hiring of additional human resources, then the trainee will provide documented evidence like consent of staff members contributing to his/her research or details of training expenses or honorarium details if any to the supervisor.
- viii. The supervisor will also consult the Dean and HOD's in ensuring the feasibility and availability of resources of a trainee during second year of training.

## F. SUBMISSION OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL/S TO CPSP/BASR OF RMU

- i. Post graduate trainees applying for their CPSP fellowship using aforementioned option A (Submission of one dissertation in specialty field as requisite to FCPS degree) after receiving appraisal of IREF of RMU, must submit their proposal to CPSP during last quarter of second year of training. The approval process from CPSP takes approximately 3 months on an average but in case any corrections are suggested the resubmission and acceptance procedure may take 6 months on an average. These trainees will initiate data collection as soon as they receive the acceptance by CPSP authorities.
- ii. However, the post graduate trainees who will opt to publish two original research articles in any CPSP recognized journals, as requisite to FCPS degree, will not require any submission of their proposals to CPSP. They will directly initiate the data collection as soon as they will receive the IREF acceptance letter. Hence their data collection phase of both research projects will begin in last quarter of R-Y2.
- iii. The MD scholars of RMU will submit their research proposals to the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) of RMU for appraisal. BASR will issue an acceptance letter of the research proposal endorsed by the Vice chancellor of RMU copied to the concerned stake holders and authorities including office of Dean and ORIC. If members of BASR will find any modifications required in the proposal they will recommend them to trainee and supervisor. The trainee must incorporate those changes and will resubmit the corrected version of proposal to BASR within next one-week period. The written approval letter of BASR will then be issued within next two weeks to the trainee. The trainees will thus receive formal permission to initiate data collection phase through this acceptance of BASR.
- iv. All trainees who will require data collection from any RMU or its teaching hospitals that are Benazir Bhutto Hospital, District Headquarters Hospital and Holy Family Hospital, will not require any permission from the administration of these hospitals. The appraisal letters of IREF and BASR will be considered as acceptance by all authorities of the RMU.
- v. If any trainee will need to collect data from any institution other than RMU or its teaching hospital, they must seek that institution's approval too according to their standard protocols parallel to the period when they will have submitted proposals to CPSP/BASR to save their time.
- vi. All the post graduate trainees will follow the guidelines regarding the format and content of the research proposals provided by the authorities to whom they will be presenting their research proposals that are Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) for MD scholars or College of Physicians and surgeons of Pakistan (CPSP).

## G. MONITORING OF RESEARCH COURSE OF YEAR 2

- i. An alert and continuous monitoring of all the scholarly activities of each trainee will be carried out by all the concerned faculty i.e. research units of specialties, supervisor, Head of Department and the deputy Directors and research fellows at the Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization of RMU.
- ii. The structured Research component of Log books and Research portfolio of the trainees specific to research component of the training of year 2; R-Y2 will also be regularly observed, monitored and endorsed by all the concerned faculty members, supervisor and facilitators.
- iii. The Log books section R-Y2 specific to research curriculum of training year 2 will include the record of attendance of all the teaching sessions of the trainee that will be monthly updated and endorsed by the department of Medical Education (DME) of RMU.
- iv. It will also comprise of all the submission record and scores attained for the individual and group assignments of the trainees, endorsed by the supervisor and the research associates and Deputy Directors of ORIC.
- v. The log books will also include the attendance and presentation scores of the trainees in the Journal club sessions of the department. It will also include observation notes catering to qualitative evaluation for active participation by the trainee during each journal club session. This information will be endorsed by the supervisor of the trainee and HOD.
- vi. The record of the trainees regarding timely completion and quality of each activity related to completion of research proposals and its presentation in the monthly meeting of the Institutional Research Ethics Forum (IREF) of RMU will also be part of the Log Book that will be endorsed by the supervisor, research associates of ORIC and conveners of the IREF and BASR.
- vii. The result of the annual research paper of R-Y2 will also be entered in the Log books by Research Associates and will be endorsed by the Deputy Directors of ORIC.
- viii. The research portfolio of the trainee R-Y2 will again include qualitative and quantitative self assessment of the trainee in narrative form. It will include the individual assessment of the objectives and aims defined by the trainee during the second year of training and extent of their successful attainment. The trainee will also mention individual achievements or knowledge and skills acquired in any aspect of research that was either formally part of the research curriculum or even not. It will also include reporting of any research courses, online or physically attended by the trainee, contribution in any research paper or publication, any participation and/or presentation in any research conference, competition etc during year R-Y2.

## H. OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE OF TRAINEES FOR YEAR 2

- i. The overall assessment of performance of trainee for R-Y2 will rely on marks attained out of total 100 obtainable marks. These total 100 marks will include 50 marks for the Annual Research Paper of R2 (where the 75 marks of paper will be converted to 50 marks), while 25 marks will be included from the home tasks assignments (by conversion of 50 marks of the home task

assignments into 25 marks) and actual 25 marks of presentation of journal club will be included in assessment (without any conversion), to get an aggregate of 100 total marks.

- ii. Out of the total attainable 100 total marks, 40% will be passing marks of this Research course and in case of failure in it, second attempt will be allowed to the trainees and if any one fails in second attempt too then he/she should appear next year with next batch's first attempt.

### I. EVALUATION/ FEEDBACK OF RESEARCH COURSE OF YEAR 2

Like evaluation of year one of research course R-Y1, the second year of training R-Y2 will also be evaluated not only by the trainees themselves but also by the Deputy Directors, supervisors and senior faculty through end of sessions forms and then collectively through end of course feedback forms.

- i. **The feedback of trainees** will include structured evaluation of each teaching session of R-Y2 through structured and anonymous feedback forms/questionnaire that will be regularly distributed amongst the trainees. The forms will include questions phrased as Likert scales (1-5 categories) inquiring their responses regarding various aspects of teaching sessions. Category 1 will represent the poorest quality increasing till category 5 representing excellence and the trainees will choose either of 5 based on their honest and unbiased personal choice. The open ended questions in form will indicate qualitative evaluation of the trainees. There will also an overall feedback questionnaire for entire second year of training course administered to trainees.
- ii. **The feedback of trainers** will be obtained through structured and anonymous feedback forms/questionnaire, including closed and partially closed questions that will be regularly provided by them. They will provide their inputs and opinions regarding effectiveness of the R-Y2 course contents, curriculum, teaching methodologies, teaching aids and technologies, content and usefulness of the exercises and assessments etc.
- iii. **Three focus group discussions;** one of the R-Y2 trainees, second of the facilitators and third of the supervisors will also be organized by the ORIC to evaluate the research course, its benefits and weaknesses and scope for improvement.
- iv. **A final evaluation report of the Research Course R-Y2** will be formulated and compiled by the ORIC of RMU. The report will be presented all concerned stake holders.

### J. QUALITY ASSURANCE OF RESEARCH COURSE OF YEAR 2

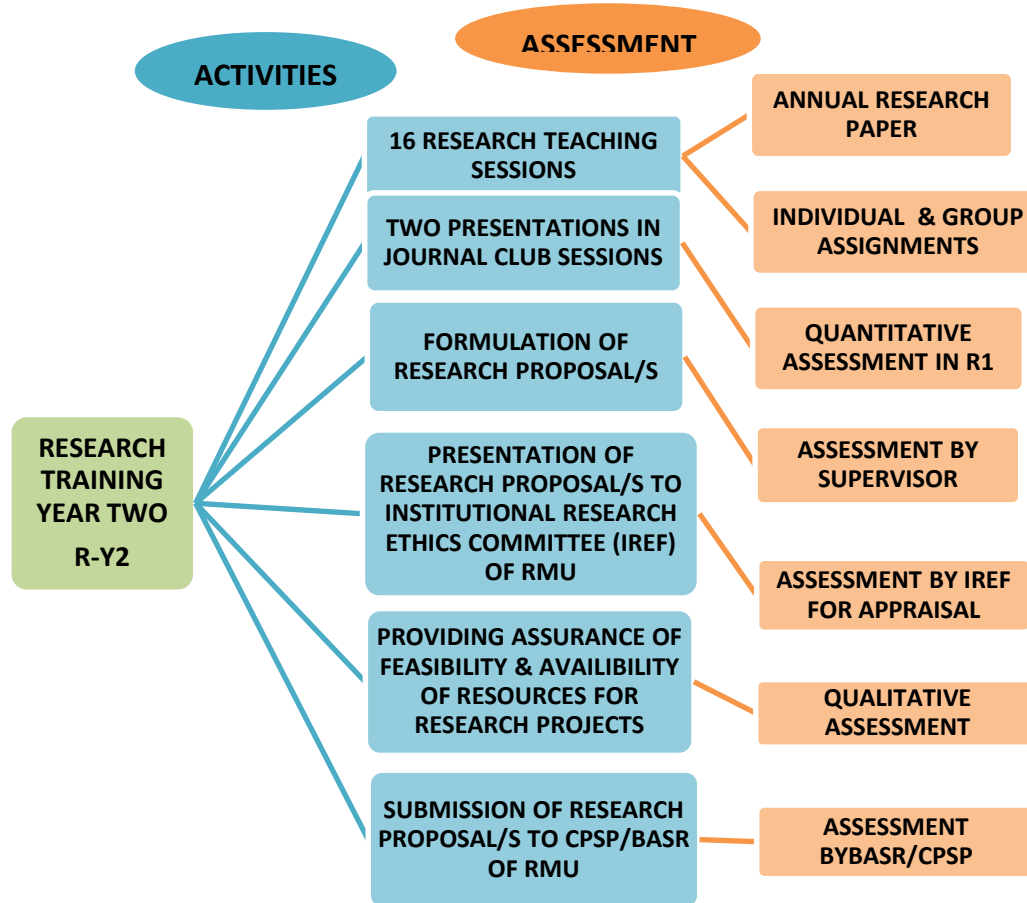
- i. The evaluation of research course of R-Y2 will follow exactly the same pattern of R-Y1, but all the feedback material will pertain to R-Y2 course (including feedback forms of R-Y2, randomly selected log books, research portfolios, individual & group assessment record and randomly selected annual research course examination papers).
- ii. The evaluation team that will observe all these R-Y2 course evidences will be same team that will evaluate R-Y1 course. The team of R-Y2 will include the Head of departments, Deans, selected representatives of BASR, IREF, Director of ORIC, Director DME, Director of Quality enhancement cell (QEC) and Vice chancellor of RMU, individually.
- iii. The random visit for physical observation of the materials and also of all the academic activities through uninformed visits will also follow same protocol as mentioned in quality assurance procedure of R-Y1.

- iv. ORIC will be responsible for submission of the evaluation content of R-Y2 to all including a copy to the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of RMU for internal evaluation.
- v. The QEC will organize an external evaluation too through involvement of a third party that may include members of Quality assurance department of Higher Education Department based on their availability.
- vi. An annual meeting of the quality assessment and enhancement, by end of year 2, will also be organized by the Quality Enhancement Cell of RMU, including representatives of supervisors, Head of Departments, Dean, representative members of BASR, ORIC, DME, QEC & IREF, who will be then collectively, review all the evaluation material of R-Y2. The evaluation team will also share their experiences of their evaluation visits and observations to validate the existing materials.
- vii. The quality of R-Y2 course will be determined with recommendations for further enhancement and modifications.

Successful completion of above mentioned requirements of research course will be mandatory requirement for advancement to the next Post Graduate Year level i.e. year 3 training year or R-Y3.

An over view of activities related to research training in third year, R-Y3 is also displayed in figure 3.

**Figure 3. A FLOW CHART OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF R-Y2 POST GRADUATE/MD TRAINEE OF RMU AND THEIR ASSESSMENTS**



## **RESEARCH COURSE OF THIRD POST GRADUATION TRAINING YEAR**

### **R-Y3**

#### **PURPOSE OF R-Y3 RESEARCH COURSE:**

Utilizing all the knowledge and skills in research, accrued during first two years, the post graduate trainees of RMU, will be dexterous enough to actually execute a research project and implement efficiently and proficiently all the activities of the research project that they will have planned during period of R-Y1 to R-Y2. During the third year of training post graduate trainees will collect all the information and data and to explore answer to their research questions formulated for their individual research project/dissertation, prerequisite to their degrees. This course will provide them an opportunity to revitalize and update their concepts, knowledge and skills in research methodologies.

#### **LEARNING OUTCOMES OF R-Y3 RESEARCH COURSE**

After completion of R-Y3 course the trainees should be efficiently able to:

1. Revise and rejuvenate all the basic concepts of Epidemiological measures and biostatistics.
2. Collate the information gathered through an extensive literature review relevant to study topics finalized and formulate an extensive write up of literature for research project.
3. Collect and store high quality information for their research project in an honest and unambiguous way.
4. Utilize skills to enter, analyze and interpret the data collected for a research project
5. Write a clear and concise research report (research paper for a peer reviewed journal/dissertation) and a summary of the major findings and recommendations for each of the different parties interested in the results.

### **RESEARCH COURSE OF THIRD TRAINING YEAR**

During the third year of training, revision and refreshing up of previously secured knowledge and concepts related to research will enhance the productivity and efficiency of the post graduate trainees.

#### **A. ELECTIVE REFRESHER SHORT COURSES/WORKSHOPS:**

The elective refresher short courses of one day to three days duration will be held to rejuvenate concepts Basic and advanced Biostatistics and Epidemiological concepts that will be taught to the trainees during initial first two years of training. The short courses will comprise of one to three days workshops. These workshops will provide the trainees hands on training of all the components of research methodologies, basic and advanced biostatistics and epidemiological calculations. Each workshop will comprise of following teaching methodologies

- Power-point presentations of basic theoretical concepts during workshops.
- On spot individual/group exercises.



These short courses will be conducted by the staff members of Office of Research Innovation and commercialization (ORIC) of RMC including the Statistician, Deputy Directors and Director while they will be facilitated by the Research Associates. Visitor lecturers; including renowned national and international public health consultants, researchers, epidemiologists and biostatisticians will also be invited, according to their availability, for some workshops.

***Format of short courses:***

- i. A total of 10 short courses will be offered and the post graduate trainee must attend a minimum of 5 of these short courses during R-Y3, according to their needs, choice and preferences.
- ii. Each workshop will comprise of 8-12 modules in total.
- iii. For each module, power-point presentations will be delivered initially, to restore the memories of the trainees regarding the previous knowledge attained by them in R-Y1 and R-Y2. These presentations will be on an average 15-20 minutes of duration for each module and will teach the basic and advanced concepts.
- iv. Following the presentations, on an average 30-60 minutes of individual and group exercises will be supervised by the facilitators to provide the trainees hands on experience. Depending on the type and content of courses, trainees will mostly work through computer soft-wares. These exercises will require calculations and numerical solving too.
- v. By the end of each day of workshop, brief take home individual or group task/assignments will be given to trainees that will be duly evaluated by facilitators within three days of the short course and will provide their feed back to each trainee individually.

***Content of short courses:***

- i. The course materials for these workshops will be formulated by the Deputy Directors and Director of ORIC, specific to the needs and requirement of the post graduate trainees, using various national and international resource materials.
- ii. The trainees will be provided hard copies as well as soft copies of the course content in a folder at the initiation of the course. This take away resource material will also include handouts of presentations of all the modules taught during the workshops.

Following ten short courses will be offered to the post graduate trainees during year three; R-Y3 along with the tentative time frame work and title of workshops in table 3. However the details of modules, duration and objectives/Learning outcomes of each workshop are not specified right now as these will be formulated based on the needs and requirements of the trainees and also the will depend on the visitor facilitators choice, that will be decided and confirmed at least one month prior to conducting each workshop.

**TABLE 3. TEN ELECTIVE SHORT COURSES TO BE OFFERED DURING TRAINING YEAR 3.**

<b><i>TIME FRAME WORK DURING THIRD YEAR R-Y3</i></b>	<b><i>TOPICS OF SHORT REFRESHER COURSES</i></b>
MONTH 1	End note referencing manager
MONTH 2	Mendeley referencing manager
MONTH 3	Effective write up of Literature review
MONTH 4	Data entry in Statistical Package of Social Sciences
MONTH 5	Graphical presentation of data in Microsoft Excel
MONTH 6	Univariate, Bivariate and Multivariate analysis in Statistical Package of Social Sciences
MONTH 7	Effectively writing up of a dissertation.
MONTH 8	Research article write up
MONTH 9	Critical appraisal of research
MONTH 10	How to Present Research through power-point or posters

***Assessment of Trainees for short courses:***

No formal assessment through any examination paper will be carried out during year three since they will be already involved in data collection and entry of their research projects. So they will not be strained with any formal examinations.

***Assessment of individual and group exercises:***

- i. The quality, correctness and completeness of the individual as well as group exercises will be assessed during the workshops by the facilitators.
- ii. The exercises will be presented during each module of workshops by trainees either individually or in groups accordingly.
- iii. The mode of presentations will be oral using media of charts, flip charts & white boards or through power-point presentations depending on the nature of the tasks.
- iv. There will be no scores or marks specified for the individual or group exercises but the feedback of evaluation by the facilitators will be on spot by end of presentations.

***Assessment of individual or group; take home tasks/assignments:***

- i. The correctness, quality and completeness of the individual or group exercises that will be given during the short courses/workshops will also be determined.
- ii. These will be submitted after completion to the facilitators within three days of the workshop. No Assignments will be acceptable after three days.
- iii. The assignments will be assessed and checked by facilitator within one week of submission along with extensive feedback of these assignments.
- iv. No formal quantitative assessment or scoring of any of these take home tasks/assignments of R-Y3 will be done.

## B. PRESENTATION IN JOURNAL CLUB

- i. During third year of training, the trainees should continue to actively participate in the journal club sessions of the department on regular basis.
- ii. The R-Y3 trainees must present at least one research paper in journal club. The format of presentation and procedure for year 3 trainee will exactly be same as it will be for R-Y1 and R-Y2 trainees as mentioned before.
- iii. After oral presentation in monthly journal club session on the selected research paper and the critical appraisal of the paper R-Y3 trainee should actively participate in question & answer session of the journal club too. It will be compulsion for each R-Y3 trainee to ask at least one question or make at least one comment relevant to the topic and/or the research paper, during the journal club meeting.

### ***Minimal Attendance of Journal Club meetings for R-Y3 trainee:***

The R-Y3 trainees must attend at least 5 out of 6 journal club meetings during their third year of training and should make at least one presentation as a compulsion.

### ***Assessment of presentation of the trainee at Journal Club:***

- i. During the presentation of R-Y3 trainee in journal club, even though the head of department and two other senior faculty members will evaluate trainee's ability to make effective presentation of the research paper and also his/her skills to critically appraise a research paper, but no formal scoring will be done
- ii. The assessment will be qualitative rather than a quantitative assessment. Even though not scored in numbers, but by the end of paper presentation, evaluators will inform the strengths, mistakes, weaknesses and scope for improvement to each trainee.
- iii. The evaluators will assess that how far the presenter was successful to identify the strengths and weaknesses of a research article, to determine the appropriateness of the study methodology and design for the research question and to assess suitability of the statistical methods used. The appropriateness of presentation, interpretation and discussion will also be considered.

## C. DATA COLLECTION, ENTRY AND ANALYSIS OF RESEARCH PROJECT/S OF DISSERTATION/RESEARCH PAPERS

- i. By the beginning of year 3, the trainees will have received the approval from the IREF, BASR and respective examination authorities for their research proposals of dissertations or research papers. Moreover, till then all the data collection tools for their research projects will also have been ready after pretesting.
- ii. During first quarter of year 3, it will be mandatory for the trainees to initiate the data collection phase of their project/s. If the trainee will be collecting the data individually for his/her research project, it will be started under continuous guidance of their supervisors and continuous facilitation by the research centers of specialties, the data analysis center and Research Associates of ORIC of RMU.
- iii. In case the data collection will require more human resources, other than trainee himself/herself, either as honorary or hired data collection staff, they should be properly trained for data collection by the trainee. The supervisor will also ensure that the additional data collection staff will be adequate in number within data within the time framework and should also make sure that they will be proficient enough to collect high quality and authentic data.
- iv. The data storage will also be finalized by trainee under the guidance of Supervisor and research center of specialty.
- v. The trainee will initiate data collection phase and will seek assistance of statisticians at Data analysis centre of ORIC for compilation of data sheets in SPSS/or any other statistical software for data coding and entry. The trainees will be encouraged by statisticians to collect the data and enter it simultaneously after cleaning into the soft ware to save time.
- vi. By the end of R-Y3, the data collection and entry of data must be completed.
- vii. In case the trainee will be working on option B of CPSP i.e. publication of two research papers, keeping in consideration, the lengthy period required for submission and then acceptance of papers by journals, he/she should be vigilant in data collection and must do it at faster pace as compared to those writing dissertation. So such trainees should complete data collection of both papers within first half of year 3 of training simultaneously. Otherwise they can also collect data for first paper within first three months of year 3 of training and then will initiate data collection of second paper from sixth to ninth month of year 3 of training. Whatever is the option followed by the trainee, the data collection phase should not extend beyond ninth month of R-Y3, in order to complete both papers for submission till end of R-Y3.
- viii. The trainees and MD scholars writing dissertation must also complete data collection and analysis till last month of R-Y3.

## D. COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF TWO RESEARCH PAPERS AS REQUISITE TO CPSP FELLOWSHIP DEGREE

***This section D implies only for the trainees who will be following option B of CPSP i.e. publication of two research papers, as requisite to fellowship of CPSP, instead of submitting a dissertation.***

- i. The trainees opting for publication of two research papers should complete and submit manuscripts of both research papers by the end of third year of training. Keeping in consideration, the lengthy period required for submission and then acceptance of papers by journals (that varies from journal to journal and may range from 3 months to even one year) he/she should be vigilant in data collection and paper completion at faster pace as compared to those writing dissertation.
- ii. These trainees will be provided the following options and they will choose either of it based on their will and their supervisor's advise:

OPTION 1: The trainees should complete data collection of both papers within first 6 months of year 3 of training simultaneously. Then after analyzing data and completing write up of original article in next 5-6 months must submit both papers during last month of R-Y3 to journals of choice.

OPTION 2: The trainees should complete data collection of first paper within first three months of year 3 of training and then submit first paper after completion of manuscript till sixth month of R-Y3 to journal of choice. Then the trainee will initiate data collection of second paper till ninth month of year 3 of training and then submit second manuscript after completion till last month of R-Y3 to journal of choice.

- iii. Whatever is the option followed by the trainee, both of his/her paper should be submitted to journals of choice before initiation of year 4 of trainee, keeping adequate time secured in advance, in case any paper will not be accepted and will have to be sent to another journal accordingly.
- iv. During the data collection and entry phase, trainees will receive continuous assistance from the Research Associates and Data analysis unit of ORIC of RMU.
- v. When the data entry will be completed in the statistical software, the trainee will be provided full assistance in data analysis, interpretation and write up of results by the statisticians of ORIC.
- vi. The supervisors and publication in charge of ORIC will also guide the trainee to write the section "Discussion" based on the comparison of the findings of their study with the previously available research nationally as well as internationally.
- vii. They should also be able to identify strengths and weaknesses of their studies and should make recommendations with statement of final conclusion.
- viii. The trainees will identify the target journals for publication and after formatting their write up according to the specific format required by both journals.
- ix. The research papers will be reviewed by publication in charge of ORIC for plagiarism through turn-it-in soft ware. Any article that will have originality score less than 90% or similarity index more than 10% will be returned back to trainees for rephrasing and resubmission. Only when the eligible scores will be reached, then the trainee will be allowed to proceed further and to submit their research in the form of original articles under continuous assistance of Publication unit of ORIC.
- x. The trainee should also submit copies of submitted papers to the Dean, Director of ORIC and Chairperson of BASR that will be kept with them as confidential documents.

- xi. In case the research paper/s is/are sent back with recommended corrections or modifications, the supervisor and associated staff at ORIC will assist the trainee on urgent basis to get it rectified and resubmitted within next 10 days' time.
- xii. In case any of the paper is refused publication by a journal even then the supervisor and publication unit at ORIC will assist the trainee on urgent basis, to get it rectified and resubmitted to another target journal of choice within next 10 days' time and not delaying it all.

Since the trainees who will be submitting dissertation in specialty field as requisite to FCPS degree or as a requisite to their MD degree will not comply with this section D, they will continue with data collection and entry and will also initiate write up of literature review for their dissertations during this last half of R-Y3.

### **E. MONITORING OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF YEAR 3**

- i. Continuous monitoring of all the research activities of each trainee will be carried out by research centers of specialties, supervisors, Head of Departments and the research fellows & Deputy Directors at the Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization of RMU.
- ii. The structured Log books specific to research component of the training of year 3; R-Y3 and Research portfolio of the trainees will also be regularly observed, monitored and endorsed by all the concerned faculty, supervisor and facilitators.
- iii. The section of research training in Structured Log books of R-Y3 will be specific to short refresher courses of research conducted during training year 3. It will also include the record of attendance of all the short course/workshops attended by the trainee endorsed by the facilitators of each course and Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) in addition to the Department of Medical Education of RMU.
- iv. It will also comprise of all the submission record of the individual and group assignments of the trainees, endorsed by the facilitators of ORIC along with their comments.
- v. The log books will also include the attendance and presentation details of the trainees in the Journal club sessions of the department. The observation notes catering to qualitative evaluation for active participation by the trainee during each journal club session will also be inclusive. This information will be endorsed by the supervisor of the trainee and HOD.
- vi. The record of the trainees regarding timely completion and quality of each research activity related to completion of data collection and entry phase will also be part of the Log Book that will be endorsed by the supervisor, research associates and relevant facilitators of ORIC.
- vii. The research portfolio of the trainee R-Y3 will again include qualitative and quantitative self assessment of the trainee in narrative form. It will include the individual assessment of the objectives and aims defined by the trainee during the third year of training and extent of their successful attainment. The trainee will also mention individual achievements or knowledge and skills acquired in any aspect of research that was either formally part of the research curriculum or even not. It will also include reporting of any research courses, online or physically attended by the trainee, contribution in any research paper or publication, any participation and/or presentation in any research conference, competition etc. during year R-Y3.

### **F. OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE OF TRAINEES DURING R-Y3**

- i. The overall assessment of performance of trainee will be more qualitative in R-Y3, so it will not rely on any scores or marks attained by trainees hence there will not be any examination paper of research or scoring for the home tasks assignments or presentation of journal club.
- ii. The Heads of department and the director of ORIC will observe the log books for assessments of facilitators of short courses, their comments regarding the home tasks/assignments, comments of evaluators of presentation at journal club and the remarks of supervisor regarding his/her opinion regarding the trainee's overall performance during third year of training.
- iii. The Heads of department and the director of ORIC will also observe the research portfolio of the trainees. Based on their observations, they will evaluate the completeness and quality of performance of each trainee.
- iv. In case of any deficiencies or weaknesses they will personally call the trainee and supervisor and will guide them how to correct or improve accordingly.

#### G. EVALUATION/ FEEDBACK OF RESEARCH COURSE OF YEAR 3

The research course and activities of third year of training will be evaluated by the trainees, facilitators of ORIC and supervisors.

- i. **The feedback of trainees** will include structured evaluation of short courses/workshops of R-Y3 through structured and anonymous feedback forms/questionnaire that will be administered by the end of each short course/workshop. The forms will include questions phrased as Likert scales (1-5 categories) inquiring their responses regarding various aspects of workshops. Category 1 will represent the poorest quality while category 5 will represent excellence and the trainees will choose either of 5 based on their honest and unbiased personal choice. The open ended questions in form will indicate qualitative evaluation. There will also an overall feedback questionnaire for entire third year of research training.
- ii. **The feedback of trainers** will be obtained through structured and anonymous feedback forms/questionnaire to provide their inputs and opinions regarding effectiveness of the R-Y3 short course contents, curriculum, teaching methodologies, teaching aids and technologies, content and usefulness of the exercises and assessments etc.
- iii. **Three focus group discussions;** one of the R-Y3 trainees, second of the facilitators and third of the supervisors will also be organized by the ORIC to evaluate the research course, its benefits and weaknesses and scope for improvement.
- iv. **A final evaluation report of the Research Course R-Y3** will be formulated and compiled by the ORIC of RMU. The report will be presented to all concerned stake holders.

#### H. QUALITY ASSURANCE OF RESEARCH COURSE OF YEAR 3

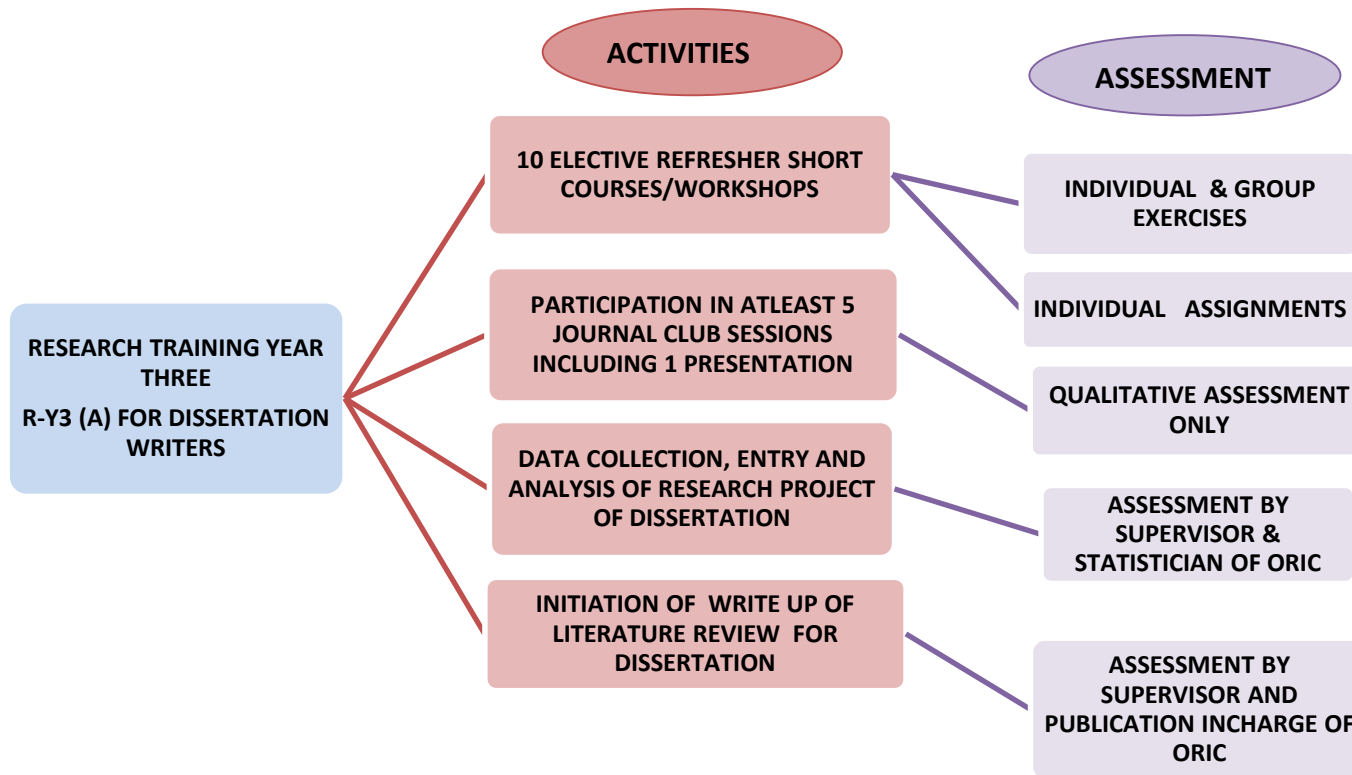
- i. The quality assessment of research course of R-Y3 will involve meticulous review of materials of R-Y3 course (including randomly selected data sheets and completed data collection tools, feedback forms of R-Y3 short course/workshops, log books, research portfolios, individual & group assessment records).

- ii. The quality evaluation team of R-Y3 will include the Head of departments, Deans, selected representatives of BASR, IREF, Director of ORIC, Director DME (Department of Medical Education), Director of Quality enhancement cell (QEC) and Vice chancellor of RMU. The random visits for physical observation of the materials and also of all the short courses proceedings through uninformed visits will also follow same protocol as mentioned in quality assurance procedure of R-Y1 and R-Y2.
- iii. The research papers submitted by post graduate trainees following option of publication of two original articles to CPSP accredited journals will be observed as confidential evidences by Director of ORIC, Dean and chairperson of BASR for quality assessment. No other person will have access to these manuscripts in order to avoid any risk of potential plagiarism.
- iv. ORIC will submit evaluation content of R-Y3 to all stake holders including a copy to the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of RMU for internal evaluation.
- v. The QEC will organize an external evaluation too through involvement of a third party that may include members of Quality assurance department of Higher Education Department based on their availability.
- vi. Since the R-Y3 will primarily comprise of the data collection phase of research projects of trainees, therefore, Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) in liaison with the research centers of the specialty, will ensure the originality, transparency and unambiguity of data, during entire data collection.
- vii. An annual meeting of Quality assurance, by end of year 3, will be organized by the Quality Enhancement Cell of RMU, including representatives of supervisors, Head of Departments, Dean, representative members of BASR, ORIC, DME, QEC & IREF, who will be then collectively, review all the evaluation material of R-Y3. The meeting will be chaired by the Vice Chancellor of RMU. The evaluation team will also share their experiences of their evaluation visits and observations to validate the existing materials.
- viii. The quality of R-Y3 course will be stringently determined with recommendations for further quality enhancement.

Successful completion of above mentioned requirements of research course, also outlined in Figure 4 ((A) and 4 (B), will be mandatory requirement for advancement to the next Post Graduate Year level i.e. last, final or fourth year or R-Y4.

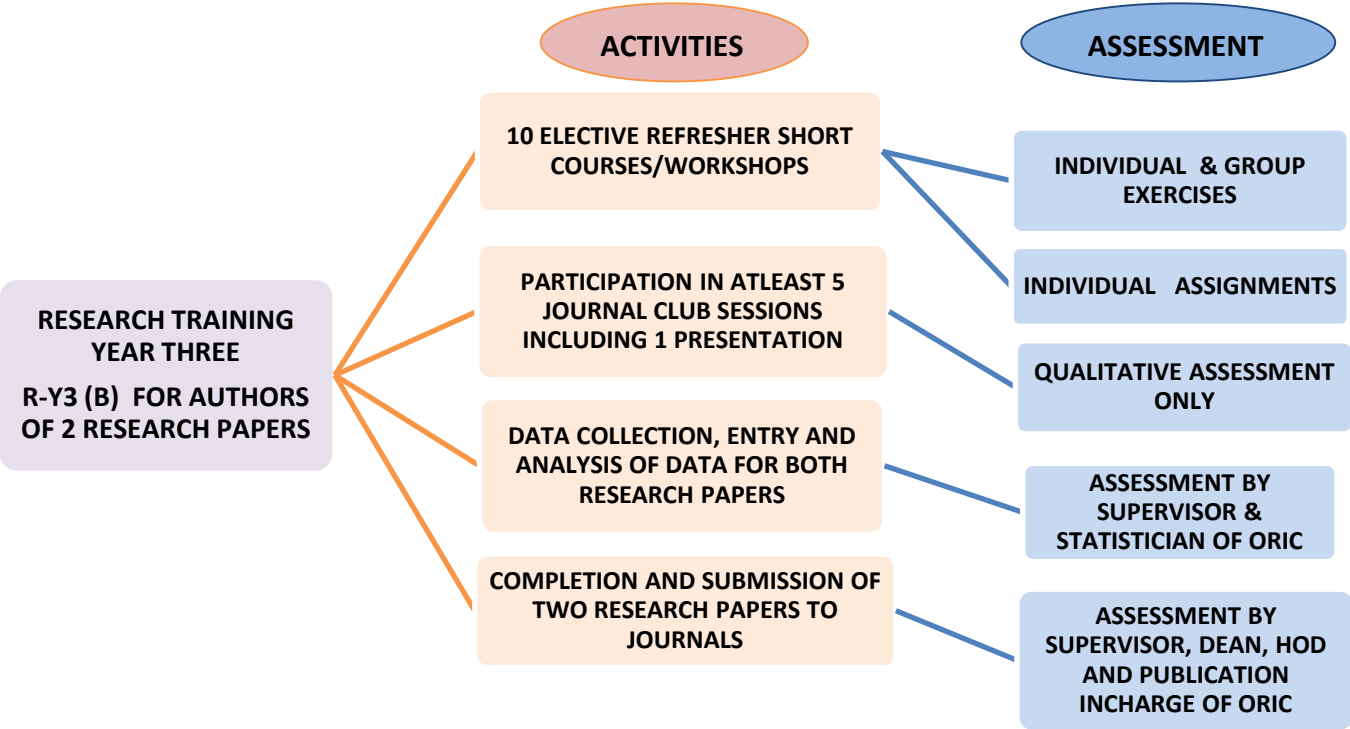


**Figure 4 (A) . A FLOW CHART OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND ASSESSMENTS OF R-Y3 POST GRADUATE/MD TRAINEE OF RMU WHO WILL OPT FOR DISSERTATION WRITING**



**Figure 4 (B) . A FLOW CHART OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND RELEVANT ASSESSMENTS**

**OF R-Y3 POST GRADUATE TRAINEES OF RMU OPTING FOR PUBLICATION OF TWO RESEARCH PAPERS AS REQUISITE TO CPSP FELLOWSHIP DEGREE**



## **RESEARCH COURSE OF FOURTH POST GRAUDATION TRAINING YEAR**

### **R-Y4**

#### **PURPOSE OF R-Y4 RESEARCH COURSE:**

During the fourth year of training the post graduate trainees will receive extensive practical hands on experience of conducting individual research project and then transformation of this project's report into a dissertation or original articles, in perspective of the knowledge and skills they will acquire during year initial three years of post graduate training. This course will make them proficient to conduct extensive literature search and using available information delve into existent findings and evidences of research, critically appraise them and then explore how to transform them into clinical practice. The fourth year of training will be purely practical where no formal didactic lectures or sessions will be held.

#### **LEARNING OUTCOMES OF R-Y4 RESEARCH COURSE**

After completion of R-Y4 course the trainees should be efficiently able to:

1. Identify and execute proficiently all procedures required for data analysis and interpretation.
2. Analyze and interpret the data collected for a research project and draw conclusions related to the objectives of study.
3. Write a clear and concise research report (paper for a peer reviewed journal/dissertation) and a summary of the major findings and recommendations for each of the different parties interested in the results.
4. Present the major findings and the recommendations of a study to policy-makers, managers and other stakeholders to finalize the recommendations.
5. Prepare a plan of action for the dissemination, communication and utilization of the findings and (if required) make recommendations for additional future research.
6. Critically appraise a research paper of any national or international journal.
7. Present research papers published in various national and international journals at journal club.
8. Prepare and complete final research Dissertation/ original articles, requisite to the post graduation degree of trainee, under the guidance of the nominated supervisor.
9. Present and defend a research final research Dissertation/ original article project to concerned authorities.

#### **RESEARCH COURSE OF FOURTH TRAINING YEAR**

The fourth year of post graduate of training will be purely practical where no lectures, courses or workshops will be held and the trainee will be directly involved under the supervisor's and staff members (of ORIC) guidance in actual implementation of research. The following activities related to research will be carried out by the trainee during the last and final year of research course.

## A. COMPLETION OF RESEARCH PROJECT AND ITS WRITE UP AS A DISSERTATION

***This section A implies only for the trainees who will be either MD scholars or those post graduate trainees following option A of CPSP i.e. writing dissertation, as requisite to fellowship of CPSP.***

- i. The trainees writing dissertations should have completed their data collection and entry by the end of third year of training and will have also initiated write up literature view for the dissertation.
- ii. As soon as the year four of training commences, these trainees should complete the introduction and literature review sections of their dissertations along with proper referencing during first three months of R-Y4. They will be continuously guided in this task by their supervisors, research associates and the publication in charge at the ORIC.
- iii. The trainees, In the meanwhile, will also seek continuous assistance of statisticians of Data analysis unit of ORIC for data analysis in statistical software. Trainees will be guided how to interpret the results, how to determine the statistical significances and how to write these results in textual, tabulated and graphical forms. They will have to complete their data analysis and write up of results till fourth month of year 4.
- iv. The supervisor and publication in charge at ORIC will also guide the trainee to write the section of “discussion” for their dissertations based on the comparison of the findings of their study with the previously available research nationally as well as internationally.
- v. The trainees will also identify strengths and weaknesses of their study and should make recommendations with statement of final conclusion.
- vi. According to the required referencing systems the reference lists and in text citation will also be completed correctly.
- vii. After writing the abstract and cover pages and annexure of the dissertation, the trainee will submit his/her dissertation’s final draft to publication in charge ORIC for plagiarism detection through turn-it-in soft ware. Any dissertation that will have originality score less than 90% or similarity index more than 10% will be returned back to trainees for rephrasing till the eligible scores will be reached.
- viii. Then the trainee should submit final draft of dissertation to the supervisor and head of department till end of fifth month of year for final modifications. Since the supervisor will be incessantly involved in every aspect of the project since the beginning and will be persistently guiding the procedure, so he/she should not take more than 10 days to give final review to dissertation of the trainee with written feedback that will be entered in a structured performa with recommendations for improvement or corrections. The Head of Department will also provide his feedback within 10-15 days.
- ix. Based on the feed back of the reviews, the trainee will make final editing and will get the dissertation printed and submitted to the degree awarding authority accordingly (BASR for MD trainees and CPSP for post graduate trainees of fellowship) for review for acceptance before third week of sixth month of year 4.
- x. The trainee will also submit a copy of dissertation to head of department, the Dean, Director of ORIC and Chair person of BASR that will be dealt as a confidential document in order to avoid potential risk of plagiarism.

- xi. While the dissertations will be under review by the degree awarding authority for acceptance, the trainees will be continuously guided by the supervisor and the research associates at ORIC regarding defense of their dissertation. They will be guided how to make effective presentations according to the format provided by the examination authorities and also how to successfully and confidently respond to the queries of examiners.
- xii. In case the dissertation is sent back with recommended corrections or modifications, the supervisor and research associates at ORIC will assist the trainee on urgent basis to get it rectified and resubmitted within at least 10 days' time and not more than it.

#### B. RESUBMISSION OF RESEARCH PAPER/S IN CASE MODIFICATIONS ADVISED OR REJECTED FOR PUBLICATION BY A JOURNAL

***This section B implies only for the post graduate trainees who will be opt for two research paper submission as requisite to fellowship of CPSP and provided one or both of their research paper/s is/are sent back for modifications or rejected publication.***

- i. In case the research paper/s is/are sent back with recommended corrections or modifications, the supervisor, publication in charge and concerned facilitators at ORIC will assist the trainee on urgent basis to get it rectified and resubmitted within next 10 days' time.
- ii. In case any of the paper is refused publication by a journal even then the supervisor and publication unit at ORIC will assist the trainee on urgent basis, to get it rectified and resubmitted to another target journal of choice within next 10 days' time without any delay.

#### C. SUBMISSION OF ACCEPTANCE LETTERS OF APPROVED RESEARCH PAPER/PAERS AND SUBMISSION OF HARD AND SOFT COPIES OF PUBLISHED RESEARCH PAPER/S TO CPSP

***This section C implies only for the post graduate trainees who will be opt for two research paper submission as requisite to fellowship of CPSP and provided their research paper/s is/are approved by journals and are published.***

- i. In case the research paper/s is/are approved by the target journals, the trainee will submit the letter of acceptance/s to CPSP in addition to copies to supervisor, HOD, Dean and Publication in charge of ORIC.
- ii. When the original article will be published in journal/s, then the trainee will submit hard and soft copies of the original journal with his/her published articles to CPSP in addition to copies to supervisor, HOD, Dean and Publication in charge of ORIC and BASR.

#### D. PARTICIPATION IN JOURNAL CLUB SESSIONS

- i. Since the journal club is one of the best sources to provide awareness of best current clinical research, its implementation and utilization so its importance cannot be overlooked. In spite of a demanding and eventful fourth year of training, the participation of trainee in the journal club will still be mandatory.
- ii. The participation of trainees in journal club during R-Y4 will complement their knowledge and skills that will be beneficent in write up as well as defense of dissertation but also enhance their evidence based clinical skills.
- iii. However, to decrease the trainees' workload during final year of training, only participation in journal club will be mandatory and he/she will be exempted from making a presentation during R-Y4.

- iv. The R-Y4 trainee will still be expected to actively participate in discussion and also in question & answer session of the journal club meeting. It will be compulsion for each R-Y4 trainee to ask at least one question or make at least one comment relevant to the topic and/or the research paper, during the journal club meeting.

***Minimal Attendance of Journal Club meetings by R-Y4 trainee:***

The R-Y4 trainees should attend at least 5 out of 6 journal club meetings during their last year of training.

***Assessment of Trainees for Journal Club sessions:***

There will be no formal quantitative or qualitative assessment of the trainee and they will also not make any formal presentation in the journal club during R-Y4.

## E. MONITORING OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF YEAR 4

- i. During the last year of training of post graduate trainees, they will be scrutinized for each and every activity of dissertation completion by research centers of specialties, supervisors, Head of Departments and the research associates and Deputy Directors at the Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization of RMU.
- ii. The structured component of research in Log books of fourth training year will pertain to various components of their research projects including timing and completeness of data analysis, result write up, introduction, literature review's write up, methodology, discussion, recommendations, conclusions and cover pages.
- iii. The log books will also include the attendance details of the trainees in the Journal club sessions of the department during R-Y4. This information will be endorsed by the supervisor of the trainee and the HOD.
- iv. The Log Books of the trainees in addition to the Research portfolio during fourth year will be endorsed by the supervisor and Deputy Directors of ORIC. The research portfolio of the R-Y4 will again include self assessment regarding research activities of the trainee in narrative form. In addition to individual assessment of the objectives and aims formulated for fourth year of training and their successful attainment, it will also include participation in any research course/s, conference/s and/or competition/s etc. during year R-Y4.

## F. OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE OF TRAINEES DURING R4

- i. The overall assessment of performance of trainee will not rely on any scores or marks attained by trainees since there will not be any examination Paper or scoring for the home tasks assignments or presentation of journal club.
- ii. The Heads of department and the director of ORIC will observe research portfolio of trainees in addition to the log books for attendance record and the remarks of supervisor regarding his/her opinion regarding the trainee's overall performance during fourth year of training. Based on their observations, they will evaluate the completeness and quality of performance of each activity of trainee during fourth year.

- iii. In case of any deficiencies or weaknesses, the trainee and supervisor will be called by the Heads of department and the director of ORIC who will direct them on how to improve accordingly.

#### G. EVALUATION/ FEEDBACK OF RESEARCH COURSE OF YEAR 4

The research course and activities of third year of training will be evaluated by the trainees, facilitators ORIC and supervisors.

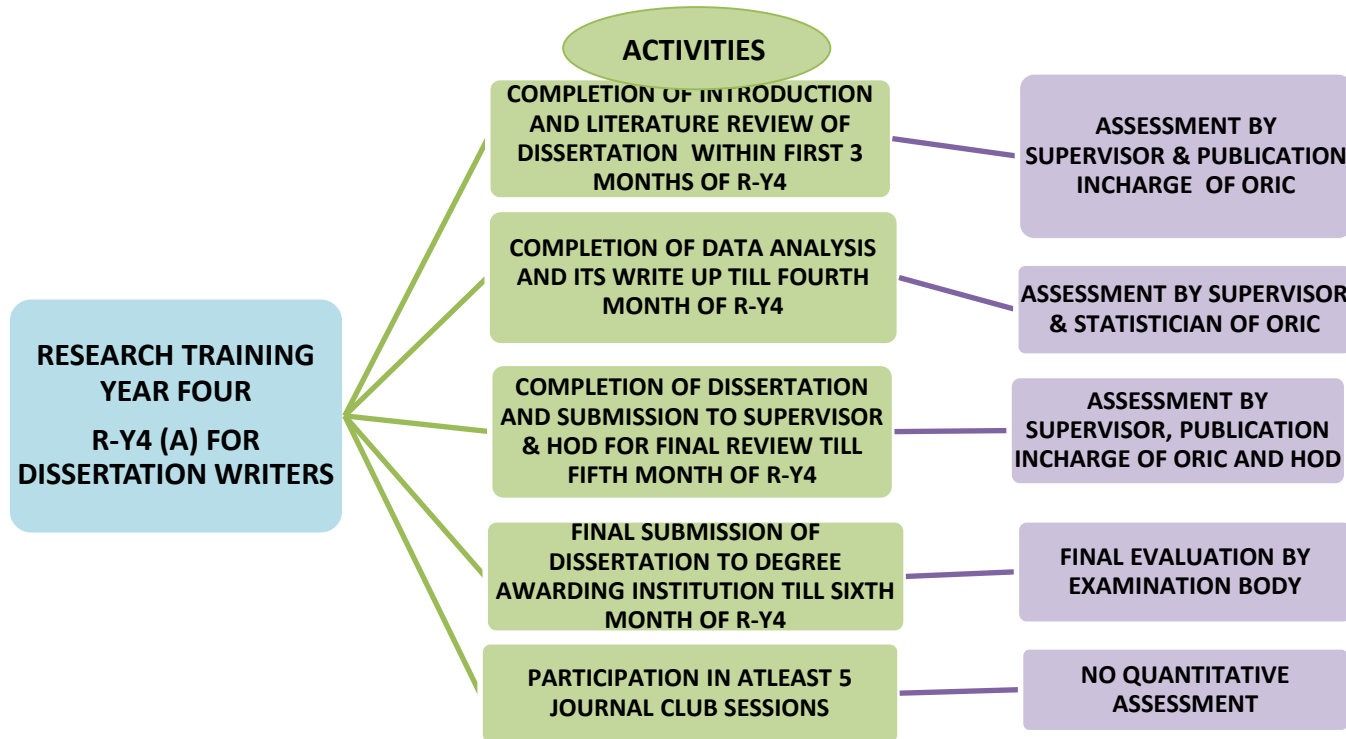
- i. **The end of year R-Y4 and end of four years' research training feedback of trainees** will include structured evaluation through feedback questionnaire not only four fourth year but also for entire four year of research training. It will be anonymous and apart from questions phrased in Likert scale, open ended questions will also be included for the opinions of trainees.
- ii. **The end of year R4 and end of of four years' research training feedback of trainers** will also reflect the anonymous feedback for the opinions of all supervisors and facilitators regarding benefits, drawbacks or weaknesses of R-Y4 course as well as of entire four year's research training course.
- iii. **Three focus group discussions;** one of the R-Y4 trainees, second of the concerned facilitators and third of the supervisors will also be organized by the ORIC to evaluate the entire four year's research course, its benefits and weaknesses and scope for improvement.
- iv. **A final evaluation report of the Research Course R-Y4 and entire 4 years' research training Course** will be formulated and compiled by the ORIC of RMU. The report will be presented to all concerned stake holders.

#### H. QUALITY ASSURANCE OF RESEARCH COURSE OF YEAR 4

- i. The quality assessment of research course of R-Y4 as well as the entire four years' research course will be carried out through review of materials and observations of proceedings by the evaluation team of RMU.
- ii. The research dissertations submitted by post graduate trainees will be observed as confidential evidences by Director of ORIC, Dean and chairperson of BASR for quality assessment. No other person will have access to these manuscripts in order to avoid any risk of potential plagiarism.
- iii. ORIC will submit evaluation content of R-Y4 to all stake holders including a copy to the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of RMU for internal as well as external evaluation.
- iv. An annual meeting of the trainers by end of year 4, will be organized by the Quality Enhancement Cell of RMU, including representatives of supervisors, Head of Departments, Dean, representative members of BASR, ORIC, QEC, DME & IREF, to review and discuss all the evaluation materials of R-Y4, its quality and any recommendations for quality enhancement, under the chairman ship of Vice chancellor of RMU.

The activities of trainees of RMU are displayed in figure 5(A) and 5 (B), according to their concerned options. Successful completion of above mentioned requirements of research course will be mandatory requirement for completion of Post Graduate training final year as well as for MD scholar's training at RMU.

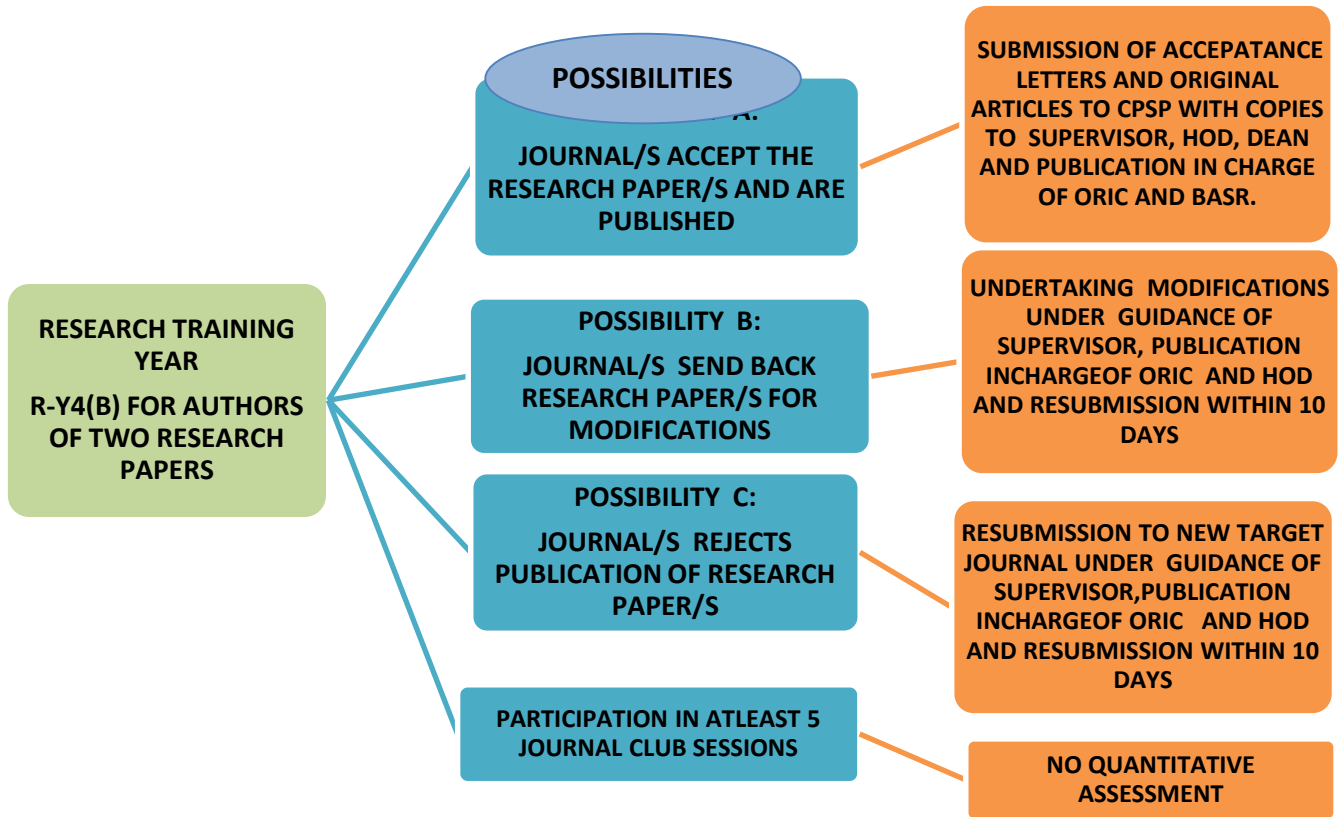
**Figure 5 (A) . A FLOW CHART OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND ASSESSMENTS OF R-Y4 POST GRADUATE/MD TRAINEE OF RMU WHO WILL OPT FOR DISSERTATION WRITING**



**Figure 6 (B). A FLOW CHART OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND ASSESSMENTS OF R-Y4 POST GRADUATE OF RMU WHO WILL OPT FOR 2**

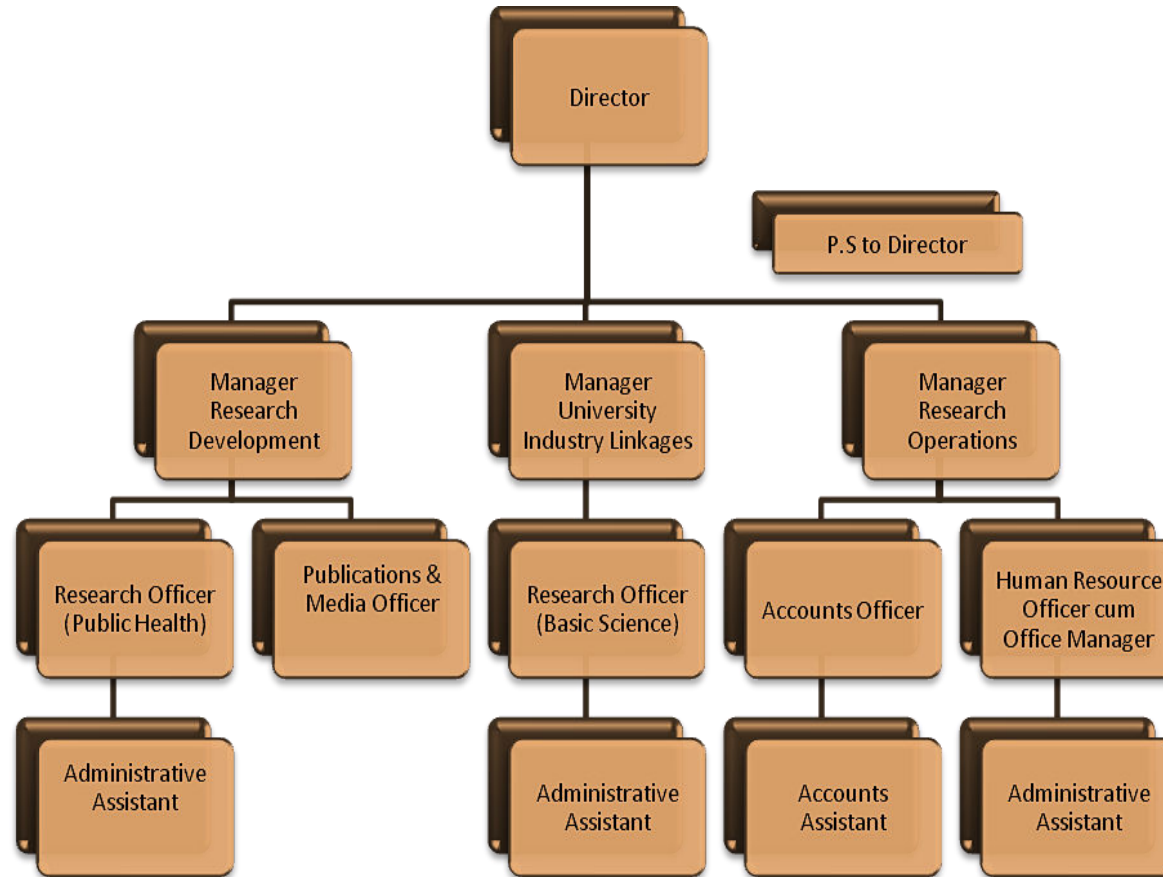
**RESEARCH PAPERS AS REQUISITE TO CPSP FELLOWSHIP DEGREE**





# ANNEXURE 1

## THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF ORIC OF RMU



*Note: Managers of ORIC are also referred to as Deputy Directors in RMU*

## ANNEXURE 2

# TERMS OF REFERENCES OF STAFF MEMBERS OF RMU WITH REFERENCE TO THE RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM OF POST GRADUATE TRAINEES OF RMU

### A. THE VICE CHANCELLOR:

1. The vice chancellor of RMU will be final authority to approve nominations of external supervisors of MD scholars, in consultation with the Dean of specialty.
2. Regarding nominations of the internal supervisors of MD trainees and also of Post graduate trainees of fellowship of CPSP, after completion of first year of training, i.e. R-Y1, no substitution in nomination will be allowed. But in case of any serious incompatibility between the trainee and the supervisor, the issue will be brought to the Vice chancellor, directly by the Dean, as a special case. And only the vice chancellor will make the final decision accordingly, as the final authority.
3. The vice chancellor will also be the head of the quality evaluation team of research training courses that will also include the Head of departments, Deans, selected representatives of BASR, IREF, Director of ORIC and Director of Quality enhancement cell (QEC). The selection of above mentioned team members will be made by the Vice chancellor of RMU.
4. The Vice chancellor will have the authority through the research training course, to make surprise visits, evaluations, rounds and checking (without any prior information to the trainees and trainers) at any random occasion, being member of quality evaluation team individually or in team.
5. An annual meeting of the trainers will also be organized by the Quality Enhancement Cell of RMU, including representatives of supervisors, Head of Departments, Dean, representative members of BASR, ORIC, QEC & IREF and this meeting will be chaired by the Vice chancellor.
6. In perspective of the quality assessed through extensive procedure all the year round and also during the Annual meeting of quality assessment and enhancement, the Vice Chancellor and the Board of Advanced study and Research will finalize any modifications or enhancement in the next Research course.
7. When the MD scholars of RMU will submit their research proposals to the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) of RMU for appraisal, BASR will issue an acceptance letter of the research proposal that will be endorsed by the Vice chancellor of RMU.

### B. MEMBERS OF BOARD OF ADVANCED STUDIES AND RESEARCH:

1. The Board of Advanced studies and Research of RMU will finalize, approve and issue final approval list of the supervisors of the trainees of RMU.
2. The Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) of RMU will receive the submitted research proposals of MD scholars of RMU for appraisal. BASR will issue an acceptance letter of the research proposal endorsed by the Vice chancellor of RMU copied to the concerned stake holders and authorities including office of Dean and ORIC. If members of BASR will find any modifications required in the proposal they will recommend them to trainee and supervisor. The trainee must incorporate those changes and will resubmit the corrected version of proposal to BASR within next one-week period. The written approval letter of BASR will then be issued within next two weeks to the trainee. The trainees will thus receive formal permission to initiate data collection phase through this acceptance of BASR.

3. The quality evaluation team of research training course will include selected representatives of BASR who will be nominated and selected by BASR and Vice chancellor of RMU. The members may pay random visits for physical observation of the proceedings and materials of all the research related activities of the trainees and supervisors for quality assessment and assurance.
4. The copies of research papers or dissertations submitted by post graduate trainees following option of publication of two original articles to CPSP accredited journals will also be submitted to the chairperson of BASR for quality assessment to be observed as confidential evidences
5. Representative members of BASR will attend the annual meeting of Quality assurance, by end of each research training year and will also share their experiences of their evaluation visits and observations to validate the existing materials.
6. The quality of Research Training course will be stringently determined by BASR in their meetings and the members will provide recommendations for further quality enhancement and will have the authority for policy formulation or modification regarding the research training course.

### **C. MEMBERS OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND ETHICS FORUM OF (IREF) RMU:**

1. Institutional Research Ethics Forum will organize monthly meetings for approval of research proposals of the trainees of RMU in which the trainee must present along with his/her supervisor for presentation and defence of proposals of dissertations/research papers.
2. The members will be provided hard copies of the research proposals prior to the meetings that they will review before coming to the meeting.
3. Members will listen and visualize five to ten minutes' presentation through power-point by the trainees and by the end of presentation will make relevant queries to the trainees.
4. The IREF will appraise and scrutinize every aspect of the proposal/s and if found acceptable then will provide on spot verbal approval of the project followed by written approval letter within next two weeks to the trainees.
5. If members of IREF will find any modifications required in the proposal/s they will recommend them to trainee and supervisor. The trainee must incorporate those changes and will resubmit the corrected version of proposal/s within next one week's period.
6. The written approval letter of IREF will be issued within next two weeks of meeting, to the trainee.
7. In case the trainee will be working on option B of CPSP i.e. publication of two research papers, instead of writing dissertation, then he/she will present both research proposals to IREF for the two topics already approved by CPSP.
8. The quality evaluation team of research training course will include selected representatives of IREF who will be nominated and selected by chairperson of IREF and Vice chancellor of RMU. The members may pay random visits for physical observation of the proceedings and materials of all the research related activities of the trainees and supervisors for quality assessment and assurance.
9. Representative members of IREF will attend the annual meeting of Quality assurance, by end of each research training year and will also share their experiences of their evaluation visits and observations to validate the existing materials.

10. The quality of Research Training course will be stringently determined by IREF in their meetings and the members will provide recommendations for further quality enhancement to BASR, if any, regarding research training course.

#### **D. THE DEAN OF THE SPECIALITY:**

1. The journal club meetings will be chaired by the Dean of specialty.
2. In a journal club meeting, one or two research paper/s published in an indexed national or international journal will be selected by the Dean and will be notified to the departments at least one and a half month prior to the meeting.
3. The Dean of the specialty will decide the nomination of the supervisor for the post graduate trainee as well as the internal supervisors of MD scholars within first six months of the first year of training R-Y1.
4. For the selection of supervisors, the Dean will chair meeting for selection of supervisors that will be held in the middle of the first research training year, preferably in June.
5. The list of all the first year trainees and the available supervisors in each department will be presented to the Dean, by respective heads of each department in meeting.
6. The Dean will consider the recommendations and proposals of most suitable supervisors for each trainee after eloquent discussions and justifications with the Head of Departments.
7. The Dean will then call each trainee individually to inform him/her the suggested Supervisor for him/her and will also give right and time for objection or reservation in nomination, if any. The Dean will seek the trainee's final consent and then after asking the trainee to leave the meeting room, will call the supervisor for final consent.
8. If the supervisor will also be willing to happily supervise the trainee, then the Dean will finally approve the nomination.
9. A tentative list will be issued by the office of the Dean, within three days of the meeting, copied to the HOD's and the trainees and supervisors.
10. Both the trainees and the supervisors will be given two weeks to challenge the nominations and will also be given right to personally approach the Dean for any request for change. In case of any objection, the Dean will make changes in consultation with the HOD's, after final consent and satisfaction of both trainee and supervisor
11. The final revised list of nominations will be then issued by the office of Dean and will be sent to the Board of Advanced studies and Research of RMU (BASR).
12. During the last few months of the first year of training, the trainees and supervisors will be advised by the Dean, to get familiar with each other and try to identify their abilities to efficiently and successfully work together as a team.
13. In case of any issues, either of both will have right to request any change in nomination to the Dean, till last week of first year of training. The Dean will then consider the case and will seek modification in nomination from the BASR.
14. After completion of first year of training, no substitution in nomination will be allowed. In case of any serious incompatibility between the trainee and the supervisor, the Dean will have authority to bring it to the notice of the Vice chancellor as a special case.
15. As regards the MD scholars, the external supervisors will also be nominated and those nominations will be made by Vice chancellor of RMU in consultation with the Dean of specialty. After finalization of nominations a letter of agreement of supervision will be submitted by the trainee to the office of Dean, including consent and endorsement of both trainee and the internal and/or external supervisor.
16. Regarding the project of undertaking clinical audits on various aspects of the department during first year of research training, on one topic assigned to each group by the Dean in consultation with Heads of Departments.
17. The clinical audits completed in groups will be published as Annual Audit Reports of the departments by the Dean

18. The Dean will make the decision regarding the presentation of clinical audit weekly Clinico-pathological conferences (CPC) of the University.
19. Once the research question and topic is finalized with mutual understanding of the supervisor, the Dean will also be handed over the selected topic by the trainee. The Dean of the specialty will give approval of the topic after scrutiny and will confirm after consultation with HODs that there is no duplication of the topic in the department.
20. The Dean will finalize the list of the topics of research proposals of all trainees during fourth month of R-Y2 and then will submit the list to BASR.
21. Dean will also ensure the feasibility and availability of resources during second year of research training of the trainees of RMU, before initiation of the research project.
22. The office of Dean will receive a copy of approval of the acceptance letter of BASR once the MD scholars of RMU will get their research proposals approved by to the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) of RMU.
23. The Dean will receive the copies of final manuscript by post graduate trainees following option of publication of two original articles to CPSP accredited journals that will be observed as confidential evidences by Dean for quality assessment. It will be kept strictly confidential by the office of the Dean in order to avoid any risk of potential plagiarism
24. The Dean will also receive the copies of final dissertation manuscript by post graduate trainees and MD trainees that will be observed as confidential evidences by Dean for quality assessment. It will be kept strictly confidential by the office of the Dean in order to avoid any risk of potential plagiarism.
25. The office of Dean must also receive the letter of acceptance/s by the trainees, in case the research paper/s is/are approved by the target journals. When the original article will be published in journal/s, then the trainee will submit hard and soft copies of the original journal with his/her published articles to Dean of speciality for evidence.
26. The Dean of speciality will be member of the quality evaluation team of research course and he/she will have right to make any surprise visit during the four years training research course, at any random occasion, either individually or in teams, without any prior information to the trainees and trainers.
27. The Dean will also attend the annual meeting that will be organized by the Quality Enhancement Cell of RMU. During the meeting, the Dean will share his/her experience of evaluation visits and observations to validate the existing materials.

#### **E. THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT:**

1. The Head of the Department (HOD) will oversee all the research activities of the trainees, in close consultation with the Dean and the supervisors at the departmental level.
2. The HOD will attend all the journal club sessions of department.
3. During the first six months of research training year 1 i.e. R-Y1, the HOD will be responsible for consideration of the nominations of the internal supervisor of each trainee. The HOD will decide these nominations based on his/her own personal observation of the level of performance, talent personality and temperament of both the trainees and the supervisors. Based on his/her personal observation of the compatibility of both eligible trainees and the supervisors, Head of department will recommend or propose most suitable supervisors for each trainee after eloquent discussions and justifications to the Dean during a nomination meeting that will be especially held for this purpose.
4. The nominations will be finalized in a special meeting by all heads of the departments and the Dean. The list of all the first year trainees and the available supervisors in each department will be presented by respective heads of each department in meeting.
5. In case of any objection to nominations of supervisors, the Dean will make changes after direct consultation with the HOD's, apart from final consent and satisfaction of both trainee and supervisor.

6. After finalization of nominations a copy of letter of agreement of supervision will be received by the office of HOD, submitted by the trainee.
7. The weekly meetings of the supervisor and the trainee will be monitored by the HOD through observation of the documented record of meeting in log books, by the end of every month.
8. During ninth month of training year 1; R-Y1 the head of department will supervise the project of clinical audit of the trainees. In this regard HOD will firstly form groups of trainees, either two or three trainees in one group (along with each supervisor of each trainee), depending on the total number of trainees available in that respective first year.
9. The HOD in consultation with the Dean of specialty will assign topics of audits to each group.
10. The clinical audits completed in groups will be published as Annual Audit Reports of the departments under supervision of HOD's.
11. The presentation of clinical audit in weekly Clinico-pathological conferences (CPC) of the University, will also be supervised by HOD's.
12. The contribution of the trainees in execution and publication of clinical audit will also be qualitatively assessed by the head of departments.
13. Once the trainee finalizes research question and topic in mutual understanding with supervisor, the HOD will also be handed over the selected topic by the trainee who in consultation with the Dean of the specialty will confirm for non duplication of the topic in the department.
14. HOD will also ensure the feasibility and availability of resources during second year of research training of the trainees of RMU, before initiation of the research project.
15. The trainee should submit final draft of dissertation to the head of department till end of fifth month of year for final modifications and the Head of Department will also provide his /her feedback within 10-15 days.
16. The HOD will receive a copy of final dissertation by the trainee during fourth year of research training that will be kept by him/her as a confidential document in order to avoid any potential risk of plagiarism.
17. In case the research paper/s of the trainees is/are approved by the target journals, the office of HOD trainee will also receive a copy of the letter of acceptance/s and when the original article will be published in journal/s, even then the trainee will submit hard and soft copies of the original journal with his/her published articles to HOD.
18. All the Head of Departments along with other staff members of Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization of RMU will keep vigilant and continuous monitoring of all the research activities of each trainee.
19. The HOD will monthly check and endorse the sections of research in Structured Log books of trainees and also section of Research in portfolio record of the trainees specific to research component of the training.
20. The HOD will also endorse the attendance of the trainees in the Journal club sessions of the department in the log books along with his/her quantitative and/or qualitative assessment of the trainees' active participation and/or presentation during the journal club session. HOD will also endorse the information whether any question or comment was raised by the trainee during each journal club session or not. The Heads of department will observe the log books for assessments of facilitators of short courses during third year of research training and their comments regarding the home tasks/assignments apart from the remarks of supervisor regarding his/her opinion regarding the trainee's overall performance during third year of training.
21. In case of any deficiencies or weaknesses, HOD will personally call the trainee and supervisor and will guide them how to correct or improve accordingly.
22. The research course of the trainees will also be evaluated by the HOD's through end of sessions forms and then collectively through end of course feedback forms.
23. The HODs will also be members of the quality evaluation team of research training course and will vigilantly and equitably observe and evaluate all the documented records and materials during the course and finally by the end of each course year for quality assessment.

24. They will also make surprise visits at any random occasion, without any prior information to the trainees and trainers, individually or in team.
25. HODs will also attend the annual meeting quality assessment and enhancement where they along with other participants will actively review and discuss all the evaluation material. And will also share their experiences of evaluation visits and observations to validate the existing materials.

**F. THE DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF RESEARCH INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION (ORIC):**

1. The Director ORIC (Office of Research Commercialization and Innovation) of RMU will conduct an orientation session or an introductory session of one-hour duration along with Deputy Directors of ORIC at the commencement of first research training year of all post graduate trainees of RMU. During the session, the Director will make trainees acquainted to the complete research course of four years' post graduate training, its schedule of all scholarly and academic activities and the assessment procedures. He/she will also introduce the model of research at RMU, organizational structure of ORIC and all requisites of training along with introduction to the staff members of ORIC who will be involved in their training.
2. The director ORIC will take few research training sessions of first two training years (R-Y1 & R-Y2) that will comprise of didactic lecture followed by taking exercises and then also be responsible for giving and checking the home task assignments (if any) related to session.
3. During the third year of training the Director ORIC will conduct few of short refresher courses/workshops along with other staff members of Office of Research Innovation and commercialization. For the specific course, Director will have to carry out a 20-25 minutes' power-point presentation to restore the memories of the trainees regarding the previous knowledge attained by them in R-Y1 and R-Y2. The director ORIC will also facilitate the individual or groups exercises of trainees in the training session following the presentation and also check the take home assignments.
4. Director at the Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization of RMU will keep vigilant and continuous monitoring of all the academic activities of each trainee related to Research courses.
5. Director of ORIC will check the research portfolio of the trainee and will endorse it.
6. Based on his/her observations, the completeness and quality of performance of each trainee will be evaluated and in case of any deficiencies or weaknesses he/she will personally call the trainee and supervisor and will guide them how to correct or improve accordingly.
7. Director ORIC will supervise the formulation of evaluation report of the research training course and after its endorsement will send it to all concerned departments and stake holders. The director ORIC will also be responsible for submission of the evaluation content to the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of RMU for internal evaluation and external evaluation.
8. The Director will also be member of the quality evaluation team of research training course and will also evaluate all the documented records and materials during the course and finally by the end of each course year for quality assessment.
9. Like all other members of Quality evaluation team, the director will also have the right to make a surprise visit at random individually or in team. The evaluation will include not only physical observation of the materials but the evaluators may also make a visit to observe any proceedings or activities of the research course e.g. a lecture, a group exercise, a journal club session and/or an IREF meeting.
10. The Director will attend the annual meeting quality assessment and enhancement where he/she will actively review and discuss all available material of training course will also share his/her experience of evaluation visits and observations to validate the existing materials.
11. The trainees who will opt for publication of research papers to journals will submit copy of submitted papers to Director of ORIC who will check and keep them secured in records as confidential documents.
12. The Director will receive a copy of dissertation of the trainee for record as a confidential document in order to avoid potential risk of plagiarism.



**G. THE DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF OFFICE OF RESEARCH INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION (ORIC):**

1. The Deputy Directors ORIC (Office of Research Commercialization and Innovation) of RMU, along with Deputy Director and other staff members of ORIC will conduct an orientation/introductory session of one-hour duration at the initiation of first research training year of all post graduate trainees of RMU. The Deputy Directors will provide introduction to trainees regarding the research course of four years' post graduate training, its schedule of all scholarly and academic activities and the assessment procedures. They will also inform the trainees organizational structure of ORIC and all requisites of training along with introduction to the staff members of ORIC who will be involved in their training.
2. The Deputy directors ORIC will take research training sessions of first two training years (R-Y1 & R-Y2) that will comprise of didactic lecture followed by taking exercises and then also be responsible for giving and checking the home task assignments (if any) related to session.
3. The submitted record and scores of trainees attained for the individual and group assignments during first two training years will be endorsed by the Deputy Directors of ORIC.
4. During the third year of training the Deputy Directors ORIC will conduct a few of short refresher courses/workshops. For the specific course, they will have to carry out a 20-25 minutes' power-point presentation to restore the memories of the trainees regarding the previous knowledge attained by them in R-Y1 and R-Y2. In addition, they will also facilitate the individual or groups exercises of trainees in the training session following the presentation and will also check the take home assignments.
5. The submitted record and scores of trainees attained for the individual and group assignments of the short training courses of third year of training will also be endorsed by the Deputy Directors of ORIC.
6. The Deputy Directors will check and mark the written papers of end of year examination or Annual Research Paper of first two training year R-Y1 & R-Y2. They will also endorse the scores of the Annual papers in the log book of the trainees.
7. The research course will be evaluated by the deputy directors of ORIC too through end of sessions forms and then collectively through end of course feedback forms.
8. During these first three months of R-Y2, the Deputy Directors at the ORIC will provide consultation to the trainees regarding feasibility of their research questions and will be advised if any modification required.
9. The deputy directors will be continuously involved in an alert and continuous monitoring of all the scholarly activities of each trainee.
10. The structured Research component of Log books and Research portfolio of the trainees specific to research component of all the training years R-Y1 to R-Y4 will also be regularly observed, monitored and endorsed by the Deputy Directors of ORIC. Based on his/her observations, the completeness and quality of performance of each trainee will be evaluated and in case of any deficiencies or weaknesses he/she will personally call the trainee and supervisor and will guide them how to correct or improve accordingly.
11. The Deputy Director will also monitor the submission of the evaluation content to all including a copy to the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of RMU for internal evaluation.

**H. THE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES OF OFFICE OF RESEARCH INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION (ORIC):**

1. The Research Associates of ORIC (Office of Research Commercialization and Innovation) of RMU, along with Deputy Director and other staff members of ORIC will facilitate the orientation/introductory session of one-hour duration at the initiation of first research training year of all post graduate trainees of RMU.
2. The Research Associates will take few research training sessions of first two training years (R-Y1 & R-Y2) that will comprise of didactic lecture followed by taking exercises and then also be responsible for giving and checking the home task assignments (if any) related to session.
3. The Research Associates will also be present and will be actively involved in facilitation of all the training sessions that will be taken by Director, Deputy Directors or guest facilitators. They will actively facilitate the individual and group works of the trainees during the sessions.
4. The Research Associates will be responsible for record keeping of the post graduate trainees regarding the training sessions and the records and scores of trainees for the individual and group assignments during all four training years that will also be endorsed by the Deputy Directors of ORIC. They will not only collate the record at the ORIC in computerized versions as well as in the form of hard copies. The Research Associates will also fill in the record in research sections of the log books relevant to the training sessions and other relevant activities that will be supervised by them.
5. During the third year of training, the Research Associates will also be present in the short refresher courses/workshops for facilitating the Director, Deputy Directors or guest facilitators. They will actively facilitate the individual and group works of the trainees during the workshops.
6. The Research Associates along with the Deputy Directors will check and mark the written papers of end of year examination or Annual Research Paper of first two training year R-Y1 & R-Y2. They will enter the the scores of the Annual papers in the log book of the trainees and will also keep its record at the ORIC in computerized versions as well as in the form of hard copies.
7. During the first three months of R-Y2, the Research Associates at the ORIC will provide consultation to the trainees regarding feasibility of their research questions and will advise trainees if any modification required.
8. Once the trainee gets the approval of the topic/s from all concerned authorities during R-Y2 and will initiate the formal write up of proposal/s, the research associates of ORIC will guide them regarding the research methodologies.
9. The research associates of ORIC will also ensure that the duration of research project should be adequate and realistic so that trainees will be able to complete their project/s timely during training leaving enough time for its write up.
10. The research associates of ORIC will also guide the trainees regarding the research formulation of data collection tools, their pre-testing and execution of data collection phase
11. Trainees will be individually provided an updated step wise guidance by the research associates of ORIC, regarding submission of their synopsis to IREF for appraisal. They will be supervised by Research Associates regarding how to access the RMU website, to download the application Performa and then how to electronically fill it in for final submission. They will also be provided updated format of presentation by the Research Associates for their Research Proposal presentations at IREF meetings.
12. The record of the trainees regarding timely completion and quality of each activity related to completion of research proposals and its presentation in the monthly meeting of the Institutional Research Ethics Forum (IREF) of RMU will also be part of the Log Book that will be entered by the research associates of ORIC and conveners of the IREF and BASR.
13. As soon as the year four of training commences, these trainees should complete the introduction and literature review sections of their dissertations along with proper referencing during first three months of R-Y4 and the Research Associates will also guide them along with the supervisors and the publication in charge at the ORIC.
14. While the dissertations will be under review by the degree awarding authority for acceptance, the trainees will be continuously guided by the supervisor and the research associates at ORIC regarding defence of their dissertation. They will be guided how to make effective presentations

according to the format provided by the examination authorities and also how to successfully and confidently respond to the queries of examiners.

15. In case the dissertation is sent back with recommended corrections or modifications, research associates at ORIC will guide the trainee along with supervisor on urgent basis to get it rectified and resubmitted within at least 10 days' time.

**I. THE PUBLICATION IN CHARGE OF OFFICE OF RESEARCH INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION (ORIC):**

1. The Publication in charge will be actively involved in the Research training course and for the academic sessions relevant to literature search, review and write up, he/she will take didactic lectures, followed by facilitating individual and group exercises and checking of relevant home tasks and assignments.
2. The post graduate trainees and MD scholars submit a copy of their finalized research proposal/s for the dissertation/research papers to the publication in charge of ORIC who will review for plagiarism through turn-it-in soft ware. Any proposal that will have originality score less than 90% or similarity index more than 10% will be returned back to trainees for rephrasing and resubmission. Only when the eligible scores will be reached, then the publication in charge will approve and the proposal will be further processed.
3. The publication in charge of ORIC will also guide the trainees to write the literature review sections and the section of "Discussion" based on the comparison of the findings of their study with the previously available research nationally as well as internationally.
4. The final research papers/dissertations of trainees will also be reviewed by publication in charge of ORIC for plagiarism through turn-it-in soft ware. Any article that will have originality score less than 90% or similarity index more than 10% will be returned back to trainees for rephrasing and resubmission. Only when the eligible scores will be reached, then the trainee will be allowed to proceed further and to submit their research in the form of original articles under continuous assistance of Publication unit of ORIC.
5. In case the research paper/s of trainees is/are sent back with recommended corrections or modifications publication in charge along with the supervisor and concerned facilitators at ORIC will assist the trainee on urgent basis to get it rectified and resubmitted within next 10 days' time.
6. In case any of the paper of trainee is refused publication by a journal then the publication unit at ORIC along with the supervisor and concerned facilitators at ORIC will assist the trainee on urgent basis, to get it rectified and resubmitted to another target journal of choice within next 10 days' time and not delaying it all.

**J. THE STATISTICIANS AT DATA ANALYSIS UNIT OF OFFICE OF RESEARCH INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION (ORIC):**

1. The statisticians at the Data Analysis Unit of ORIC at data analysis centre of ORIC will also be actively involved in the Research training course specifically those of Basic and advanced Biostatistics and Epidemiological concepts. The statisticians will take didactic lectures, followed by facilitating individual and group exercises and checking of relevant home tasks and assignments.
2. The statisticians will facilitate the trainees in sample size calculation through sample size calculators according their study designs.
3. Trainees will also be assisted by the statisticians in planning the Data analysis for the research projects and also data coding, cleaning and sorting accordingly.

4. The statisticians will facilitate the trainees in formulation of the data entry sheets in SPSS or other data analysis softwares and will be continuously assisted in the process till data entry is completed.
5. The trainees will perform the data analysis of their research projects for research papers or dissertations, under continuous guidance and supervision of the statisticians who will also guide them how to interpret analyzed files and to write up results in textual forms, tabulated versions or figures/graphs.
6. In case the research paper/s or dissertation/s of trainees is/are sent back with recommended corrections or modifications in results section then the statisticians along with the supervisor, publication in charge and concerned facilitators at ORIC will assist the trainee on urgent basis to get it rectified and resubmitted within next 10 days' time.

## **K. DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION:**

1. The quality evaluation team of research training course will include Director of Department of Medical Education who may pay random visits for physical observation of the proceedings and materials of all the research related activities of the trainees and supervisors for quality assessment and assurance.
2. The Director DME will also attend the annual meeting of Quality assurance, by end of each research training year and will also share his/her experiences of evaluation visits and observations to validate the existing materials.
3. The demonstrator at the DME will keep record of attendances of all the post graduate trainees and MD scholars for all the academic sessions attended by them regarding the research training course along with the record of all assessments, scores, marks of annual papers. They will monitor the log books and research portfolio for the completeness and regularity too. The record will not only be kept and maintained at DME as hard copies as well as computerized version, but they will also regularly share records with ORIC and Quality enhancement cells of RMU.

## **L. THE SUPERVISOR OF THE TRAINEE FOR THE DISSERTATION PROJECT**

1. The supervisor of the trainee must be nominated within first six months of the research training. The Dean of the specialty will decide the nomination of the supervisor for the post graduate trainee as well as MD scholars. In this regards a meeting will be held that will be attended by all heads of the departments and the Dean. The list of all the first year trainees and the available supervisors in each department will be presented by respective heads of each department in meeting. All of the eligible trainees and supervisors will also be around for brief interviews during the meeting. The supervisor for the trainee will be nominated based the the level of performance, talent personality and temperament of both the trainees and the supervisors by the HOD. If the supervisor will also be willing to happily supervise the trainee, then the Dean will finally approve the nomination, apart from other requirements.
2. After finalization of nominations a letter of agreement of supervision will be submitted by the trainee to the office of Dean, including consent and endorsement of both trainee and the internal and/or external supervisor, with copies to HOD, ORIC and BASR.
3. The supervisor will be bound to meet with the trainee, on weekly basis exclusively for research activity and will document the activity performed during the meeting in the log book along with endorsement.

4. During ninth month of training year 1; R-Y1 the supervisor/s will supervise trainees together in groups and will undertake clinical audit on various aspects of the department as a project assignment, on one topic assigned to each group by the Dean and Heads of Departments. The contribution of the post graduate trainees'/ MD trainees in audits will be qualitatively assessed by the supervisors and the head of departments.
5. The supervisor will keep vigilant and continuous monitoring of all the research related academic activities of each trainee.
6. The supervisors will provide their feedback through structured and anonymous feedback forms/questionnaire, including closed and partially closed questions that will be regularly provided by them. They will provide their inputs and opinions regarding effectiveness of the course contents, curriculum, teaching methodologies, teaching aids and technologies, content and usefulness of the exercises and assessments etc.
7. One Focus group discussion of supervisors will also be organized by the ORIC to evaluate the research course, its benefits and weaknesses and scope for improvement, each year.
8. The supervisor will keep a close and continuous check on the Log books, Research portfolio of the trainee and will endorse it regularly. Based on his/her observations, the supervisor will evaluate the performance of the trainee and will discuss it in monthly meeting with the Head of Department or Dean of the speciality if required.
9. The supervisor will not only guide and facilitate the trainee in preparation of presentation of Journal Club but will also ensure that trainees should actively participate in question & answer session of the journal club meeting and will also ensure the attendance of the trainees in Journal club as per set requirements.
10. During these first three months of R-Y2, supervisor will guide and supervise the trainee to do extensive review of the literature, relevant to topic and finalize the research question/s and research topic/s with mutual understanding and will submit the selected topic to the Head of Department and Dean of specialty.
11. The supervisor will facilitate the trainee at every step, the formal write up of research proposal/s in consultation with the research associates of ORIC for guidance in methodology. The research proposal should be completed in eighth month of R-Y2 and should also be reviewed and finalized by the Supervisor of the trainees.
12. The trainees should formulate all the data collection tools under guidance of supervisor and should also pretest to finalize all the data collection tools for their research projects.
13. The supervisors will also ensure that the duration of research project should be adequate and realistic so that trainees will be able to complete their project/s during third year of training leaving enough time for its write up during year 4 of training. The supervisor will also consult the Dean and HOD's in ensuring the feasibility and availability of resources of a trainee during second year of training.
14. The supervisor will help the trainee to make a five to ten minutes' presentation through power-point at Institutional Research Ethics Forum during 9-10 months of R-Y2. By the end of presentation, the supervisor will facilitate in defence of the proposal.
15. During first quarter of year 3, it will be mandatory for the trainees to initiate the data collection phase of their project/s under continuous guidance of their supervisors. In case the data collection will require more human resources, other than trainee himself/herself, the supervisor will ensure that the additional data collection staff will be adequate in number within data within the time framework and should also make sure that they will be proficient enough to collect high quality and authentic data.
16. The data storage will also be finalized by trainee under the guidance of Supervisor and research centre of specialty.

17. Whether the trainee is opting for dissertation writing or research paper publication, the supervisor will ensure that every step and procedure is being followed effectively and timely meeting all set requirements as per standard operational procedures.
  18. The supervisor will actively assist the trainee in write up of dissertation/ research papers.
  19. The trainee should submit final draft of dissertation to the supervisor till end of fifth month of year 4 for final modifications. Since the supervisor will be incessantly involved in every aspect of the project since the beginning and will be persistently guiding the procedure, so he/she should not take more than 10 days to give final review to dissertation of the trainee with written feedback that will be entered in a structured performa with recommendations for improvement or corrections.
  20. In case the dissertation or research paper/s is/are sent back with recommended corrections or modifications, the supervisor will assist the trainee on urgent basis to get it rectified and resubmitted within next 10 days' time. In case any of the paper is refused publication by a journal even then the supervisor will assist the trainee on urgent basis, to get it rectified and resubmitted to another target journal of choice within next 10 days' time and not delaying it all.
  21. In case the research paper/s is/are sent back with recommended corrections or modifications, the supervisor will assist the trainee on urgent basis to get it rectified and resubmitted within next 10 days' time. In case any of the paper is refused publication by a journal even then the supervisor and publication unit at ORIC will assist the trainee on urgent basis, to get it rectified and resubmitted to another target journal of choice within next 10 days' time and not delaying it all.
  22. While the dissertations will be under review by the degree awarding authority for acceptance, the trainees will be continuously guided by the supervisor regarding defense of their dissertation. They will be guided how to make effective presentations according to the format provided by the examination authorities and also how to successfully and confidently respond to the queries of examiners.
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# MANDATORY WORKSHOPS

## WORKSHOPS (3 hours each for 2-5 days)

S.NO	NAME OF THE WORKSHOP	LEARNING OBJECTIVES	TOPICS TO BE COVERED
1.	<b>Biostatistics &amp; Research Methodology (4 days)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand the basics of Bio-Statistics</li> <li>• To critique why research is important?</li> <li>• To discuss the importance of Selecting a Field for Research</li> <li>• To prepare oneself for Participation in National and International Research</li> <li>• To prepare oneself for Participation in Pharmaceutical Company Research</li> <li>• To interpret the importance of research ideas &amp; Criteria for a good research topic</li> <li>• To discuss Ethics in Health Research</li> <li>• To learn to write a Scientific Paper</li> <li>• To learn to make a Scientific Presentation</li> <li>• To learn to make a purposeful literature search</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction to Bio-Statistics</li> <li>2. Introduction to Bio- Medical Research Why research is important?</li> <li>3. What research to do?               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Selecting a Field for Research</li> <li>ii. Drivers for Health Research</li> <li>iii. Participation in National and International Research</li> <li>iv. Participation in Pharmaceutical Company Research</li> <li>v. Where do research ideas come from</li> <li>vi. Criteria for a good research topic</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Writing a Scientific Paper</li> <li>5. Making a Scientific Presentation &amp; Searching the Literature</li> </ol>
2.	<b>Introduction to computer/Information Technology &amp; Software</b>	<p>By the end of this workshop student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriately start up and shut</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hardware and Software           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the main components of a computer, including input and output devices.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<p><b>(5 days)</b></p>	<p>down your computer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigate the operating system and start applications.</li> <li>• Perform basic functions of file management.</li> <li>• Perform basic functions in a word processor and spreadsheet.</li> <li>• Manage print settings and print documents.</li> <li>• Receive and send email.</li> <li>• Use a web browser to navigate the Internet.</li> <li>• work with windows, toolbars, and command menus</li> <li>• perform basic word processing and graphic tasks</li> <li>• make a Power Point presentation</li> <li>• explore Web browsing basics</li> <li>• back up files</li> <li>• save, copy, and organize your work</li> <li>• to enter data accurately in software of Statistical Package for Social Sciences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the function of communication devices such as smartphones and tablets.</li> <li>• Understand the role of Operating Systems, programs and apps.</li> </ul> <p>2.Windows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turning on the computer and logging on.</li> <li>• The Windows screen.</li> <li>• Running programs from the Start Menu.</li> <li>• Minimising, maximising, moving, resizing and closing windows.</li> <li>• Logging off and shutting down your computer.</li> </ul> <p>3.Working with Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running multiple programs.</li> <li>• Desktop icons and creating a desktop shortcut.</li> <li>• Managing programs from the taskbar.</li> <li>• Closing programs.</li> </ul> <p>4.File Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing Windows Explorer.</li> <li>• Creating, moving, renaming and deleting folders and files.</li> <li>• Understandings file extensions.</li> <li>• Viewing storage devices and network connections.</li> <li>• Managing USB flash drives.</li> </ul> <p>5.Word Processing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating documents in Microsoft Word.</li> <li>• Typing text, numbers and dates into a document.</li> <li>• Easy formatting.</li> <li>• Checking the spelling in your document.</li> <li>• Making and saving changes to your document.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>6.Power Point Making Power Point presentation</p> <p>7.Spreadsheets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding spreadsheet functionality.</li> <li>• Creating spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel.</li> </ul>
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<b>3.</b>	<b>communication skills (3 days)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn to use Non-medical Interventions in Communication Skills of Clinical Practice</li> <li>• To discuss the importance of counseling</li> <li>• To role play as a counselor</li> <li>• To learn to manage a conflict resolution</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use of Non-medical Interventions in Clinical Practice Communication Skills</li> <li>2. Counseling</li> <li>3. Informational Skills</li> <li>4. Crisis Intervention/Disaster</li> <li>5. Management Conflict Resolution</li> <li>6. Breaking Bad News</li> <li>7. Medical Ethics, Professionalism and Doctor-Patient</li> </ol>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn to break a bad news</li> <li>• To discuss the importance of Medical Ethics, Professionalism and Doctor-Patient Relationship Hippocratic Oath</li> <li>• To learn to take an informed consent</li> <li>• To illustrate the importance of confidentiality</li> <li>• To summarize Ethical Dilemmas in a Doctor's Life</li> </ul>	<p>Relationship Hippocratic Oath</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Four Pillars of Medical Ethics (Autonomy, Beneficence, Non-maleficence and Justice)</li> <li>9. Informed Consent and Confidentiality</li> <li>10. Ethical Dilemmas in a Doctor's Life</li> </ol>
4.	<p><b>Clinical Audit (2 days)</b>  <b>(Workshop is specific for MD Internal Medicine only )</b></p>	<p><b>Road Map for workshop:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Step 1: Topic selection</li> <li>2. Step 2: Setting of criteria and standards</li> <li>3. Step 3: First data collection</li> <li>4. Step 4: Evaluation and comparison with criteria and standards</li> <li>5. Step 5: Implementation of change</li> <li>6. Step 6: Second data collection – evaluation of change</li> </ol> <p><b>The following are factors that may affect your choice of audit topic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong impact on health</li> <li>• Convincing evidence available about appropriate care</li> <li>• Common condition which can be clearly defined</li> <li>• Good reasons of believing that current performance can be improved</li> <li>• Readily accessible data which can be collected within a reasonable length of time</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To understand clinical audit process. To help clinicians decide exactly why they are doing a particular audit and what they want to achieve through carrying out the audit.</li> <li>2. To determine, how clinical audit relates to other activities related to accountability for the quality and safety of patient care.</li> <li>3. To select the right subject for audit.</li> <li>4. To use evidence of good practice in designing clinical audits.</li> <li>5. To help clinicians formulate measures of quality based on evidence of good practice, as the basis for data collection and also to develop data collection protocols and tools and advise on data collection for clinical audits.</li> <li>6. To help in understanding how to handle data protection issues related to clinical audit.</li> <li>7. To understand use of statistics for analyzing and presenting findings of data collection and thus help clinicians to analyze causes of problems that are affecting the quality of care. This helps in applying principles and strategies for taking action to achieve changes in clinical practice.</li> <li>8. To help clinicians manage review of clinical audit</li> </ol>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consensus on the audit topic among the practice members</li> </ul>	<p>findings with their colleagues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. To be able to prepare clinical audit reports.</li> <li>10. To recognize and handle ethics issues related to clinical audit.</li> </ol>
5.	<p><b>Advanced Cardiac Life Support (4 days)</b>  <b>(Workshop is specific for MD Internal Medicine only )</b></p>	<p>Upon successful completion of the workshop, the student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize and initiate early management of pre-arrest conditions that may result in cardiac arrest or complicate resuscitation outcome</li> <li>• Demonstrate proficiency in providing BLS care, including prioritizing chest compressions and integrating automated external defibrillator (AED) use</li> <li>• Recognize and manage respiratory arrest</li> <li>• Recognize and manage cardiac arrest until termination of resuscitation or transfer of care, including immediate post-cardiac arrest care</li> <li>• Recognize and initiate early management of ACS, including appropriate disposition</li> <li>• Recognize and initiate early management of stroke, including appropriate disposition</li> <li>• Demonstrate effective communication as a member or leader of a resuscitation team and recognize the impact of team dynamics on overall team performance</li> </ul>	<p>The workshop is designed to give students the opportunity to practice and demonstrate proficiency in the following skills used in resuscitation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Systematic approach</li> <li>2. High-quality BLS</li> <li>3. Airway management</li> <li>4. Rhythm recognition</li> <li>5. Defibrillation</li> <li>6. Intravenous (IV)/intraosseous (IO) access (information only)</li> <li>7. Use of medications</li> <li>8. Cardioversion</li> <li>9. Transcutaneous pacing</li> <li>10. Team dynamics</li> <li>11. Reading and interpreting electrocardiograms (ECGs) - Be able to identify—on a monitor and paper tracing—rhythms associated with bradycardia, tachycardia with adequate perfusion, tachycardia with poor perfusion, and pulseless arrest. These rhythms include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Normal sinus rhythm</li> <li>○ Sinus bradycardia</li> <li>○ Type I second-degree AV block</li> <li>○ Type II second-degree AV block</li> <li>○ Third-degree AV block</li> <li>○ Sinus tachycardia</li> <li>○ Supraventricular tachycardias</li> <li>○ Ventricular tachycardia</li> <li>○ Asystole</li> <li>○ Ventricular fibrillation</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Organized rhythm without a pulse</li></ul> <p>12. Basic understanding of the essential drugs used in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Cardiac arrest</li><li>○ Bradycardia</li><li>○ Tachycardia with adequate perfusion</li><li>○ Tachycardia with poor perfusion</li><li>○ Immediate post-cardiac arrest care</li></ul>
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# SECTION – V

## Charting the Road to Competence: Developmental Milestones for MD Internal Medicine Program at Rawalpindi Medical University

**Remember to celebrate for the milestones as you prepare for the road ahead----Nelson Mandela.**

High-quality assessment of resident performance is needed to guide individual residents' development and ensure their preparedness to provide patient care. To facilitate this aim, reporting milestones are now required across all internal medicine (IM) residency programs. Milestones promote competency based training in internal medicine. Residency program directors may use them to track the progress of trainees in the 6 general competencies including **patient care, Medical Knowledge, Practice-Based Learning and Improvement, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Professionalism and Systems-Based Practice.** Milestones inform decisions regarding promotion and readiness for independent practice. In addition, the milestones may guide curriculum development, suggest specific assessment strategies, provide benchmarks for resident self-directed assessment-seeking, assist remediation by facilitating identification of specific deficits, and provide a degree of national standardization in evaluation. Finally, by explicitly enumerating the profession's expectations for graduates, they may improve public accountability for residency training.

<b>Table-1 Developmental Milestones for Internal Medicine Training—Patient Care</b>			
<b>Competency</b>	<b>Developmental Milestones Informing Competencies</b>	<b>Approximate Time Frame Trainee Should Achieve Stage (months)</b>	<b>General Evaluation Strategies Assessment Methods/ Tools</b>
<b>A. Clinical skills and reasoning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manage patients using clinical skills of interviewing and physical examination</li> </ul>	<b><i>Historical data gathering</i></b>		
	1. Acquire accurate and relevant history from the patient in an efficiently customized, prioritized, and hypothesis driven fashion	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardized patient</li> <li>Direct observation</li> </ul>
	2. Seek and obtain appropriate,	12	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate competence in the performance of procedures</li> <li>• Appropriately use laboratory and imaging techniques</li> </ul>	verified, and prioritized data from secondary sources (eg, family, records, pharmacy)		
	3. Obtain relevant historical subtleties that inform and prioritize both differential diagnoses and diagnostic plans, including sensitive, complicated, and detailed information that may not often be volunteered by the patient	24	
	4. Role model gathering subtle and reliable information from the patient for junior members of the health care team	40	
	<b><i>Performing a physical examination</i></b>		
	1. Perform an accurate physical examination that is appropriately targeted to the patient's complaints and medical conditions. Identify pertinent abnormalities using common maneuvers	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardized patient Direct observation</li> <li>• Simulation</li> </ul>
	2. Accurately track important changes in the physical examination over time in the outpatient and inpatient settings	12	
	3. Demonstrate and teach how to elicit important physical findings for junior members of the health care team	24	

	4. Routinely identify subtle or unusual physical findings that may influence clinical decision making, using advanced maneuvers where applicable	40	
	<b><i>Clinical reasoning</i></b>		
	1. Synthesize all available data, including interview, physical examination, and preliminary laboratory data, to define each patient's central clinical problem	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> <li>• Clinical vignettes</li> </ul>
	2. Develop prioritized differential diagnoses, evidence-based diagnostic and therapeutic plan for common inpatient and ambulatory conditions	32	
	3. Modify differential diagnosis and care plan based on clinical course and data as appropriate	32	
	4. Recognize disease presentations that deviate from common patterns and that require complex decision making	48	
	<b><i>Invasive procedures</i></b>		
	1. Appropriately perform invasive procedures and provide post-procedure management for common procedures	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simulation</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> </ul>
<b><i>B. Delivery of patient-</i></b>	<b><i>Diagnostic tests</i></b>		

<p><b>centered clinical care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage patients with progressive responsibility</li> <li>• Manage patients across the spectrum of clinical diseases seen in the practice of general internal medicine</li> <li>• Manage patients in a variety of health care settings to include the inpatient ward, critical care units, the ambulatory setting, and the emergency setting</li> <li>• Manage undifferentiated acutely and severely ill patients</li> <li>• Manage patients in the prevention, counseling, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of gender-specific diseases</li> <li>• Manage patients as a consultant to other physicians</li> </ul>	<p>1. Make appropriate clinical decisions based on the results of common diagnostic testing, including but not limited to routine blood chemistries, hematologic studies, coagulation tests, arterial blood gases, ECG, chest radiographs, pulmonary function tests, urinalysis and other body fluids</p>	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> <li>• Standardized tests</li> <li>• Clinical vignettes</li> </ul>
	<p>2. Make appropriate clinical decision based on the results of more advanced diagnostic tests</p>	24	
	<b>Patient management</b>		
	<p>1. Recognize situations with a need for urgent or emergent medical care, including life-threatening conditions</p>	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simulation</li> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> <li>• Chart audit</li> </ul>
	<p>2. Recognize when to seek additional guidance</p>	8	
<p>3. Provide appropriate preventive care and teach patient regarding self-care</p>	8		
<p>4. With supervision, manage patients with common clinical disorders seen in the practice of inpatient and ambulatory general internal medicine</p>	16		



	5. With minimal supervision, manage patients with common and complex clinical disorders seen in the practice of inpatient and ambulatory general internal medicine	16	
	6. Initiate management and stabilize patients with emergent medical conditions	16	
	7. Manage patients with conditions that require intensive care	48	
	8. Independently manage patients with a broad spectrum of clinical disorders seen in the practice of general internal medicine	48	
	9. Manage complex or rare medical conditions	48	
	10. Customize care in the context of the patient's preferences and overall health	48	
	<b><i>Consultative care</i></b>		
	1. Provide specific, responsive consultation to other services	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simulation</li> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> <li>• Chart audit</li> </ul>
	2. Provide internal medicine consultation for patients with more complex clinical problems requiring detailed risk assessment	48	

**Table-2 Developmental Milestones for Internal Medicine Training— Medical Knowledge**

Competency	Developmental Milestones Informing Competencies	Approximate Time Frame Trainee Should Achieve Stage (months)	General Evaluation Strategies Assessment Methods/ Tools
<b><i>Knowledge of core content</i></b>			
<p>A. Core knowledge of general internal medicine and its subspecialties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate a level of expertise in the knowledge of those areas appropriate for an internal medicine specialist</li> <li>• Demonstrate sufficient knowledge to treat medical conditions commonly managed by internists, provide basic preventive care, and recognize and provide initial management of emergency medical problems</li> </ul>	1. Understand the relevant pathophysiology and basic science for common medical conditions	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct observation</li> <li>• Chart audit</li> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> <li>• Standardized tests</li> </ul>
	2. Demonstrate sufficient knowledge to diagnose and treat common conditions that require hospitalization	16	
	3. Demonstrate sufficient knowledge to evaluate common ambulatory conditions	24	
	4. Demonstrate sufficient knowledge to diagnose and treat undifferentiated and emergent conditions	24	
	5. Demonstrate sufficient knowledge to provide preventive care	24	
	6. Demonstrate sufficient knowledge to identify and treat medical conditions that require intensive care	32	
	7. Demonstrate sufficient knowledge to evaluate complex or rare medical conditions and multiple coexistent	48	

	conditions		
	8. Understand the relevant pathophysiology and basic science for uncommon or complex medical conditions	48	
	9. Demonstrate sufficient knowledge of sociobehavioral sciences including but not limited to health care economics, medical ethics, and medical education	48	
B. Common modalities used in the practice of internal medicine& Demonstrate sufficient knowledge to interpret basic clinical tests and images, use common pharmacotherapy, and appropriately use and perform diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.	<b>Diagnostic tests</b>		
	1. Understand indications for and basic interpretation of common diagnostic testing, including but not limited to routine blood chemistries, hematologic studies, coagulation tests, arterial blood gases, ECG, chest radiographs, pulmonary function tests, urinalysis, and other body fluids	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> <li>• Standardized tests</li> <li>• Clinical vignettes</li> </ul>
	2. Understand indications for and has basic skills in interpreting more advanced diagnostic tests	24	
	3. Understand prior probability and test performance characteristics	24	

**Table-3 Developmental Milestones for Internal Medicine Training— Practice-Based Learning and Improvement**

Competency	Developmental Milestones Informing Competencies	Approximate Time Frame Trainee Should Achieve Stage (months)	General Evaluation Strategies Assessment Methods/ Tools
<b>A. Learning and improving via audit of performance &amp; Systematically analyze practice using quality improvement methods, and implement changes with the goal of practice improvement</b>	<b><i>Improve the quality of care for a panel of patients</i></b>		
	1. Appreciate the responsibility to assess and improve care collectively for a panel of patients	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several elements of quality improvement project</li> <li>• Standardized tests</li> </ul>
	2. Perform or review audit of a panel of patients using standardized, disease-specific, and evidence-based criteria	32	
	3. Reflect on audit compared with local or national benchmarks and explore possible explanations for deficiencies, including doctor- related, system-related, and patient related factors	32	
	4. Identify areas in resident’s own practice and local system that can be changed to improve effect of the processes and outcomes of care	48	
	5. Engage in a quality improvement intervention	48	
<b>B. Learning and improvement via answering clinical questions from patient scenarios</b>	<b><i>Ask answerable questions for emerging information needs</i></b>		
	1. Identify learning needs (clinical questions) as they emerge in patient care activities	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence-based medicine evaluation instruments</li> <li>• EBM mini-CEX</li> </ul>
	2. Classify and precisely articulate	32	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locate, appraise, and assimilate evidence from scientific studies related to their patients' health problems;</li> <li>• Use information technology to optimize learning</li> </ul>	clinical questions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> </ul>
	3. Develop a system to track, pursue, and reflect on clinical questions	32	
	<b><i>Acquires the best evidence</i></b>		
	1. Access medical information resources to answer clinical questions and support decision making	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence-based medicine evaluation instruments</li> <li>• EBM mini-CEX</li> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> </ul>
	2. Effectively and efficiently search NLM database for original clinical research articles	16	
	3. Effectively and efficiently search evidence- based summary medical information resources	32	
	4. Appraise the quality of medical information resources and select among them based on the characteristics of the clinical question	48	
	<b><i>Appraises the evidence for validity and usefulness</i></b>		
	1. With assistance, appraise study design, conduct, and statistical analysis in clinical research papers	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence-based medicine evaluation instruments</li> <li>• EBM mini-CEX</li> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> </ul>
	2. With assistance, appraise clinical guidelines	32	
	3. Independently appraise study design, conduct, and statistical analysis in clinical research papers	48	
	4. Independently, appraise clinical guideline recommendations for bias and cost-benefit considerations	48	
	<b><i>Applies the evidence to decision-making for individual patients</i></b>		
	1. Determine if clinical evidence can	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence-based medicine</li> </ul>

	be generalized to an individual patient		evaluation instruments
	2. Customize clinical evidence for an individual patient	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EBM mini-CEX</li> <li>Chart-stimulated recall</li> </ul>
	3. Communicate risks and benefits of alternatives to patients	48	
	4. Integrate clinical evidence, clinical context, and patient preferences into decision making	48	
<b>C. Learning and improving via feedback and self-assessment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify strengths, deficiencies, and limits in one's knowledge and expertise</li> <li>Set learning and improvement goals</li> <li>Identify and perform appropriate learning activities</li> <li>Incorporate formative evaluation feedback into daily practice</li> <li>Participate in the education of patients, families, students, residents, and other health professionals</li> </ul>	<b><i>Improves via feedback</i></b>		
	1. Respond welcomingly and productively to feedback from all members of the health care team including faculty, peer residents, students, nurses, allied health workers, patients, and their advocates	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multisource feedback</li> <li>Self-evaluation forms with action plans</li> </ul>
	2. Actively seek feedback from all members of the health care team	24	
	3. Calibrate self-assessment with feedback and other external data	32	
	4. Reflect on feedback in developing plans for improvement	32	
	<b><i>Improves via self-assessment</i></b>		
	1. Maintain awareness of the situation in the moment, and respond to meet situational needs	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multisource feedback</li> <li>Reflective practice surveys</li> </ul>
	2. Reflect (in action) when surprised, applies new insights to future clinical scenarios, and reflects (on action) back on the process	48	
	<b><i>Participates in the education of all members of the health care team</i></b>		
	1. Actively participate in teaching conferences	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OSCE with standardized learners</li> </ul>

	2. Integrate teaching, feedback, and evaluation with supervision of interns' and students' patient care	32	Direct observation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer evaluations</li> </ul>
	3. Take a leadership role in the education of all members of the health care team.	48	

<b>Table-4 Developmental Milestones for Internal Medicine Training— Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>			
<b>Competency</b>	<b>Developmental Milestones Informing Competencies</b>	<b>Approximate Time Frame Trainee Should Achieve Stage (months)</b>	<b>General Evaluation Strategies Assessment Methods/ Tools</b>
<b>A. Patients and family Communicate effectively with patients, families, and the public, as appropriate, across a broad range of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds</b>	<b><i>Communicate effectively</i></b>		
	1. Provide timely and comprehensive verbal and written communication to patients/advocates	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multisource feedback</li> <li>Patient surveys</li> <li>Direct observation</li> <li>Mentored self-reflection</li> </ul>
	2. Effectively use verbal and nonverbal skills to create rapport with patients/families	16	
	3. Use communication skills to build a therapeutic relationship		
	4. Engage patients/advocates in shared decision making for uncomplicated diagnostic and therapeutic scenarios	32	
	5. Use patient-centered education strategies	32	
	6. Engage patients/advocates in shared decision making for	48	

	difficult, ambiguous, or controversial scenarios		
	7. Appropriately counsel patients about the risks and benefits of tests and procedures, highlighting cost awareness and resource allocation	48	
	8. Role model effective communication skills in challenging situations	48	
<b><i>Intercultural sensitivity</i></b>			
	1. Effectively use an interpreter to engage patients in the clinical setting, including patient education	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> <li>• Mentored self-reflection</li> </ul>
	2. Demonstrate sensitivity to differences in patients including but not limited to race, culture, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, literacy, and religious beliefs	16	
	3. Actively seek to understand patient differences and views and reflects this in respectful communication and shared decision-making with the patient and the healthcare team	40	
<b>B. Physicians and other health care professionals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate effectively with</li> </ul>	<b><i>Transitions of care</i></b>		
	1. Effectively communicate with other caregivers in order to maintain appropriate	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> </ul>



<p>physicians, other health professionals, and health-related agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work effectively as a member or leader of a health care team or other professional group</li> <li>• Act in a consultative role to other physicians and health professionals</li> </ul>	continuity during transitions of care		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign-out form ratings</li> <li>• Patient surveys</li> </ul>
	2. Role model and teach effective communication with next caregivers during transitions of care	32	
	<b>Interprofessional team</b>		
	1. Deliver appropriate, succinct, hypothesis-driven oral presentations	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> </ul>
	2. Effectively communicate plan of care to all members of the health care team	16	
	3. Engage in collaborative communication with all members of the health care team	40	
	<b>Consultation</b>		
	1. Request consultative services in an effective manner	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Chart audit</li> </ul>
	2. Clearly communicate the role of consultant to the patient, in support of the primary care relationship	16	
	3. Communicate consultative recommendations to the referring team in an effective manner	48	
<b>C. Medical records</b>	<b>Health records</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain comprehensive, timely, and legible medical records</li> </ul>	1. Provide legible, accurate, complete, and timely written communication that is	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chart audit</li> </ul>

	congruent with medical standards		
	2. Ensure succinct, relevant, and patient-specific written communication	32	

<b>Table-5 Developmental Milestones for Internal Medicine Training— Professionalism</b>			
<b>Competency</b>	<b>Developmental Milestones Informing Competencies</b>	<b>Approximate Time Frame Trainee Should Achieve Stage (months)</b>	<b>General Evaluation Strategies Assessment Methods/ Tools</b>
<b>A. <u>Physicianship</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate compassion, integrity, and respect for others</li> <li>• Responsiveness to patient needs that supersedes self-interest</li> <li>• Accountability to patients, society, and the profession</li> </ul>	<b><i>Adhere to basic ethical principles</i></b>		
	1. Document and report clinical information truthfully	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> </ul>
	2. Follow formal policies	15	
	3. Accept personal errors and honestly acknowledge them	8	
	4. Uphold ethical expectations of research and scholarly activity	48	
	<b><i>Demonstrate compassion and respect to patients</i></b>		
	1. Demonstrate empathy and compassion to all patients	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> </ul>
	2. Demonstrate a commitment to relieve pain and suffering	4	

	3. Provide support (physical, psychological, social, and spiritual) for dying patients and their families	32	
	4. Provide leadership for a team that respects patient dignity and autonomy	32	
<b><i>Provide timely, constructive feedback to colleagues</i></b>			
	1. Communicate constructive feedback to other members of the health care team	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Mentored self- reflection</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> </ul>
	2. Recognize, respond to, and report impairment in colleagues or substandard care via peer review process	24	
<b><i>Maintain accessibility</i></b>			
	1. Respond promptly and appropriately to clinical responsibilities including but not limited to calls and pages	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> </ul>
	2. Carry out timely interactions with colleagues, patients, and their designated caregivers	8	
<b><i>Recognize conflicts of interest</i></b>			
	1. Recognize and manage obvious conflicts of interest, such as caring for family members and professional associates as patients	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Mentored self- reflection</li> <li>• Clinical vignettes</li> </ul>
	2. Maintain ethical relationships with industry	40	
	3. Recognize and manage subtler conflicts of interest	40	

<b><i>Demonstrate personal accountability</i></b>		
1. Dress and behave appropriately	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> </ul>
2. Maintain appropriate professional relationships with patients, families, and staff	15	
3. Ensure prompt completion of clinical, administrative, and curricular tasks	8	
4. Recognize and address personal, psychological, and physical limitations that may affect professional performance	16	
5. Recognize the scope of his/her abilities and ask for supervision and assistance appropriately	16	
6. Serve as a professional role model for more junior colleagues (eg, medical students, interns)	40	
7. Recognize the need to assist colleagues in the provision of duties	40	
<b><i>Practice individual patient advocacy</i></b>		
1. Recognize when it is necessary to advocate for individual patient needs	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> </ul>
2. Effectively advocate for individual patient needs	40	
<b><i>Comply with public health policies</i></b>		
1. Recognize and take responsibility for situations where	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> </ul>

	public health supersedes individual health (eg, reportable infectious diseases)		
<b>B. <u>Patient-centeredness</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect for patient privacy and autonomy</li> <li>Sensitivity and responsiveness to a diverse patient population, including but not limited to diversity in gender, age, culture, race, religion, disabilities, and sexual orientation</li> </ul>	<b><i>Respect the dignity, culture, beliefs, values, and opinions of the patient</i></b>		
	1. Treat patients with dignity, civility and respect, regardless of race, culture, gender, ethnicity, age, or socioeconomic status	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> </ul>
	2. Recognize and manage conflict when patient values differ from their own	40	
	<b><i>Confidentiality</i></b>		
	1. Maintain patient confidentiality	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Chart audits</li> </ul>
	2. Educate and hold others accountable for patient confidentiality	24	
	<b><i>Recognize and address disparities in health care</i></b>		
	1. Recognize that disparities exist in health care among populations and that they may impact care of the patient	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> <li>• Mentored self- reflection</li> </ul>
	2. Embrace physicians' role in assisting the public and policy makers in understanding and addressing causes of disparity in disease and suffering	40	
	3. Advocates for appropriate allocation of limited health care resources.	40	

**Table-6 Developmental Milestones for Internal Medicine Training— Systems-Based Practice**

Competency	Developmental Milestones Informing Competencies	Approximate Time Frame Trainee Should Achieve Stage (months)	General Evaluation Strategies Assessment Methods/ Tools
<p><b>A. <u>Work effectively with other care providers and settings</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work effectively in various health care delivery settings and systems relevant to their clinical practice</li> <li>• Coordinate patient care within the health care system relevant to their clinical specialty</li> <li>• Work in interprofessional teams to enhance patient safety and improve patient care quality</li> <li>• Work in teams and effectively transmit necessary clinical information to ensure safe and proper care of</li> </ul>	<b><i>Works effectively within multiple health delivery systems</i></b>		
	1. Understand unique roles and services provided by local health care delivery systems.	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> </ul>
	2. Manage and coordinate care and care transitions across multiple delivery systems, including ambulatory, subacute, acute, rehabilitation, and skilled nursing.	32	
	3. Negotiate patient-centered care among multiple care providers.	48	
	<b><i>Works effectively within an interprofessional team</i></b>		
	1. Appreciate roles of a variety of health care providers, including but not limited to consultants, therapists, nurses, home care workers, pharmacists, and social workers.	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> </ul>
	2. Work effectively as a member within the interprofessional team to ensure safe patient care.	8	
	3. Consider alternative solutions provided by other teammates	16	

<p>patients, including the transition of care between settings</p>	<p>4. Demonstrate how to manage the team by using the skills and coordinating the activities of interprofessional team members.</p>	<p>48</p>	
<p><b>B. <u>Improving health care delivery</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for quality patient care and optimal patient care systems</li> <li>• Participate in identifying system errors and implementing potential systems solutions</li> <li>• Recognize and function effectively in high-quality care system</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Recognizes system error and advocates for system improvement</i></b></p>		
	<p>1. Recognize health system forces that increase the risk for error including barriers to optimal patient care</p>	<p>16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multisource feedback</li> <li>• Quality improvement project</li> </ul>
	<p>2. Identify, reflect on, and learn from critical incidents such as near misses and preventable medical errors</p>	<p>16</p>	
	<p>3. Dialogue with care team members to identify risk for and prevention of medical error</p>	<p>32</p>	
	<p>4. Understand mechanisms for analysis and correction of systems errors</p>	<p>32</p>	
	<p>5. Demonstrate ability to understand and engage in a system-level quality improvement intervention.</p>	<p>48</p>	
<p>6. Partner with other health care professionals to identify, propose improvement opportunities within the system.</p>	<p>48</p>		
<p><b>C. <u>Cost-effective care for patients and populations</u></b> &amp; Incorporate considerations of cost awareness and risk-benefit</p>	<p><b><i>Identifies forces that impact the cost of health care and advocates for cost-effective care</i></b></p>		
	<p>1. Reflect awareness of common socioeconomic barriers that impact patient care.</p>	<p>16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardized examinations</li> <li>• Direct observation</li> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> </ul>
<p>2. Understand how cost-benefit analysis is applied to patient care</p>	<p>16</p>		

analysis in patient and/or population- based care as appropriate	(ie, via principles of screening tests and the development of clinical guidelines)		
	3. Identify the role of various health care stakeholders including providers, suppliers, financiers, purchasers, and consumers and their varied impact on the cost of and access to health care.	32	
	4. Understand coding and reimbursement principles.	32	
	<b><i>Practices cost-effective care</i></b>		
	1. Identify costs for common diagnostic or therapeutic tests.	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chart-stimulated recall</li> </ul>
	2. Minimize unnecessary care including tests, procedures, therapies, and ambulatory or hospital encounters	8	
	3. Demonstrate the incorporation of cost-awareness principles into standard clinical judgments and decision making	24	
	4. Demonstrate the incorporation of cost-awareness principles into complex clinical scenarios	48	

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# **SECTION –VI**

## **EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES**

### **The purpose of the Assessment system:**

The purpose of the assessment system is to:

- enhance learning by providing formative assessment, enabling trainees to receive immediate feedback, measure their own performance and identify areas for development;
- drive learning and enhance the training process by making it clear what is required of trainees and motivating them to ensure they receive suitable training and experience;
- provide robust, summative evidence that trainees are meeting the curriculum standards during the training programme;
- ensure trainees are acquiring competencies within the domains of Good Medical Practice;
- assess trainees' actual performance in the workplace;
- ensure that trainees possess the essential underlying knowledge required for their specialty;
- inform the Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP), identifying any requirements for targeted or additional training where necessary and facilitating decisions regarding progression through the training programme;
- Identify trainees who should be advised to consider changes of career direction.

### **The integrated assessment system**

The integrated assessment system comprises a mixture of workplace-based assessments and knowledge-based assessments. Individual assessment methods are described in more detail below. The assessments will be supported by structured feedback for trainees within the training programme of General Internal Medicine. Assessment tools will be both formative and summative and will be selected on the basis of their fitness for purpose. Workplace-based assessments will take place throughout the training programme to allow trainees to continually gather evidence of learning and to provide formative feedback. They are not individually summative but overall outcomes from a number of such assessments provide evidence for summative decision making. The number and range of these will ensure a reliable assessment of the training relevant to their stage of training and achieve coverage of the curriculum.

## **Assessment methods**

The following methods are used in the integrated assessment system:

### **A. Examinations**

- Intermediate Examination (at the end of second calendar year)
- Final Examination (at the end of fourth calendar year)

### **B. Workplace-based assessments**

- mini-Clinical Evaluation Exercise (mini-CEX)
- Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS)
- Multi-Source Feedback (MSF)
- Case-Based Discussions (CbD)
- Patient Survey (PS)
- Acute Care Assessment Tool (ACAT)
- Audit Assessment (AA)
- Teaching Observation (TO)
- Many others as described earlier in the section of modern assessment tools

## **MD DERMATOLOGY EXAMINATIONS**

### **A. Intermediate Examination Internal Medicine**

**Total Marks: 500**

All candidates admitted in MD Internal Medicine course shall appear in Intermediate examination at the end of 2nd calendar year.

#### **Components of Intermediate Examination:**

##### **Written Examination:**

The marks of written exam will be divided as follows:

MCQs (single best type) =	200 Marks
SEQs =	100 Marks

##### **Written Paper**

Principals of Internal Medicine	=70MCQs	7 SEQs
Basic Sciences	=30MCQs	3 SEQs
Physiology	=10 MCQs	1 SEQ
Pharmacology	=5 MCQs	1 SEQ
Pathology	=15 MCQs	1 SEQ

##### **Clinical, TOACS/OSCE & ORAL = Total Marks 200**

4 short Cases	=100 marks
Long Case	=50 marks
TOACS/OSCE & ORAL	=50 marks

### **B. Final Examination of MD Dermatology**

**Total Marks: 1500**

All candidates admitted in MD Dermatology course shall appear in Final examination at the end of structured training programme (end of 4<sup>th</sup> calendar year) and after clearing Intermediate examination.

There shall be two written papers of 2513 marks each, Clinical TOACS/OSCE & ORAL of 500 marks, CIS assessment of 100 marks and thesis examination of 400 marks.

## **Final Examination MD Dermatology**

### **Clinical Examination A**

**Total Marks: 1500**

#### **Components of Final Examination:**

<b>Written Examination</b>	<b>= 500 Marks</b>	
Paper I	250 Marks	<b>3 Hours</b>
5 SEQs	50 Marks	
100 MCQs	200 Marks	
<b>Paper II</b>	<b>250 Marks</b>	<b>3 Hours</b>
5 SEQs	50 Marks	
100 MCQs	200 Marks	

Only those candidates, who pass in theory papers, will be eligible to appear in the Clinical & Oral Examination.

Clinical, TOACS/OSCE & ORAL	500 Marks
Four short cases	200 Marks
One long case:	100 Marks
TOACS/OSCE& ORAL	200 Marks

**Continuous Internal Assessment: 100 Marks**

### **C. Final MD Dermatology Thesis Examination**

**Total Marks: 400**

All candidates admitted in MD Internal Medicine course shall appear in thesis examination at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> year of the programme and not later than 7<sup>th</sup> calendar year of enrolment. The examination shall include thesis evaluation with defines.

**SECTION-18**

**EVALUATION RECORDS**

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# SECTION –VIII

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## **Rawalpindi Medical University**

Quality Enhancement Cell

360 Degree Evaluation Proforma (by Senior)

PGT, MO, HO Proforma

Reviewer

Evaluation for

Performance ratings

Assessment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The following guidelines are to be used in selecting the appropriate rating:

- 1=Never                      2= Rarely                      3= Occasionally  
4= Frequently              5= Always                      6= Not Applicable

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1. Patients Care

Implements the highest standards of practice in the effective and timely treatment of all patients regardless of gender, ethnicity, location, or socioeconomic status.

1       2       3       4       5       6

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2. Medical Knowledge

Keeps current with research and medical knowledge in order to provide evidence-based care.

1       2       3       4       5       6

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3. Interpersonal and Communication Skills

Works vigorously and efficiently with all involved parties as patient advocate and/or consultant.

1       2       3       4       5       6

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4. Practice based Learning and Improvement

Assesses medical knowledge and new technology and implements best practices in clinical setting.

1       2       3       4       5       6

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5. Professionalism

Displays personal characteristics consistent with high moral and ethical behaviour.

1       2       3       4       5       6

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6. Systems Based Practice

Efficiently utilizes health-care resources and community systems of care in the treatment of patients.

1       2       3       4       5       6

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Reference: Competencies identified by ACGME & ABMS

ACGME Accreditation Council for graduate medical education

ABMS American Board of Medical Specialties

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# Rawalpindi Medical University

Quality Enhancement Cell

360 Degree Evaluation Proforma (by Colleague)

PGT, MO, HO Proforma

Reviewer

Evaluation for

Name:

Name:

Designation:

Designation:

Performance ratings

Assessment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The following guidelines are to be used in selecting the appropriate rating:

1=Never

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1. He/she is often late to work?

2. He/she meets his deadlines oftenly?

3. He/she is willing to admit the mistakes?

4. He/she communicates well with others?

5. He/she adjusts quickly to changing Priorities?

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6. He/she is hardworking?

1       2       3       4       5       6

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7. He/she works well with the other colleague?

1       2       3       4       5       6

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8. He/she co-worker behave professionally?

1       2       3       4       5       6

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9. He/she co-worker treat you, respect fully?

1       2       3       4       5       6

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10. He/she co-worker handles criticism of his work well?

1       2       3       4       5       6

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11. He/she follow up the patient's condition quickly?

1       2       3       4       5       6

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Reference: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/360-Degree-Employee-Evaluation-Template>





# Rawalpindi Medical University

Quality Enhancement Cell

360 Degree Evaluation Proforma (Self-Assessment)

PGT, MO, HO Proforma

Reviewer

Evaluation for

Name:

Name:

Designation:

Designation:

Performance ratings

Assessment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The following guidelines are to be used in selecting the appropriate rating:

1=Poor

2= Less than Satisfactory

3= Satisfactory

4= Good

5= Very Good

6= Don't know

1. Clinical knowledge

1

2

3

4

5

6

2. Diagnosis

1

2

3

4

5

6

3. Clinical decision making

1

2

3

4

5

6

4. Treatment (including practical procedures)

1

2

3

4

5

6

5. Prescribing

1

2

3

4

5

6

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6. Medical record keeping

1       2       3       4       5       6

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7. Recognizing and working within limitations

1       2       3       4       5       6

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8. Keeping knowledge and skills up to date

1       2       3       4       5       6

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9. Reviewing and reflecting on own performance

1       2       3       4       5       6

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10. Teaching (student, trainees, others)

1       2       3       4       5       6

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11. Supervising colleagues

1       2       3       4       5       6

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12. Commitment to care and wellbeing of patients

1       2       3       4       5       6

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13. Communication with patients and relatives

1       2       3       4       5       6

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14. Working effectively with colleagues

1       2       3       4       5       6

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15. Effective time management

1       2       3       4       5       6

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Reference: [www.gmc-uk.org](http://www.gmc-uk.org)



# Rawalpindi Medical University

Quality Enhancement Cell

360 Degree Evaluation Proforma (by Paramedical Staff)

PGT, MO, HO Proforma

Reviewer

Evaluation for

Name:

Name:

Designation:

Designation:

Performance ratings

Assessment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

1- مریض کی تشخیص بالکل ٹھیک کرتا/کرتی ہے۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

2- دستاویزات وقت پر تیار ہوتے ہے اور اس پر عمل کرنے میں آسانی ہوتی ہے۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

3- ٹیم ورک کو اہمیت دیتا/دیتی ہے۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

4- موقع ملنے پر عملہ اور طالب علم کو تعلیم دیتا/دیتی ہے۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

5- عملہ کی بات پر جلدی جواب دیتا/دیتی ہے۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں



# Rawalpindi Medical University

Quality Enhancement Cell

360 Degree Evaluation Proforma (by Attendant)

PGT, MO, HO Proforma

Reviewer

Evaluation for

Name:

Name:

Designation:

Designation:

Performance ratings

Assessment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

1- ڈاکٹر نے مریض کی صورتحال تشخیص و تفصیل سے بتائی ہے۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

2- ڈاکٹر نے اپنی پریشانی بتانے کے لئے مجھے حوصلہ دیا۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

3- ڈاکٹر نے عزت سے میرا علاج کیا۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

4- ڈاکٹر نے مجھے جو تفصیلات بتائیں وہ آسانی سے سمجھ آ گئی۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

5- ڈاکٹر نے میرے احساسات کا خیال رکھا۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی کبھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں



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Quality Enhancement Cell

360 Degree Evaluation Proforma (by Patient)

PGT, MO, HO Proforma

Reviewer

Evaluation for

Name:

Name:

Designation:

Designation:

Performance ratings

Assessment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی بھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

1- ڈاکٹر نے آپ کا معائنہ عزت اور احترام سے کیا ہے۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی بھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

2- ڈاکٹر نے آپ کی بیماری کے متعلق آپ کو روکے ٹوکے بغیر تسلی سے سنا۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی بھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

3- ڈاکٹر نے آپ کی بات بہت توجہ سے سنی۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی بھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

4- ڈاکٹر نے آپ کی زندگی کے متعلق تفصیل سے سوالات کیے۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی بھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

5- ڈاکٹر نے آپ کے حدیثات کو اچھی طرح سمجھا ہے۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی بھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

6- ڈاکٹر نے مجھے بیماری سے متعلق تفصیل اور وضاحت سے آگاہ کیا ہے۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی بھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

7- ڈاکٹر نے مجھے بیماری سے متعلق صحیح فیصلہ کرنے میں مدد کی۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی بھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

8- ڈاکٹر نے بیماری کے علاج کا لائحہ عمل بنانے میں مجھے شامل کیا۔

کبھی نہیں  کم سے کم  کبھی بھار  اکثر  ہمیشہ  لاگو نہیں

**Resident Evaluation by Nurse/ Staff for core competencies**

**Appendix “B”**

Please take a few minutes to complete this evaluation form. All information is confidential and will be used constructively. You need not answer all the questions.

Name of Resident \_\_\_\_\_

Location of care or interaction \_\_\_\_\_

(For example OPD/Ward/Emergency/Endoscopy Department)

Your position (for example: nurse, ward servant, endoscopy attendant) \_\_\_\_\_

S #	Professionalism	Poor	Fair	Good	V.Good	Excellent	Insufficient Contact
1	Resident is Honest and trustworthy						
2	Resident treats patients and families with courtesy, compassion and respect						
3	Resident treats me and other member of the team with courtesy and respect						
4	Resident shows regard for my opinions						
5	Resident maintains a professional manner and appearance						
<b>Interpersonal and communication skills</b>							
6	Resident communicates well with patients, families, and members of the healthcare team						
7	Resident provides legible and timely documentation						
8	Resident respect differences in religion, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation and disability						
<b>System based practice</b>							

9	Resident works effectively with nurses and other professionals to improve patient care						
Patient Care							
10	Resident respects patient preferences						
11	Resident take care of patient comfort and dignity during procedures						
Practice based learning and improvement							
12	Resident facilitates the learning of students and other professionals						
Comments							
13	Please describe any praises or concerns or information about specific incidents						
Thanks you for your time and thoughtful input. You play a vital role in the education and training of the internal medicine resident							

**Poor: 0, Fair: 1, Good:2, V.Good: 3, Excellent: 4**

**Total Score \_\_\_\_\_/52**

## **Evaluation of Patient Medical Record/ Chart Evaluation Proforma Appendix "C"**

Name of Resident \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Care or Interaction \_\_\_\_\_ -  
(OPD/Ward/Emergency/Endoscopy Department)

S#		Poor	Fair	Good	V. Good	Excellent
1.	Basic Data on Front Page Recorded	○	○	○	○	○
2.	Presenting Complaints written in chronological order	○	○	○	○	○
3.	Presenting Complaints Evaluation Done	○	○	○	○	○
4.	Systemic review Documented	○	○	○	○	○
5.	All Components of History Documented	○	○	○	○	○
6.	Complete General Physical Examination done	○	○	○	○	○
7.	Examination of all systems documented	○	○	○	○	○
8.	Differential Diagnosis framed	○	○	○	○	○
9.	Relevant and required investigations documented	○	○	○	○	○
10.	Management Plan framed	○	○	○	○	○
11.	Notes are properly written and eligible	○	○	○	○	○
12.	Progress notes written in organized manner	○	○	○	○	○
13.	Daily progress is written	○	○	○	○	○
14.	Chart is organized no loose paper	○	○	○	○	○
15.	Investigations properly pasted	○	○	○	○	○
16.	Abnormal findings in investigations encircled.	○	○	○	○	○
17.	Procedures done on patient documented	○	○	○	○	○



	properly					
18.	Medicine written in capital letter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.	I/v fluids orders are proper with rate of infusion mentioned	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20.	All columns of chart complete	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*Poor: 0, Fair: 1, Good: 2, V.Good: 3, Excellent: 4*

**TOTAL SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_/80

## Appendix "D"

### Workplace Based Assessments - Guidelines for Supervisors for Assessment of Generic & Specialty Specific Competency

The Candidates of all MD programs will be trained and assessed in the following five generic competencies and also specialty specific competencies.

#### **A. Generic Competencies:**

##### **i. Patient Care.**

- a. Patient Care competency will include skills of history taking, examination, diagnosis, counseling Plan care through ward teaching departmental conferences, morbidity and mortality meetings core curriculum lectures and training in procedures and operations.
- b. The candidate shall learn patient care through ward teaching departmental conferences, morbidity and mortality meetings, care curriculum lectures and training in procedures and operations.
- c. The Candidate will be assessed by the supervisor during presentation of cases on clinical ward rounds, scenario based discussions on patients management multisource feedback evaluation, Direct observation of Procedures (DOPS) and operating room assessments
- d. These methods of assessments will have equal weightage.

##### **ii. Medical knowledge and Research**

- a. The candidate will learn basic factual knowledge of illnesses relevant to the specialty through lectures/discussions on topics selected from the syllabus, small group tutorials and bed side rounds
- b. The medical knowledge/skill will be assessed by the teacher during
- c. The candidate will be trained in designing research project, data collection data analysis and presentation of results by the supervisor.

d. The acquisition of research skill will be assessed as per regulations governing thesis evaluation and its acceptance.

**iii. Practice and System Based Learning**

- a. This competency will be learnt from journal clubs, review of literature policies and guidelines, audit projects medical error investigation, root cause analysis and awareness of health care facilities,.
- b. The assessment methods will include case studies, personation in mobility and mortality review meetings and presentation of audit projects if any.
- c. These methods of assessment shall have equal weight-age

**iv. Communication Skills**

- a. These will be learn it from role models, supervisor and workshops.
- b. They will be assessed by direct observation of the candidate whilst interacting with the patients, relatives, colleagues and with multisource feedback evaluation.

**v. Professionalism as per Hippocratic oath**

- a. This competency is learnt from supervisor acting as a role model ethical case conferences and lectures on ethical issues such as confidentially informed consent end of life decisions, conflict of interest, harassment and use of human subjects in research.
- b. The assessment of residents will be through multisource feedback evaluation according to preforms of evaluation and its scoring method.

**B. Specialty Specific Competences.**

- i. The candidates will be trained in operative and procedural skills according to a quarterly based schedule.
- ii. The level of procedural Competency will be according to a competency table to be developed by each specialty
- iii. The following key will be used for assessing operative and procedural competencies:

a. **Level 1 Observer status**

b. The candidate physically present and observing the supervisor and senior colleagues

c. **Level 2 Assistant status**

operations

The candidate assisting procedures and

d. **Level 3 Performed under supervision**

procedure under direct supervision

The candidate operating or performing a

e. **Level 4 Performed independently**

procedure without any supervision

The candidate operating or performing a

**vi. Procedure Based Assessments (PBA)**

- a. Procedural competency will assess the skill of consent taking, preoperative preparation and planning, intraoperative general and specific tasks and postoperative management
- b. Procedure Based assessments will be carried out during teaching and training of each procedure.

- c. The assessors may be supervisors, consultant colleagues and senior residents.
- d. The standardized forms will be filled in by the assessor after direct observation.
- e. The resident's evaluation will be graded as satisfactory, deficient requiring further training and not assessed at all.
- f. Assessment report will be submitted
- g. A satisfactory score will be required to be eligible for taking final examination.

## **Appendix "E"**

### **Supervisor's Annual Review Report.**

This report will consist of the following components: -

- I. Verification and validation of Log Book of operations & procedures according to the expected number of operations and procedures performed (as per levels of competence) determined by relevant board of studies.
- II. A 90% attendance in academic activities is expected. The academic activities will include: Lectures, Workshops other than mandatory workshops, journal Clubs Morbidity & Mortality Review Meetings and Other presentations.
- III. Assessment report of presentations and lectures
- IV. Compliance Report to meet timeline for completion of research project.
- V. Compliance report on personal Development Plan.
- VI. Multisource Feedback Report, on relationship with colleagues, patients.
- VII. Supervisor will produce an annual report based on assessments as per proforma in appendix-G and submit it to the Examination Department.
- VIII. 75% score will be required to pass the Continuous Internal Assessment on annual review.

**Supervisor's Evaluation of the Resident (Continuous Internal Assessment)**

**Appendix "F"**

Resident's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle the appropriate number for each item using the scale above.*

<b>1</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Below Average</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Superior</b>

<b>Patient Care</b>		<b>Scale</b>				
1.	Demonstrates sound clinical judgment	1	2	3	4	5
2.	Presents patient information case concisely without significant omissions or digressions	1	2	3	4	5
3.	Able to integrate the history and physical findings with the clinical data and identify all of the patient's major problems using a logical thought process	1	2	3	4	5
4.	Develops a logical sequence in planning for diagnostic tests and procedures and Formulates an appropriate treatment plan to deal with the patient's major problems	1	2	3	4	5
5.	Able to perform commonly used office procedures	1	2	3	4	5
6.	Follows age appropriate preventative medicine guidelines in patient care	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Medical Knowledge</b>		<b>Scale</b>				
1.	Uses current terminology	1	2	3	4	5
2.	Understands the meaning of the patient's abnormal findings	1	2	3	4	5
3.	Utilizes the appropriate techniques of physical examination	1	2	3	4	5
4.	Develops a pertinent and appropriate differential diagnosis for each patient	1	2	3	4	5
5.	Demonstrates a solid base of knowledge of ambulatory medicine	1	2	3	4	5

6. Can discuss and apply the applicable basic and clinically supportive sciences	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Professionalism</b>					
	<b>Scale</b>				
1. Demonstrates consideration for the patient's comfort and modesty	1	2	3	4	5
2. Arrives to clinic on time and follows clinic policies and procedures	1	2	3	4	5
3. Works effectively with clinic staff and other health professionals	1	2	3	4	5
4. Able to gain the patient's cooperation and respect	1	2	3	4	5
5. Demonstrates compassion and empathy for the patient	1	2	3	4	5
6. Demonstrates sensitivity to patient's culture, age, gender, and disabilities	1	2	3	4	5
7. Discusses end-of-life issues (DPOA, advanced directives, etc.) when appropriate	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Interpersonal and Communication Skills</b>					
	<b>Scale</b>				
1. Demonstrates appropriate patient/physician relationship	1	2	3	4	5
2. Uses appropriate and understandable layman's terminology in discussions with patients	1	2	3	4	5
3. Patient care documentation is complete, legible, and submitted in timely manner	1	2	3	4	5
4. Recognizes need for behavioral health services and understands resources available	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Systems-based Practice</b>					
	<b>Scale</b>				
1. Spends appropriate time with patient for the complexity of the problem	1	2	3	4	5
2. Able to discuss the costs, risks and benefits of clinical data and therapy	1	2	3	4	5
3. Recognizes the personal, financial, and health system resources required to carry out the prescribed care plan	1	2	3	4	5
4. Demonstrates effective coordination of care with other health professionals	1	2	3	4	5
5. Recognizes the patient's barriers to compliance with treatment plan such as age, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, intelligence, dementia, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
6. Demonstrates knowledge of risk management issues associated with patient's case	1	2	3	4	5
7. Works effectively with other residents in clinic as if a member of a group practice	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Osteopathic Concepts</b>					
	<b>Scale</b>				
1. Demonstrates ability to utilize and document structural examination findings	1	2	3	4	5
2. Integrates findings of osteopathic examination in the diagnosis and treatment plan	1	2	3	4	5
3. Successfully uses osteopathic manipulation for treatment where appropriate	1	2	3	4	5
4. Practices Patient Centered Care with a "whole person" approach to medicine.	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Practice-Based Learning and Improvement</b>					
	<b>Scale</b>				
1. Locates, appraises, and assimilates evidence from scientific studies	1	2	3	4	5
2. Apply knowledge of study designs and statistical methods to the appraisal of clinical studies to assess diagnostic and therapeutic effectiveness of treatment plan	1	2	3	4	5
3. Uses information technology to access information to support diagnosis and treatment	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Comments</b>					

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Resident's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FACULTY EVALUATION OF RESIDENT (INTERNAL MEDICINE)**

**Appendix "G"**

**Abbreviations for six Core Competencies**

- PC = Patient Care
- MK = Medical Knowledge
- ICS = Interpersonal / Communication Skills
- PBL = Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
- P = Professionalism
- SBP = Systems-Based Practice

***Interpersonal and Communication Skills***

Note content is appropriate and complete (ICS) (Question 1 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
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0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Interpersonal skills with patients, families and staff is appropriate and skilled (ICS) (Question 2 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Presents cases in clear, concise manner (ICS) (Question 3 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

### Medical Knowledge

Demonstrates understanding of clinical problems and their pathophysiology (MK) (Question 4 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Develops appropriate differential diagnosis (MK) (Question 5 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Evaluates scientific basis of diagnostic tests used (MK) (Question 6 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
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0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Reads service specific literature (MK) (Question 7 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

**Patient Care**

Obtains accurate clinical history (PC) (Question 8 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Demonstrates appropriate physical exam (PC) (Question 9 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Identifies and reviews relevant existing patient data (PC) (Question 10 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Prioritizes problems and treatment plans appropriately (PC) (Question 11 of 24)



No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Effectively uses consultation services (PC) (Question 12 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

**Practice-Based learning and improvement.**

Identifies areas for improvement and applies it to practice PBL (Question 13 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Applies lessons learned from medical errors into practice PBL (question 14 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Shows Interest in learning from complex care issues PBL (Question 15 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

**Professionalism**

Displays a professional attitude and demeanor (P) (Question 16 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Attends rounds on time. Handles criticism of self in pro-active way (P) (Question 17 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Cross-covers colleagues when necessary (P) (Question 18 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

**System-Based Practices**

Understands the different types of medical practice and delivery systems, and alternative methods of controlling health care costs and allocating resources (SBP) (Question 19 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Effectively Utilizes ancillary services SBP ( Questions 20 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Uses Patient care venues appropriately SBP (Questions 21 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Advocates for quality patient care and assists patients in dealing with system complexities SBP (Questions 22 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

**Overall / Summary**

Did resident meet course objectives? (Questions 23 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

Comments (Please provide Strengths, Weaknesses and Areas for Improvement) (Question 24 of 24)

No Interaction	Unsatisfactory	Failing	Less than Marginal	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Advanced	Outstanding	Superior
0	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>	6 <input type="checkbox"/>	7 <input type="checkbox"/>	8 <input type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>

# RESIDENT EVALUATION OF FACULTY TEACHING SKILLS

Appendix "H"

Faculty Member \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Evaluation \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Direction: please take a moment to assess the clinical faculty members teaching skills using this scale

1= Poor

2=Fair

3= Very Good

4= Excellent

## A. Leadership

Discussed expectations, duties and assignments for each team member and reviewed learning objectives and evaluation process 1  2  3  4  N/A

Treated each tea, member in a cutout and peaceful manner 1  2  3  4  N/A

Was usually prompt for teaching assignments and was always Available and accessible as a supervisor 1  2  3  4  N/A

Showed respect for the physician in other specialties / Subspecialties as well as for other health care professionals 1  2  3  4  N/A

## Comments

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**B. Role of modeling**

Demonstrated positive in interpersonal communication skills with patients, family members and staff 1  2  3  4  N/A

Enthusiasm and interest in teaching residents 1  2  3  4  N/A

Recognized own limitations and used these Situation as opportunities to demonstrate how he / she learn 1  2  3  4  N/A

Used Medical / scientific literature to support clinical decisions 1  2  3  4  N/A

**Comments**

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**C. Patient Care /Teaching and & Feedback**

Demonstrate how to handle “difficult” patients encounters 1  2  3  4  N/A

Demonstrated how to perform special physical exam techniques and / or procedures and observed me during my initials attempt 1  2  3  4  N/A

Asked thought provoking questions to help me develop my critical thinking skills and clinical judgment 1  2  3  4  N/A

Share his/her own thought process when discussing patient workups and patients care decisions with the team 1  2  3  4  N/A

Highlighted important aspects of a patient case and often generalized to boarder medical concepts and principles 1  2  3  4  N/A

Integrated social / ethical aspects of medical (cost containment, patents right , humanism) into discussion of patient care 1  2  3  4  N/A

Provided guidance and specific "instructive feedback to help me correct mistakes and / or increase my knowledge base 1  2  3  4  N/A

**Comments:**

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**D. Didactic (Classroom) Instructions**

Was usually prompt for teaching sessions, kept interruptions to minimum and kept discussion focused on case or topic 1  2  3  4  N/A

Gave lecture presentations that were well organized and 1  2  3  4  N/A

“Interactive” ( ) i.e., and review pertinent topics

Provided references or other materials that stimulated me to read, research and review pertinent topics 1  2  3  4  N/A

**Comments**

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**E. Evaluation**

Reviewed my overall clinical performance at the end of the rotation pointed out my strengths and areas for improvement 1  2  3  4  N/A

Demonstrated “fairness” by adhering to established criteria, explaining reasons for the scores and following me to respond 1  2  3  4  N/A

**Comments**

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**Overall, I would rate this faculty member's clinical teaching skills as**

POOR  FAIR  VERY GOOD  EXCELLENT

Would you recommend that faculty member continue to teach in this program?

Yes  NO

COMMENTS, COMMENDATIONS OR CONCERNS

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**RESIDENT EVALUATION OF FACULTY (FOR CORE COMPETENCIES)**

**Appendix "I"**

**A. Interpersonal and Communication Skills**

Interpersonal and Communication Skills (Question 1 of 22)

**Asks question in a non-threatening manner**

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

Interpersonal and Communication Skills (Question 2 of 22)

**Emphasizes problem-solving (thought processes leading to decisions)**

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

Interpersonal and Communication Skills (Question 4 of 22)

**Effectively communicates knowledge**

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory	Marginal	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
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	(Comment Required)	(Comment Required)			
0	1	2	3	4	5

## B. Medical Knowledge

Medical Knowledge (Question 5 of 22)

Knowledge of specialty

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

Medical Knowledge (Question 6 of 22)

Applies knowledge of specialty to patient problems

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

Patient Care (Question 7 of 22)

Applies comprehensive high quality care

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

## C. Patient Care

Patient Care (Question 8 of 22)

Explains diagnostic decisions

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

Patient Care (Question 9 of 22)

Clinical Judgment

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

Patient Care (Question 10 of 22)

Clinical Skills

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

#### **D. Practice-Based Learning and Improvement**

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement (Question 11 of 22)

Encourages self-education

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory	Marginal	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
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	(Comment Required)	(Comment Required)			
0	1	2	3	4	5

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement (Question 12 of 22)

*Encourages evidence-based approaches to care*

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

### **E. Professionalism**

Professionalism (Question 13 of 22)

*Sensitive caring respectful attitude towards patients*

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

Professionalism (Question 14 of 22)

*Uses time with patients and residents effectively*

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

Professionalism (Question 15 of 22)

*Sufficient resident teaching on rounds/clinics*

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

Professionalism (Question 16 of 22)

Respects all members of the health care team

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

Professionalism (Question 17 of 22)

Demonstrates Integrity

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

Professionalism (Question 18 of 22)

Attains credibility and rapport with patients and their family

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

## F. Systems- Based Practice

Systems- Based Practice (Question 19 of 22)

Provides useful feedback including constructive criticism to team members

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

System Base Practice (Question 20 of 22)

Discusses availability cost and utility of system resources in providing medical care.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

**Overall/Summary (Question 21 of 22)**

Overall contributions to your training

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4	5

**Comments: (Question 22 of 22)**

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**Faculty Evaluation of the Residency / Fellowship Program**

**Appendix “J**

Please use this scale to answer question1-10:

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1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

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1. **PATIENT/CASE VOLUME:** There are a sufficient number and variety of patients/cases to facilitate high quality resident/fellow education.
2. **CURRICULUM:** The residency/fellowship program curriculum provides the appropriate education experiences for residents/fellows to analyze investigate and improve patient care practices.
3. **PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** The program director effectively communicates with program faculty members to understand their role in resident/fellow education and development.
4. **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:**There is adequate administrative support service to facilitate faculty participation in resident/fellow education.
5. **SUPERVISION:** The Program resident/fellow supervision policy has been clearly communicated to program faculty and is used by the program.
6. **TRANSITION OF CARE:** The program transition of care/hand-off policy and tools have been distributed to program faculty and they are used.
7. **EVALUATION:** Program faculty receives regular and timely feedback about their teaching and supervisors skills.
8. **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:** There are beneficial resources available for program faculty to improve their teaching and supervision skills.
9. **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY:** Program faculties have the adequate resources to participate in scholarly activates.
10. **FACULTY:** The program faculty provides the diversity of experience and expertise to accomplish the goals and objectives of the program.

**RESIDENT EVALUATION OF RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

**Appendix “K**

**A. Program Goals and Objectives (Question 1 of 35)**

The goals and objectives for each rotation are clearly communicated to residents.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

**B. Evaluation (Question 2 of 35)**

The evaluation process of the residents is constructive (computerized faculty evaluations of residents, daily clinical feedback to residents, yearly PRITE, and Director’s semi-annual resident meeting with resident).

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

**C. Research (Question 3 of 35)**

Residents are provided ample opportunity to develop an interest an in research.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Research (Question 4 of 35)

Residents are encouraged to participate in research.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
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0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Research (Question 5 of 35)

Residents are provided the education to develop an understanding of research.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

**D. Faculty (Question 6 of 35)**

The size, diversification and availability of faculty is adequate for the training program.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Faculty (Question 7 of 35)

The Knowledge of the faculty is current and appropriate.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

**E. Facilities (Question 8 of 35)**

The available resources necessary (library and computer) to obtain current medical information and scientific evidence are adequate and accessible.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory	Marginal	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
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Facilities (Question 9 of 35)

On-call rooms, when needed, are adequate to ensure rest, safety, convenience and privacy.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Facilities (Question 10 of 35)

The facilities are adequate with regard to support services (nurses, clinic aides) and space for teaching and patient care.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

**F. Leadership and Logistics (Question 11 of 35)**

The Program Director communicates effectively with residents.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Leadership and Logistics (Question 12 of 35)

The Associate Program Director communicates effectively with residents.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
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	Required)	Required)			
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Leadership and Logistics (Question 13 of 35)

The Chief Residents communicates effectively with residents.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Leadership and Logistics (Question 14 of 35)

The Program Coordinator communicates effectively with residents.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Leadership and Logistics (Question 15 of 35)

The Program Director provides effective leadership of the residency.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Leadership and Logistics (Question 16 of 35)

There is adequate departmental support for residency education.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Leadership and Logistics (Question 17 of 35)

There is adequate departmental support for residency education.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Leadership and Logistics (Question 18 of 35)

The program is responsive regarding scheduling, course materials and other logistical concerns.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Leadership and Logistics (Question 19 of 35)

The evaluation system (E-Value) is easy to use.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

**G. Training (Question 20 of 35)**

Faculty adequately supervises residents' care of patients.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 21 of 35)

Training sites present a wide range of psychiatric clinical problems.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 22 of 35)

Residents see an appropriate number of patients.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 23 of 35)

Residents are given sufficient responsibility for decision-making and direct patient care.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 24 of 35)

Rounds and staffing are conducted professionally.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 25 of 35)

Rounds and staffing are conducted efficiently.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
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	Required)	Required)			
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 26 of 35)

Faculty teaches and supervises in ways that facilitate learning.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 27 of 35)

The program is responsive to safety concerns at training.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 28 of 35)

The program is responsive to feedback from residents.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 29 of 35)

Residents experience an appropriate balance of educational and clinical responsibilities.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 30 of 35)

The didactic sessions provide core knowledge of the field.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 31 of 35)

The morale of the residents is good.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 32 of 35)

The morale of the faculty is good.

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Training (Question 33 of 35)

**Overall, I am very satisfied with the training our program provides.**

Cannot Evaluate	Unsatisfactory (Comment Required)	Marginal (Comment Required)	Satisfactory	Very Good	Excellent
0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

**Recommendations (Question 34 of 35)**

What changes in the training program would you suggest to better prepare residents for their careers?

**Additional Comments (Question 35 of 35)**

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## ***Guidelines for program Evaluation***

## **Appendix “L”**

### **Program Evaluation Committee** (PEC)

#### **Background**

The purpose of this committee is to conduct and document a formal, systematic evaluation of the program & curriculum on an annual basis.

#### **Membership**

The chair and membership of the committee are appointed by the Program Director. The membership of the committee consists of at least two members of the program faculty, and at least one resident/subspecialty resident.

#### **Meeting Frequency**

The committee meets, at a minimum, annually.

#### **Responsibilities of the PEC**

- The PEC actively participates in planning, developing, implementing and evaluating the educational activities of the program.
- The PEC reviews and makes recommendations for revision of competency-based goals and objectives.
- Addresses areas of non-compliance with the standards; and reviews the program annually using written evaluations of faculty, residents, and others.

#### **Required Documentation of PEC Activities**

The PEC provides the GMEC with a written Annual Program Evaluation (APE) in the format that is appended to this document. This document details a written plan of action to document initiatives to improve performance based on monitoring of activities described below. The APE document provides evidence that the PEC is monitoring the following areas, at a minimum:

1. Resident performance
2. Faculty development
3. Graduate performance, including performance of program graduates on the certifying examination
4. Assessment of program quality through:
  - a. **Annual confidential and formal feedback** from residents and faculty about the program quality;
  - b. **Assessment of improvements needed based on program evaluation feedback** from faculty, residents, and others
5. Continuation of progress made on prior year's action plan
6. **Prepare and submit a written plan of action to**
  - a. **document initiatives to improve performance in one of more of the areas identified,**
  - b. **Delineate how they will be measured and monitored**
  - c. **Document continuation of progress made on the prior year's action plan**



## Template for Documentation of Annual Program Evaluation and Improvement

Date of annual program evaluation meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendees:**

- i. Program Director: \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. Program Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. Associate/Assistant PD: \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. Faculty Members: \_\_\_\_\_
- v. Residents: \_\_\_\_\_

	Reviewed √	Discussion, Follow up, Action Plan
1. Current Program Requirements & Institutional Requirements		
2. Most recent Internal Review Summary to ensure all recommendations are addressed		
3. Review Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. effective mechanism in place to distribute Goals &amp; Objectives (G&amp;O) to residents and faculty</li> <li>b. overall program educational goals</li> <li>c. up-to-date competency-based G&amp;O for each assignment</li> <li>d. up-to-date competency-based G&amp;O for each level of training</li> <li>e. G&amp;O contain delineation of resident responsibilities for patient care, progressive responsibility for patient management, and supervision of residents</li> </ul>		
4. Evaluation System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Resident formative evaluation meets or exceeds program requirement</li> <li>b. Resident summative evaluation meets or exceeds program requirement</li> <li>c. Faculty evaluation meets or exceeds program requirement</li> <li>d. program evaluation meets or exceeds program requirement.</li> </ul>		
5. Didactic Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. includes recognizing the signs of fatigue and sleep deprivation</li> <li>b. the didactic curriculum meets program requirements</li> <li>c. the didactic curriculum meets residents needs</li> </ul>		
6. Clinical Curriculum – the effectiveness of in-patient and ambulatory teaching experience (structure, case mix, meets resident’s needs)		
7. Volume and variety of patients and procedures (case log data) meets requirements and residents’ needs		
8. Summary of written program evaluations completed by both faculty and residents		
9. Resident supervision complies with Program Requirement		
10. Recruiting results		

11. Duty hour monitoring results		
12. Track all research and scholarly activities of faculty and residents/fellows		
13. Educational outcomes: is the program achieving its educational objectives? What aggregate data (residents as a group) can be used to show the program is achieving its objectives? Board scores, in-service training exam scores, graduate surveys, employer surveys, etc.		
15. Clinical outcomes – specialty-specific metrics aligned with dept./division QI initiatives, disease outcomes, patient safety initiatives (describe resident involvement), QI projects (describe resident involvement)		

**Note:**

**If deficiencies are found during this process, the program should prepare a written plan of action to document initiatives to improve performance in the areas that have been identified. The action plan should be reviewed and approved by the teaching faculty and documented in meeting minutes.**

# Annual Program Evaluation (APE)

## Minutes & Action Plan

**Date of the APE meeting:**

**Date; Minutes & Action Plan were reviewed and Approved by teaching faculty:**

Please attach the minutes of the meeting where the Minutes & Action Plan were reviewed and approved.

**Academic Year reviewed:**

Faculty Members of the PEC in attendance

Other Members of the PEC in attendance:

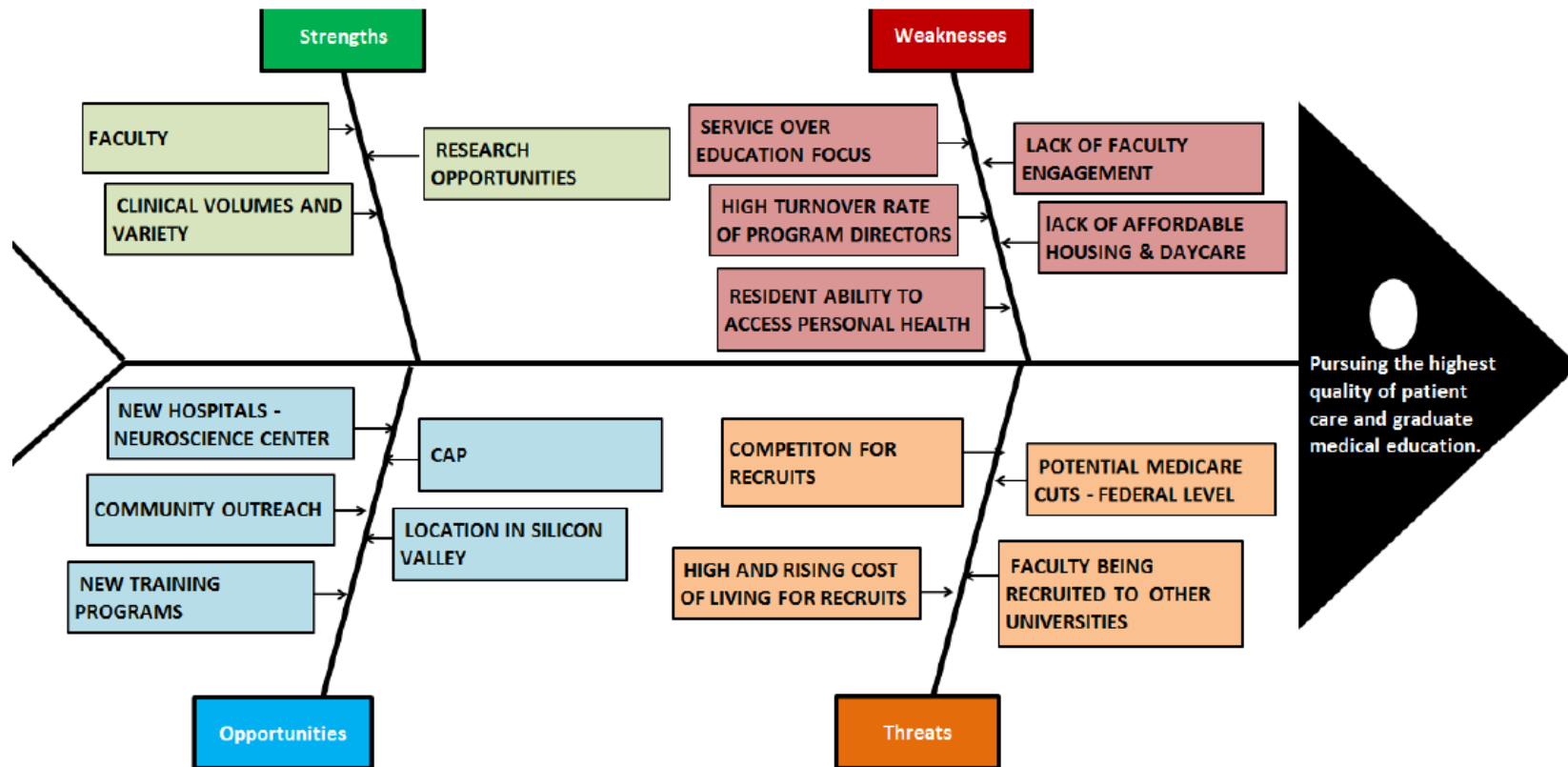
Areas reviewed:

1. Resident performance
  - Supporting documents:
2. Faculty development
  - Supporting documents:
3. Graduate performance
  - Supporting documents:
4. Program quality
  - Supporting documents:
5. Policies, Protocols & Procedures
  - Supporting documents:

# SWOT Analysis

- S: Strengths
- W: Weaknesses
- O: Opportunities
- T: Threats

## SWOT Analysis (Fishbone – Ishikawa Diagram)



Action Plan

Item	Strategy	Resources	Timeline	Evaluation
Preservation Goals (Strengths)				
Elimination Goals (Weaknesses)				
Achievement Goals (Opportunities)				
Avoidance Goals (Threats)				

## **SECTION -X**

**Miscellaneous attached documents**

**THE END**