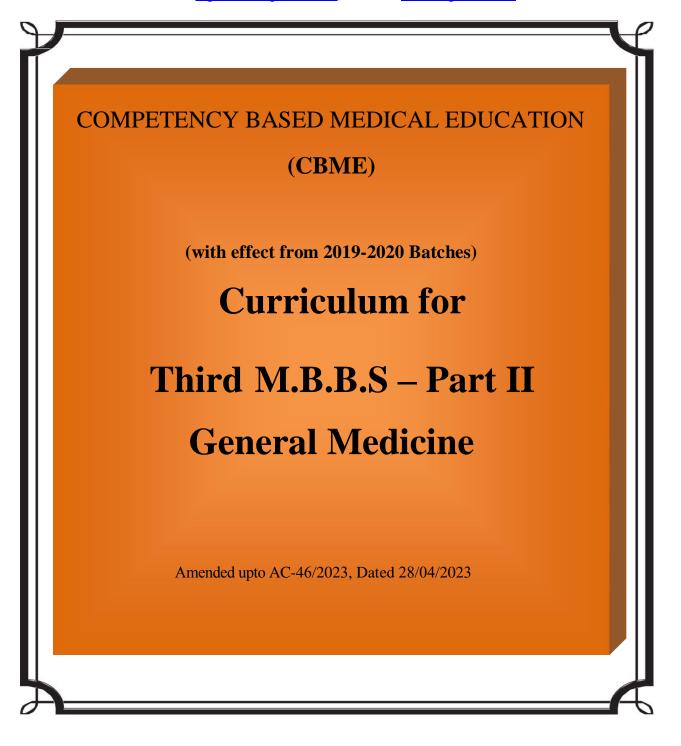


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- 2. Amended upto AC-42/2022, Resolution No. 3.32, Dated 26/04/2022. (Incorporated at the end of syllabus).
- 3. Amended upto AC-44/2022, Resolution No. 5.38, dated 09/12/2022.
- 4. Amended upto AC-46/2023, Resolution No. 5.25, Resolution No. 5.26 dated 09/12/2022

Resolution No. 4.34.i of AC-41/2021: Resolved to approve the changes in "Syllabus & Assessment Scheme" in Medicine & Allied, from CBME batch (UG) admitted in 2019 onwards

[ANNEXURE-53A, 53B SYLLABUS FOR MBBS CBME BATCH SUB- MEDICINE & ALLIED MEDICINE PHASE II

Total teaching hours- 25

| TEACHING HOURS | LECTURE | TUTORIAL/SEMINAR/ INTEGRATED TEACHING | SDL |
|----------------|---------|--|-----|
| 25 | 25 | - | - |

Syllabus

| bynabas | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|------|
| TOIPC | NUMBER OF | LECTURE | TUTORIAL/SEMINAR/ | SDL |
| | COMPETENCIES | | INTEGRATED | (NA) |
| | TO BE COVERED | | TEACHING | |
| | AS THEORY | | (NA) | |
| | | | | |
| IM3 Pneumonia | 7 | 3 | - | - |
| IM4 Fever | 11 | 5 | - | - |
| andfebrilesyndromes | | | | |
| IM6 HIV | 10 | 3 | - | - |
| IM25 | 4 | 3 | - | - |
| MiscellaneousInfections | | | | |
| IM15 GI bleeding | 10 | 4 | - | - |
| IM16 Diarrhealdisorder | 11 | 3 | - | - |
| IM 5 Liverdisease | 8 | 4 | - | - |

PHASE III

| TEACHING HOURS | LECTURE | TUTORIAL/SEMINAR/ | SDL |
|----------------|---------|---------------------|-----|
| | | INTEGRATED TEACHING | |
| 65 | 25 | 35 | 5 |

SYLLABUS

| TODO | NUMPER OF | IFOTUDE | TUTODIAL (CEMINIAD / | CDI |
|------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|-----|
| TOIPC | NUMBER OF | LECTURE | | SDL |
| | COMPETENCIES | | INTEGRATED | |
| | TO BE COVERED | | TEACHING | |
| | AS THEORY | | | |
| | | | | |
| IM9 Anemia | 10 | 8 | 5 | 2 |
| | | | | |
| IM13 | 6 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Commonmalignancies | | | | |
| IM11 Diabetes Mellitus | 10 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| IM12 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Thyroiddysfunction | | | | |
| M14 Obesity | 8 | 2 | 1 | - |
| IM23 Nutritional | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| andVitamin | | | | |
| Deficiencies | | | | |
| M24 Geriatrics | 21 | 5 | 2 | - |
| Total | | 25 | 17 | 5 |
| | | | Remaining 18 hrs | |
| | | | | |
| | | | Integrated sessions-12 hrs | |
| | | | (for all topics) | |
| | | | Seminars by students- 6 | |
| | | | hrs | |
| | | | Total- 35 hrs | |
| | | | 10(a)- 33 118 | |
| | | | | |

PHASE IV

| TEACHING HOURS | LECTURE | TUTORIAL/SEMINAR/ | SDL |
|----------------|---------|---------------------|-----|
| | | INTEGRATED TEACHING | |
| 210 | 70 | 125 | 15 |

SYLLABUS

| TOIPC | NUMBER OF | LECTURE | TUTORIAL/SEMINAR/ | SDL |
|---------------------|------------|----------|------------------------------|-----|
| | COMPETENCI | | INTEGRATED TEACHING | |
| | ES | | | |
| | TO BE | | | |
| | COVERED AS | | | |
| | THEORY | | | |
| | | | | |
| IM1 Heart Failure | 13 | 10 | 2 | 3 |
| IM2 Acute | 14 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| MyocardialInfarctio | | | | |
| n/IHD | | | | |
| IM8 Hypertension | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| IM7 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Rheumatologicprobl | | | | |
| ems | | | | |
| IM10 Acute Kidney | 19 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
| Injury and | | | | |
| Chronicrenalfailure | | | | |
| IM22 Mineral, Fluid | 13 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Electrolyte and | | | | |
| AcidbaseDisorder | | | | |
| IM17 Headache | 6 | 1 | 1 | - |
| IM18 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| Cerebrovascularacci | | | | |
| dent | | | | |
| IM19 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Movementdisorders | | | | |
| IM20 Envenomation | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| IM21 Poisoning | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| | | =55 | =15 | 15 |
| | | +15 | +60 | |
| | | REVISION | {10(ECG)+10(XRAYS)+10(| |
| | | TOPICS | LAB | |
| | | FROM | REPORTS)+10(EMERGEN | |
| | | PHASE 3 | CIES)+10(INSTRUMENTS) | |
| | | | +10(DRUGS)} | |
| | | | +16 INTEGRATED | |
| | | | TEACHING+ 34 SEMINARS | |
| | | 55+15=70 | =15+60+16+34=125 | 15 |

Annexure-53B of AC-41-2021

Resolution No. 5.25 of Academic Council (AC-46/2023): Resolved to consider attendance of more than 75% along with logbook and a logbook is to be maintained. No marks to be considered for elective postings for undergraduate students with effect from the batch admitted in 2019 onwards **[ANNEXURE-30A, 30B].**

Annexure-30A of AC-46/2023

SCHEME OF INTERNAL ASSESSMENT FOR CBME BATCH

SUBJECT – MEDICINE& ALLIED

Total marks- 400

Theory-200

Practical-200

THEORY

| PHASE | Phase | Phase | Phase III | Phase IV | Phase IV | TOTAL | CONVERT |
|-------|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------|
| | II | III | VIIthsem | VIIIthsem | IXthsem (| | to 200 |
| | IV | VIthsem | III | III MBBS | Prelim) | | |
| | thsem | III | MBBS | Part II | III MBBS | | |
| | II | MBBS | Part I | | Part II | | |
| | MBBS | Part I | | | | | |
| | Two | Allied | | | | | |
| | exams | Subjects | | | | | |
| | 50 | | | | | | |
| | marks | | | | | | |
| | each | IA-3 | IA-4 | IA-5 | | | |
| | IA 1 & | | | | IA-6 | | |
| | 2 | | | | | | |
| MARKS | 100 | 50 | 50 | 100 | 200 (Two | 500 | Marks |
| | | | | | papers) | | Out of |
| | | | | | | | 200 |
| | | | | | | | |

PRACTICAL (EOP exams)

| PHASE | Phase II | Phase | Electives | Phase IV | Phase | Total | Allied | Total | Convert |
|-------|----------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| | IIIrdsem | III | | VIIIthsem | IV | | Subjects | | to |
| | II | VIIth | | III MBBS | IXth | | - | | 200 |
| | MBBS | sem | | Part II | sem | | | | |
| | | III | | | (Prelim) | | | | |
| | | MBBS | | | III | | | | |
| | | Part I | | | MBBS | | | | |
| | | | | | Part II | | | | |
| MARKS | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 200 | 400 | 125 | 525 | Marks |
| | | | | | | | | | Out of |
| | | | | | | | | | 200 |
| | | | | | | | | | |

ALLIED SUBJECTS

PRACTICAL-Dermatology-III rdsem, (Phase II) - 25 marks VI th(III MBBS Part I)-25 marks VIIIthsem(III MBBS Part II) – 25marks Total = 75 marks **Respiratory Medicine-**IV thSem (Phase II) – 25 marks Psychiatry-III rdsem(Phase II)- 25 marks VII thsem (III MBBS Part I) -25Total = 50 marks Total (All allied subjects) =150 marks Pattern of question paper 50 marks paper **Section A** MCQ-10 of ¹/₂ mark each- 5 marks **Section B** LAQ- 2 of 10 marks each- 20 mark SAQ – 5 of 5 marks each- 25 Total- 50 marks **100 marks paper** Section A MCQ- 20 of ¹/₂ mark each-10 marks Total – 10 marks Section B-LAQ-2 of 10 marks each- 20 mark SAQ – 6 of 5 marks each- 30 Total- 50 **Section C-**LAQ 1 of 10 mark-10 mark SAQ 6 of 5 marks each- 30 Total -40 Grand total- 100 (Section A+B+C)

SCHEME OF SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT FOR BATCH JOINED IN AUG 2019

SUBJECT – MEDICINE& ALLIED

Theory **Total marks-200** Paper I Total marks-100 Section A – MCQ- Total marks-20 (20 questions of 1 mark each) Time- 20 minutes Section B- Total marks- 40 Q 1 Give reasons (5 out of 6) = 1 mark each=5 marks Q 2 LAQ= 20 marks A Problem based question- 10 marks B Structured long answer question- 10 marks (one out of two questions) Q 3 SAQ (3 out of 4)= 15 Section C-Total marks- 40 Q 1 Give reasons (5 out of 6) = 1 mark each=5 marks Q 2 LAQ= 20 marks A Problem based question- 10 marks B Structured long answer question- 10 marks (one out of two questions) Q 3 SAQ (3 out of 4)= 15

Paper II Total marks= 100 Section A -MCO-Total marks-20 (20 questions of 1 mark each) (10 questions from allied subjects, ieResp Med, Psychiatry, Dermatology) Time- 20 minutes Section B- Total marks- 40 Q 1 Give reasons (5 out of 6) = 1 mark each=5 marks Q 2 LAQ= 20 marks A Problem based question- 10 marks B Structured long answer question- 10 marks (one out of two questions) Q 3 SAQ (3 out of 4)= 15Section C-Total marks- 40 (allied subjects, ie Resp Med, Psychiatry, Dermatology) Q 1 LAQ= 10 marks (Resp Medicine) (one out of two questions) Q 2 SAQ (2 out of 3) = 10 (Resp Medicine)Q 3 SAQ (2 out of 3)= 10 Psychiatry Q 4 SAQ (2 out of 3)= 10 Dermatology Total marks for allied subjects -50 (MCQ-10 + LAQ & SAQ= 40) Time for Section B & C= 2 & half hours Passing criteria – Minimum 40 % in each paper & 50 % cumulative of both papers Syllabus Paper I Section A

- 1. Heart Failure
- 2. Acute Myocardial Infection/ HD
- 3. Liver DIS
- 4. Fever and Febrile Syndrome
- 5. HIV
- 6. Hypertension
- 7. AKI/CKI
- 8. DM
- 9. Thyroid
- 10. Obesity
- 11. GI BLED
- 12. Diarrhea
- 13. Envenomation
- 14. Poison
- 15. Min/Fluids/ELE/Acid-Base
- 16. Nutrition, Vitamin
- 17. Miscellaneous Infections (Lepto/ Rabies/Tetanus)

Cardiovascular System, Gastrointestinal System, Hepatobiliary System & Pancreas, & Genetics Endocrinology, infectious disease & Nephrology, Clinical Nutrition, Miscellaneous Section B

- 1. Heart Failure
- 2. Acute Myocardial Infection/ HD
- 3. Liver DIS
- 4. Hypertension
- 5. GI BLEED
- 6. Diarrhea

Cardiovascular System, Gastrointestinal System, Hepatobiliary System & Pancreas,

Section C -

- 1. Fever and Febrile Syndrome
- 2. HIV
- 3. AKI/CKI
- 4. DM
- 5. Thyroid
- 6. Obesity
- 7. Envenomation
- 8. Poison
- 9. Min/Fluids/ELE/Acid- base
- 10. Nutrition Vitamin
- 11. Miscellaneous Infections (Lepto/ Rabies/Tetanus)

Genetics Endocrinology, infectious disease & Nephrology, Clinical Nutrition, Miscellaneous

Paper II

Section A

- 1. Resp. Med including Pneumonia
- 2. Rheumatology
- 3. Anemia
- 4. Malignancy
- 5. Headache
- 6. CVA
- 7. MOVT DISORD
- 8. Geriatrics
- 9. Psychiatry
- 10. Dermat./VD/Leprosy

Section B

- 1. Rheumatology
- 2. Malignancy
- 3. Headache
- 4. CVA
- 5. MOVT DISORD
- 6. Geriatrics

Section C

- 1. Resp. Med, including Pneumonia
- 2. Psychiatry
- 3. Dermat./VD/Leprosy

Pattern of Practical (Clinical + Oral viva) Total marks- 200

| Long case Max marks | Short case 1 Max Marks | Short case2 Max Marks | Total Case viva | Table viva1 Max marks | Table viva 2 Max marks | Grand total |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | | |
| 80 | 40 | 40 | 160 | 20 | 20 | 200 |
| | | | | | | |

Passing criteria-

Minimum 50 %, cumulative in case & oral viva

Annexure-25 of AC-42/2022 SCHEME OF INTERNAL ASSESSMENT FOR CBME BATCH

SUBJECT – MEDICINE& ALLIED

Total marks- 400

Theory-200

Practical-200

THEORY

| PHASE | Phase | Phase | Phase III | Phase IV | Phase IV | TOTAL | CONVERT |
|-------|--|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------|------------------------|
| | II IV thsem II MBBS Two exams 50 marks each IA 1 & | III VIthsem III MBBS Part I Allied Subjects | VIIthsem III MBBS Part I | VIIIthsem III MBBS Part II | IXthsem (Prelim) III MBBS Part II | | to 200 |
| | 2 | | IA-4 | IA-5 | IA-6 | | |
| MARKS | 100 | 50 | 50 | 100 | 200 (Two papers) | 500 | Marks Out of 200 |
| | | | | | | | |

PRACTICAL (EOP exams)

| PHASE | Phase II | Phase | Electives | Phase IV | Phase | Total | Allied | Total | Convert |
|-------|----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| | IIIrdsem | III | | VIIIthsem | IV | | Subjects | | to |
| | II | VIIth | | III MBBS | IXth | | | | 200 |
| | MBBS | sem | | Part II | sem | | | | |
| | | III | | | (Prelim) | | | | |
| | | MBBS Part I | | | III | | | | |
| | | raiti | | | MBBS | | | | |
| | | | | | Part II | | | | |
| MARKS | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 200 | 400 | 125 | 525 | Marks |
| | | | | | | | | | Out of |
| | | | | | | | | | 200 |
| | | | <u></u> | | | | | | |

ALLIED SUBJECTS

PRACTICAL-

Dermatology-

III rd sem, (Phase II)- 15 marks

VI th(Phase III - III MBBS Part I)-25 marks

VIIIth sem(Phase IV- III MBBS Part II) - 25marks

Total = 65 marks

Respiratory Medicine-

IV th Sem (Phase II) – 20 marks

Psychiatry-

III rdsem(Phase II)- 15 marks

VII thsem (Phase III- III MBBS Part I) -25

Total = 40 marks

Total (All allied subjects) =125 marks

Pattern of question paper for formative assessment

50 marks paper

Section A

MCQ-10 of 1/2 mark each-5 marks

Section B

LAQ- 2 of 10 marks each- 20 mark SAQ - 5 of 5 marks each- 25

Total- 50 marks

100 marks paper

Section A

MCQ- 20 of 1/2 mark each-10 marks

Total – 10 marks

Section B-

LAQ-2 of 10 marks each- 20 mark

SAQ - 6 of 5 marks each- 30

Total- 50

Section C-

LAQ 1 of 10 mark-10 mark

SAQ 6 of 5 marks each- 30

Total -40

Grand total- 100 (Section A+B+C)

SUMMARY OF SCHEME OF INTERNAL ASSESSMENT FOR CBME BATCH

SUBJECT – MEDICINE & ALLIED

Total marks- 400

Theory-200

Practical-200

| | IA- 1 Exam | IA-1 | | IA- 2 | IA-2 | |
|---------|---------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | LAum | Exam | | Exam | Exam | |
| PHASEII | Theory | Practical | Total | Theory | Practical | TOTAL |
| | (Gen Med | EOP | | (Gen Med) | EOP | |
| |) | | | | Allied | |
| | | | | | | |
| MARKS | 50 | 50 | 100 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| | | 45 (| | | Dermatology-15 | |
| | | clinical skills) | | | Psychiatry- 15 | |
| | | + | | | Resp Med- 20 | |
| | | 5 (Log book) | | | | |

| | IA- 3 Exam | IA-3 | Electives | Total | IA- 4 | IA-4 | |
|----------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------|---------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | LAum | Exam | | | Exam | Exam | |
| PHASEIII | Theory | Practical | 50 | | Theory | Practical | TOTAL |
| | (Gen Med | EOP | | | (Allied | EOP | |
| | Meu | | | |) | Allied | |
| | | | | | | | |
| MARKS | 50 | 50 | 50 | 150 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| | | 45 (clinical skills) | | | | Dermatology-25 Psychiatry- 25 | |
| | | + | | | | | |
| | | 5 (Log book) | | | | | |
| | IA- 5 Exam | IA-5 | | IA | - 6 | IA-6 | |

| | | Exam | | Exam | Exam | |
|----------|------------------------|--|-------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| | | | | Prelim | Prelim | |
| PHASEIIV | Theory (Gen Med | Practical EOP + EOP Dermatology | Total | Theory Medicine & (Allied) | Practical | TOTAL |
| MARKS | 50 | 50 45 (clinical skills) + 5 (Log book) + 25 = 75 | 125 | 200 | 200 | 400 |

Final internal assessment

THEORY

| | IA-1 | IA-2 | IA-3 | IA- 4 | IA-5 | IA-6 | Total | Convert |
|-------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| | Phase II | Phase II | Phase | Phase | Phase | Phase IV | | Out of |
| | | | III | III | IV | (prelim) | | 200 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| MARKS | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 200 | 450 | |

PRACTICAL

| | IA-1 | IA-2 | IA-3 | IA- 4 | Electives | IA-5 | IA-6 | Total | Convert |
|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------|---------|
| | Phase | Phase | Phase | Phase | | Phase IV | Phase | | Out of |
| | II | II | III | III | | EOP | IV | | 200 |
| | EOP | EOP | EOP | EOP | | (Med | (prelim) | | |
| | | (| | (| | ` + | prenni) | | |
| | | allied | | Allied | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Dermatology) | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| MARKS | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 75 | 200 | 525 | |

Annexure-31B of AC-46/2023

Resolution No. 5.26 of Academic Council (AC-46/2023): Resolved to approve proposed pattern of practical examinations in Medicine with effect from the batch admitted in 2019 onwards. One short case is of OSCE pattern [ANNEXURE-31A, 31B, 31C].

Division of marks of long case in subheadings

| Long | History taking | Clinical | Diagnosi | Investigation | Management | Attitude |
|----------|----------------|------------|----------|---------------|------------|----------|
| case Max | | examinatio | S | | plan | |
| marks | | n | | | | |
| | 15 | | | 10 | | Ethics |
| 80 | | 20 | 10 | | 15 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 10 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

| Long | Short case 1 | Shortcase | Total Case | Table viva1 | Table viva | Grand total |
|-------|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| case | Max Marks | 2 Max | viva | Max marks | 2 Max | |
| Max | OSCE format | Marks | | | marks | |
| marks | | | | | | 200 |
| | 40 | | | | | |
| | | | | 20 | | |
| | | 40 | 160 | | 20 | |
| 80 | | | | | | |

Time for preparation-

Long case- 45 minutes

Short case 2-15 minutes

Time for viva-

Long case- 10 minutes

Short case 2-7 minutes

Short case 1- OSCE- 10 minutes

Attitude, Ethics and Communication

(AETCOM)

Competencies for the

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Resolution No. 5.38 of Academic Council (AC-44/2022): Resolved to add one short note in Theory Paper II General Medicine on Bioethics for undergraduate MBBS from the batch joined in 2019 (CBME Batch) onwards [ANNEXURE-37] (pg 55 onwards/module 4.1, 4.6, 4.8).

Module 4.1: The foundations of communication - 5

Background

Communication is a fundamental prerequisite of the medical profession and beside skills is crucial in ensuring professional success for doctors. This module continues to provide an emphasis on effective communication skills. During professional year phase III part II (year four), the emphasis is on communicating, diagnosis, prognosis and therapy effectively.

Competencies addressed

| The student should be able to: | Level |
|---|-------|
| 1. Demonstrate ability to communicate to patients in a patient, respectful, non-threatening, non-judgmental and empathetic manner | SH |
| 2. Communicate diagnostic and therapeutic options to patient and family in a simulated environment | SH |

Learning Experience

Year of study: Professional year 4

Hours: 5(1+2+2)

- i. Introductory small group session 1 hour
- ii. Focused small group session 2 hours
- iii. Skills Lab session 2 hour

Contents:

This module includes 3 inter-dependent learning sessions:

- 1. Introductory small group session on the principles of communication with focus on administering communication, of diagnosis, prognosis and therapy.
- 2. Focused small group session with role play or video where students have an opportunity to observe critique and discuss common mistakes in communicating diagnosis, prognosis and therapy.
- 3. Skills lab sessions where students can perform tasks on standardised or regular patients with opportunity for self critique, critique by patient and by facilitator.

Assessment

- 1. **Formative:** Participation in session 2 and performance in session 3 mentioned above may be used as part of formative assessment.
- 2. **Summative:** A skills station in which the student may communicate a diagnosis management plan and prognosis to a patient.

Resources

Same as Module 3.1

Module 4.6: Case studies in ethics and the doctor - industry relationship

Background

This module discusses some nuances in the professional relationships and conflicts there of (also see module 2.5).

Competency addressed

| The student should be able to: | Level |
|--|-------|
| Identify conflicts of interest in patient care and professional relationships and describe the correct response to these conflicts | SH |

Learning Experience

Year of study: Professional year 4

Hours: 5

- i. Introduction of case 1 hour
- ii. Self-directed learning 2 hours
- iii. Anchoring lecture 1 hour
- iv. Discussion and closure of case 1 hour

Case: The Offer

You get a call from the secretary of the promoter of the largest and most successful corporate hospital in the city asking for an appointment for you with him. You are perplexed but make it to the appointment. You enter a large well appointed room. The owner of the hospital gets up from his chair, welcomes you and asks you to sit down.

"Welcome to our hospital, doctor." After a few minutes of empty banter, he says – "My marketing executives tell me that you are the most successful practitioner in this area. As you know, we are a growing organisation; we are eager to partner with you. Doctor, I know that you use the services of another hospital here but we can make it worth your while to consider". You look enquiringly. He continues. "In addition to your professional charges that you can determine, we can provide you with 20% of the hospital's collections from your patient including radiology and laboratory charges. If you send us your outpatients for consultations, laboratory or radiology we will give you back 30% of our collections. We hope that you will consider this, doctor and become part of our extended family."

Points for discussion:

- 1. Fee splitting and other practices.
- 2. Can doctors become entrepreneurs?
- 3. Can doctors own pharmacies or hold stock in pharmaceutical companies?
- 4. What comprises professional conflict of interest?

Assessment

- 1. **Formative:** The student may be assessed based on their active participation in the sessions.
- 2. Summative: Short questions on: 1) Fee splitting and its implications for patient care,

2) Conflicts in professional relationships.

Module 4.8: Dealing with death

Background

Thanatology is a branch of science that deals with death. Death is an event that any medical student will inevitably face during the course of their professional career. Dealing with death empathetically and at the same time not being overwhelmed by it is an important coping skill for doctors.

Competencies addressed

| The student should be able to: | Level |
|--|-------|
| 1. Identify conflicts of interest in patient care and professional relationships and describe the correct response to these conflicts. | SH |
| 2. Demonstrate empathy to patient and family with a terminal illness in a simulated environment. | SH |

Learning Experience

Year of study: Professional year 4

Hours: 5

- i. Introduction of case 1 hour
- ii. Self-directed learning 2 hours
- iii. Anchoring lecture 1 hour
- iv. Discussion and closure of case 1 hour

Case: The Empty Bed

You are a house surgeon in the night shift of the ICU. A 19 year old girl Sharmila is wheeled into the ICU. She has a complicated history. She had surgery for cyanotic congenital heart disease at age 8. She has a history of severe asthma often requiring admission for steroids. She lives in a home near a construction site and recently the attacks have flared up. She now has frequent admissions for asthma exacerbations. She is now constantly on steroids. In the last month, she has had 3 admissions. But she fights it bravely. She carries her books with her when she comes in and after the attack settles down she sits quietly reading. Despite the struggle you noticed that the staff nurses liked her. She was positive and charming. Today was no different but the attack seemed worse. In the ER, the FEV1 was horrible. They had pumped her with steroids, put her on continuous nebulization, an aminophylline infusion was in place when you received her. The smile was smaller but there. The face was cushingoid with all the steroids and the body looked tired. She was moved to her usual bed number 9. Your shift was getting over at 7 a.m. but you stayed on an hour. She looked better, the smile was back you reassured her and said I'll be back in the evening and left.

That evening you report for duty and as you look through the patients, bed number 9 is empty. "Have you discharged Sharmila?" you asked the nurse. No doctor – she developed a sudden cardiac arrest at 12 noon – we could not revive her.

Points for discussion:

- 1. How should doctors deal with the emotions of patients and family facing death?
- 2. What does the patient experience when he/she is dying? Can physicians make the process of death comfortable?
- 3. What are the emotions faced by doctors when confronting death in patients? Is death a defeat for the doctor? Should the doctor be emotionally detached from a dying patient?
- 4. What are the cultural aspects of dying?

Alternate Case: I have decided to die

You are a physician in a community care practice for over 20 years and caring for various patients. Mr. Bhaskara Rao is a patient in your care for the past 14 years. He is 76 years old and has diabetes for the past 30 years. He had renal failure for the past 10 years and is CKD stage V requiring dialysis for 3 years. While he is following up with the nephrologist he values your position in his family as a family doctor and regularly visits you to check if his treatment is correct and more often to seek reassurance. He has invited you to all his family events – the last being one month ago for his grandson's wedding.

This morning you get a call from him. "Doctor! He says in his usual cheerful voice. Can I meet you tomorrow? I have fulfilled all my responsibilities in life. I am not sad. My children are all settled; my grandson is married; my wife as you know is no more. I have decided to stop my dialysis and say goodbye to this world. I thought I'll talk to you about how to prepare for my death!"

Learning Experience

Year of study: Professional year 4

Hours: 5

- i. Introduction of case 1 hour
- ii. Self-directed learning 2 hours
- iii. Anchoring lecture 1 hour
- iv. Discussion and closure of case 1 hour

Points for discussion:

- 1. Can patients choose to die? Is there a role for doctors in the death of patients? Can doctors assist death?
- 2. How should doctors deal with the emotions of patients and family facing death?
- 3. What does the patient experience when he/she is dying? Can physicians make the process of death comfortable?
- 4. What are the emotions faced by doctors when confronting death in patients? Is death a defeat for the doctor? Should the doctor be emotionally detached from a dying patient?
- 5. What are the cultural aspects of dying?

Assessment

- **1. Formative:** Participation in sessions may be used as part of formative assessment. Submitted narrative on the socio cultural aspects of death may be used as assessment.
- 2. **Summative:** Short question on assisted dying.



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