

CAP11 Diarrhoea

The trainee will be able to assess a patient presenting with diarrhoea to produce a valid differential diagnosis, investigate appropriately, formulate and implement a management plan		
Knowledge	Assessment Methods	GMP Domains
Specify the causes of diarrhoea	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Correlate presentation with other symptoms: such as abdominal pain, rectal bleeding, weight loss	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Recall the pathophysiology of diarrhoea for each aetiology	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Describe the investigations necessary to arrive at a diagnosis	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Identify the indications for urgent surgical review in patients presenting with diarrhoea	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Recall the presentation, investigations, prevention and treatment of C. difficile-associated diarrhoea	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Demonstrate knowledge of infection control procedures Demonstrate knowledge of bowel management systems	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Skills		
Evaluate nutritional and hydration status of the patient	Mi, C	1
Assess whether patient requires hospital admission	Mi, C	1
Perform rectal examination as part of physical examination	Mi, C, D	1
Initiate and interpret investigations: blood tests, stool examination, endoscopy and radiology as appropriate (AXR and CT – intestinal obstruction, toxic dilatation)	E, C, D	1
Behaviour		
Seek a surgical and senior opinion when required	ACAT, C	3
Exhibit sympathy and empathy when considering the distress associated with diarrhoea and incontinence	ACAT, C	3, 4