

## CAP17 Headache

The trainee will be able to assess a patient presenting with headache to produce a valid differential diagnosis, investigate appropriately, formulate and implement a management plan		
Knowledge	Assessment Methods	GMP Domains
Know the presentation of the common and life-threatening causes of new onset headache	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Understand the pathophysiology of headache	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Recall the indications for urgent CT/MRI scanning in the context of headache	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Recall clinical features of raised intra-cranial pressure	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Demonstrate knowledge of different treatments for suspected migraine	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Skills		
Recognise important diagnostic features in history	E, Mi, C	1
Perform a comprehensive neurological examination, including eliciting signs of papilloedema, temporal arteritis, meningism and head trauma	E, D	1
Order, interpret and act on initial investigations	Mi, C	2
Perform a successful lumbar puncture when indicated with minimal discomfort to patient observing full aseptic technique	D	1
Interpret basic CSF analysis: cell count, protein, bilirubin, gram stain and glucose	E, Mi, C	2
Initiate prompt treatment when indicated: appropriate analgesia, antibiotics, antivirals, corticosteroids	Mi, C	1
Behaviour		
Recognise the nature of headaches that may have a sinister cause and assess and treat urgently	ACAT, C	1
Liaise with senior doctor promptly when sinister cause is suspected	ACAT, C	3
Involve neurosurgical team promptly when appropriate	ACAT, C	2, 3