

CAP36 Vomiting and Nausea

The trainee will be able to assess a patient with vomiting and nausea to produce a valid differential diagnosis, investigate appropriately, formulate and implement a management plan		
Knowledge	Assessment Methods	GMP Domains
Recall the causes and pathophysiology of nausea and vomiting	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Recall the use and adverse effects of commonly used anti-emetics and differentiate the indications for each and the value of combination therapy	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Recall 'red flag' features that make a diagnosis of upper GI malignancy possible	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Know the indications for urgent surgical review	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Skills		
Elicit signs of dehydration and take steps to rectify this	Mi, C	1
Recognise and treat suspected GI obstruction appropriately: nil by mouth, NG tube, IV fluids	Mi, C	1
Practise safe prescribing of anti-emetics	Mi, C, AA	2
Order, interpret and act on initial investigations appropriately, including but not limited to: blood tests, x-rays, CT scans and endoscopy	E, Mi, C	1
Behaviour		
Involve surgical team promptly in event of GI obstruction	ACAT, C	3
Respect the impact of nausea and vomiting in the terminally ill and involve palliative care services appropriately	ACAT, C	4