

HMP5 Unconscious patient

The trainee will be able to promptly assess the unconscious patient to produce a differential diagnosis, establish safe monitoring, investigate appropriately and formulate an initial management plan including recognising situations in which emergency specialist investigation or referral is required		
Knowledge	Assessment Methods	GMP Domains
Knows how to identify the patient with raised ICP and the initial management within the Emergency Department	E, Mi, C, ACAT	1
Knows how to manage the patient who presents with a blocked shunt	E, Mi, C, ACAT	1
Skills		
Is able to identify and manage those patients with more than one cause for reduced level of consciousness e.g. alcohol plus head injury	Mi, C	1
Be able to maintain the airway of the unconscious patient and be part of the team that undertakes intubation	Mi, C, D	1
Behaviour		
Knows when to ask for help and able to refer patient to critical care	Mi, C	1,2, 3, 4