

CAP21 Neck pain

The trainee will be able to evaluate the patient who presents with neck pain, produce a valid differential diagnosis, appropriate investigation and implement a management plan.		
Knowledge	Assessment Methods	GMP Domains
Outline the common and serious causes of neck pain including meningeal irritation, trauma, musculoskeletal inflammation, local infection and vascular causes	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Understand the investigations required to make a diagnosis	E, C, Mi, ACAT	1
Skills		
Take a full history including recent trauma and appropriate physical examination	E, Mi, D	1
Identify those patients with meningism and consult senior early	Mi, C	1
Order, interpret and act on initial tests	Mi, C	1
Be able to prescribe appropriate analgesia and antibiotics	Mi, C, AA	1
Behaviour		
Ask for senior advice appropriately	ACAT, C	2