Care of Patients with Minor Injuries (EUCP)

Version 1

Level H

Credit Value 20 (ECTS 10)

PRE-REQUISITES
None

AIMS
This unit will enable students to competently assess, plan, treat and safely discharge clients presenting with a variety of minor injuries. It will also serve to enable students to evaluate the evidence base for practice thereby enhancing their clinical reasoning skills.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES
By the end of the unit the student will be expected to:

1. assess, plan, implement and evaluate the total care and safe discharge of patients presenting with minor injuries with reference to evidence-based practice
2. accurately obtain a history and conduct a physical examination of specified minor injuries
3. Discriminate between presenting problems which do or do not require radiological investigation / which do or do not require onward referral to another health care professional and the initiation of such requests, utilising strategies that ensure safety to both patients and colleagues
4. Apply the principles of radiological/ referral interpretation to specified injuries

LEARNING AND TEACHING METHODS
In order to successfully complete this unit the student will have expended some 200 learning hours that includes submission of the assessment.

Prior to commencing the unit students will be directed to a web based learning package of underpinning knowledge and will need to negotiate access to a clinical mentor with proven competency to assist their progress in gaining proficiency in the management of minor injuries. The unit itself will be primarily workshop based with a heavy emphasis on clinical reasoning skills, supported by further web-based materials. In conjunction with the skills grid and practice competency tools the student will identify their present level of expertise and areas of deficit. They will be expected to negotiate with the University Lecturer Practitioner and their clinical mentor, the learning experiences necessary for the development and evidencing of competency. The unit leader will actively support both students and mentors through personal liaison and on line chat room
ASSESSMENT

Summative Assessment
Outcomes 1, 2 & 4 will be assessed by portfolio (100%). ILO 3 will be assessed by OSCE (P/F)

Indicative Assessment

Assessment 1 – The Intended learning outcomes 1, 2 and 4 will be assessed by the production of a competency based clinical portfolio (100%)

Assessment 2 - Intended learning outcome 3 will be assessed via an Objective Structured Clinical (OSCE) Examination. (P/F)
The OSCE will consist of two stations. Station 1 comprises a 45 minute consultation which is followed by Station 2 where the student will complete the patient notes. The OSCE may be recorded to facilitate scrutiny by the External Examiner

Both elements of the assessment must be passed

INDICATIVE CONTENT
History Taking, Examination, Management and Documentation of:
- Musculoskeletal injuries
- Soft tissue and joint injuries
- Wounds and minor burns
- Minor Head Injury
- Ophthalmic Emergencies

Radiological Interpretation:
- Radiological anatomy
- Legal and practical aspects of radiological safety
- Principles of requesting, interpretation and documentation of x-rays

INDICATIVE LEARNING RESOURCES


Journals
Accident and Emergency Nursing
British Journal of Nursing
British Medical Journal
Emergency Medicine Journal
Emergency Nurse
Journal of Advanced Nursing
Journal of Emergency Nursing

Web-based sources
www.bmj.com/
www.bournemouth.ac.uk/schools/ihcs/ip
www.innerbody.com/htm/body.html
www.nurse.org/acnp/
www.nursepractitioner.org.uk/
www.physportsmed.com/
www.practitionerassoc.co.uk/
www.springnet.com/np/npract.htm