

UNIT SPECIFICATION								
Unit title CHILD MINOR ILLNESS AND INJURIES								
Level		Level 6	Credit value	20 (10 ECTS)				
Is this a common unit?		No	Expected contact hours for unit	30				
Pre and co-requisites None								
Aims This unit will enable students to develop skills in assessing, planning, treating and safe discharge of children presenting with a variety of common minor injuries and illnesses. It will also enable students to evaluate the evidence base for practice, thereby enhancing their clinical reasoning skills.								
Having completed this unit the student is expected to:								
1.	1. Demonstrate knowledge of the main anatomical and physiological differences between adults and							
	children, for the management of minor injury and illness.							
2.	Identify and appraise pathophysiological features which can precipitate minor illness and injury in							
	children, and convey the clinical application of this knowledge.							
3.	3. Analyse and integrate the current evidence base within children's care and where appropriate apply the							
	findings to	the practice settin	g.					
4.	Decide on a treatment plan that is both patient-focused and evidence based.							
5.	Discriminate between those children who may require onward referral to another health care							
	professior	nal, and utilize strat	egies that ensure s	afety to both patients and colleagu	Jes.			
Learning and teaching methods The unit will primarily consist of lectures and seminars, which include the following: case-based learning and clinical skills; supported by web-based materials via Brightspace. Facilitated discussions online and professional conversations will be delivered in the classroom. Networking with other students via e-mail and the discussion board are encouraged.								
Assessment								
Formative assessment/feedback Formative assessment: Outline for case based presentation and discussion with peers in the classroom to apply								

theory to practice for the final assessment. Feedback: Group discussion and tutorial support for assessment submissions.

Summative assessment

ILOs 1-2 will be assessed by 30% coursework 1. ILOs 3-5 will be assessed by 70% coursework 2

Indicative assessment Coursework 1 (30%) will comprise a 20 minute

presentation equivalent to 1500 words. Coursework 2 (70%) will be a case-based essay

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Indicative unit content

Psychological and physical differences between children and adults.

Recognising the seriously ill child

Appropriate history taking using a child and family centred approach.

Assessment and examination techniques in children.

Communication skills including: distraction and play methods.

Evidence-based clinical reasoning skills in the management of minor injuries and illnesses in children. Safeguarding of children.

Appropriate patient pathways and referrals to primary and/or secondary care settings.

Indicative learning resources

Key texts

Davies F & Bruce CE (2017) *Emergency Care of Minor Trauma in Children, Third Edition.* London: CRC Press Johnson G (2015) *Minor illness in the Under Fives: A guide for Health Visitors*. Luton: National Minor Illness Centre

Key learning resources

Barkin RM & Rosen P (2003) *Emergency pediatrics: a guide to ambulatory care*. St Louis: Mosby Davies F (2011) *Emergency care and minor trauma in children: a practical handbook*. London : Hodder Arnold Hazinski MF (1999) *Manual of pediatric critical care*. St Louis: Mosby

Hazinski MF (2012) Manual of Paediatric Critical Care 3rd ed. Oxford: Elseiver Health Sciences Jevon P (2012) Paediatric Advanced Life Support: A Practical Guide for Nurses. 2nd Edition. Oxford: Wiley-

Blackwell.

Royal College of Nursing (1998) *Nursing children in the accident and emergency department*. London: Royal College of Nursing

Journals

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

Websites

http://nursingchildrenandyoungpeople.rcnpublishing.co.uk/ www.sign.ac.uk www.nursepractitioner.org.uk/ www.resus.org.uk www.nice.org.uk www.dh.gov.uk www.minorillness.co.uk

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