

UNIT SPECIFICATION				
Unit title CHILD MINOR ILLNESS AND INJURIES				
Level	Level 7	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.				
Intended learning outcomes (ILOs) Having completed this unit the student is expected to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate extensive knowledge of the main anatomical and physiological differences between adults and children, for the management of minor injury and illness. 2. Identify and critically appraise pathophysiological features which can precipitate minor illness and injury in children, and convey the clinical application of this knowledge. 3. Critically analyse and integrate the current evidence base within children's care and where appropriate apply the findings to the practice setting. 4. Justify and decide on a treatment plan that is both patient-focused and evidence based. 5. Critically discriminate between those children who may require onward referral to another health care professional, and utilize strategies that ensure safety to both patients and colleagues. 				
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 equivalent to 1500 words.	

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
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