

TOPIC: A-18 HEPATIC DISORDERS

OBJECTIVE: To be able to undertake focussed history and examination of those patient presenting with symptoms and signs related to underlying liver disease.

PROBLEM	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS/ATTITUDES	LEARNING	ASSESSMENT
1. Liver failure*	Causes and precipitants. Specific complications including encephalopathy, sepsis, fluid and electrolyte balance, renal impairment, hypoglycaemia, coagulopathy, bleeding and malnutrition. Interpretation of LFTs	Initiative investigations to establish diagnosis and cause. To manage the complications of liver failure. Avoid precipitating/exacerbating drugs. Recognise the need to discuss with hepatologists	LP LT GT PS ODA	OC ME FFAEM MFAEM
2. Alcohol withdrawal syndrome	Identify this syndrome and its complications, e.g. Wernicke Korsakoff Syndrome.	Recognise the need for vitamin administration. Initiate appropriate drug treatment. Involve other specialties e.g. psychiatry and social services/General Practitioner. Rehabilitation services. To be sympathetic and non judgemental.	LP LT GT PS ODA	OC ME FFAEM MFAEM

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3. Other topics	Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis. Jaundice Liver transplant Alcohol liver disease Hepatorenal syndrome Portal hypertension		LP LT GT PS ODA MFAEM	OC ME FFAEM MFAEM