Module 1
Psychosis

OVERVIEW

Module 1 provides students with an overview of Psychotic Disorders including Schizophrenia. Participants will be able to have better understanding of the psychopathology of the disorder as well as the various signs and symptoms of Psychosis. There will be a discussion on the treatment including rationale and benefits of early intervention.

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

i) conduct assessment of Psychosis through interviewing & mental state examination
ii) manage & apply treatment for Schizophrenia
iii) treat and manage Psychotic Disorder in Primary Care
iv) have an overview on other Psychotic Disorders & various types of medications
v) be familiar with medication & therapy, with indication & side effect in mind
vi) apply concept of Early Intervention
OVERVIEW

Depressive disorders, anxiety disorders as well as grief and bereavement are common in the community. Participants will be able to acquire the knowledge in differentiating between normal mood states and actual disorders. They will be able to diagnose such disorders as well as provide a holistic approach to treatment. They will also be able to provide advice and psychoeducation to the patients and caregivers.

By the end of the module, participants should be able to:

i) diagnose, assess, & manage depression & anxiety through counselling, therapy, biological treatment & social intervention
ii) identify and psychoeducate patients and caregivers on bipolar disorders
ii) identify normal & pathological grief & the stages which patients undergo
iii) define types of bereavement
iv) conduct grief counselling & provide ways to help the bereaved
v) advise patients and caregivers how to live a healthy lifestyle
Module 3
Addiction / Personality Disorders

OVERVIEW

This module provides an overview of addictive disorders. With a recent increase in awareness about addictions, patients are more likely to seek help early especially at the primary care setting. This module will provide family physicians with a better understanding of these conditions in terms of detection, assessment and treatment.

By the end of the module, participants should be able to:

i) manage substance abuse & dependence
ii) carry out Therapeutic Strategies
iii) recognise and conduct assessment on addictive disorders
iv) apply medical and non-pharmacological measures for detox, rehabilitation and relapse prevention
v) understand the principles in multidisciplinary management of addictive disorders
vi) understand the strategies in management of co-occurring disorders
Module 4
Child and Adolescent Mental Health
including Learning Disabilities

OVERVIEW

This module will emphasize on recognizing and managing children and adolescent’s mental health disorders. Trainees will be given an understanding of child and adolescent mental health disorders and their impact on the lives of the youths and their families. Participants will learn to provide suitable interventions, both medical and psychosocial.

At the end of the module, participants should be able to:

i. identify behavioural & emotional disorders in children & adolescents

ii. apply management skills & prescriptions of medication

iii. apply educational & occupational therapies

iv. assume the role of family doctors in liaison with schools & working in multidisciplinary team
This module provides in-depth study of mental disorder of the elderly. Participants will be equipped with the essential information, knowledge and skills to cope with elderly related mental disorders. Family physicians will be able to manage and prescribe medication for elderly mental patients with confidence.

By the end of the module, participants should be able to:

i) identify different mental disorders

ii) apply assessment methodology to different mental disorders

iii) apply management skills & prescriptions of medication
OVERVIEW

Topic 1 - Managing Borderline and Antisocial Personality Disorders in General Practice provides a thorough understanding of what Personality Disorders (PD) are, including the underlying neurobiology of common PDs in Primary Care. The common presenting features of Borderline and Antisocial Personality Disorders will be discussed and participants will be equipped with useful strategies to manage these two conditions within Primary Care.

By the end of the module, participants should be able to understand:

i) What Personality Disorders (PD) are

ii) The Underlying biology of common PDs in Primary Care

iii) Common presentations in Primary Care

iv) Strategies to manage patients
OVERVIEW

Topic 2 - Psychological Treatment for Addictive Disorders provides students with an overview of non-pharmacological therapies for addictive disorders. Participants will be able to have better understanding of the Alcohol Use Disorder and its treatment which includes Motivational Interviewing and Brief Intervention.

By the end of the module, participants should be able to understand:

i) Psychosocial intervention for addictive disorders

ii) Treatment of Alcohol Dependence through Brief Intervention in primary medical care

iii) Stages of Change Model and Motivational Enhancement

iv) Practical skills of Motivational Interviewing
Module 6
Personality Disorders and Psychological Therapies

OVERVIEW

Topic 3 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy provides an understanding of the fundamental principles of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and its role in common psychiatric conditions such as Depression and Anxiety. It also allows participants to better appreciate its efficacy and limitations based on existing literature. Lastly, the Module will address the relevance of CBT in General Practice.

By the end of the module, participants should be able to understand:

i) Understand the fundamental principles of CBT

ii) Understand the formulation of CBT in common disorders such as depression & anxiety

iii) Appreciate the efficacy and limitations of CBT based on existing literature

iv) Provide psychoeducation on CBT to patients

v) Refer appropriate patients for CBT work