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SECTION I: PREAMBLE

Message from the Vice Chancellor



It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to Nishtar Medical University. Nishtar Medical University is a premier, historical, and prestigious institution established in 1951-52. It holds a unique position among public sector universities as the first and currently the only medical university in South Punjab. It serves as an interface between healthcare provision and medical education. Its allied hospitals meet the healthcare needs of South Punjab and adjoining areas of Sindh, Baluchistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

My aim is to develop Nishtar Medical University as a state-of-the-art medical university capable of nurturing undergraduate and postgraduate students through quality teaching and training. The university should promote research culture, ethical orientation, professionalism, leadership, and lifelong learning. The faculty of Nishtar Medical University remains committed to high standards of teaching, training, research, and service delivery.

Prof. Dr. Mehnaz Khakwani
Vice Chancellor, Nishtar Medical University

MessagefromthePrincipalNMC



Medical education is changing globally, and Nishtar Medical College is committed to academic excellence and student-centered learning in line with WFME and PM&DC expectations. The integrated modular curriculum reflects our commitment to producing graduates who are scientifically sound, clinically competent, critical thinkers, and empathetic professionals.

This prestigious institution aims to provide a learning environment that connects foundational science with early clinical exposure. This approach helps students translate theoretical knowledge into patient care from the early years of training.

Prof.Dr.RashadQamarRao
Principal,NishtarMedicalCollege

MessagefromDeanBasicMedical Sciences

On behalf of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Nishtar Medical University, Multan, I am pleased to acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the faculty members and subject experts who have contributed to the revision of the curriculum for the 1st Year MBBS program. The revised curriculum has been prepared after careful deliberation in the meetings of the Board of Studies of all the department, incorporating the latest developments in medical education, national health priorities, and the evolving needs of pediatric care.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all members of the Board of Studies for their valuable input, constructive suggestions, and commitment to ensuring that this curriculum meets the highest standards of academic excellence and clinical relevance. Their collaborative spirit and professional dedication have been instrumental in finalizing this document.

This revised curriculum is presented with the expectation that it will serve as a comprehensive guide for students, equipping our graduates with the knowledge, skills, and professional values required to address the healthcare needs of children and contribute positively to the medicalprofession.

Prof.Dr.Asgar Javaid
DeanofBasicMedical Sciences

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Institutional Identity and Program Objectives

The MBBS program adopts the vision and mission of Nishtar Medical University to guide its educational framework.

Vision Statement:

We envision healthy mankind enlightened by most accomplished health professionals.

Mission Statement:

Develop a patient-oriented medical university that produces health professionals thriving for ethics, knowledge, skill and research.

ProgramScope(MBBS):

The MBBS program prepares graduates with medical knowledge, clinical skills, ethics, and public health orientation. The program scope extends beyond treatment of illness to disease prevention, health advocacy, research, and response to local and global health determinants.

ProgramOutcomes(MBBS):

1. Apply foundational knowledge to clinical reasoning and medical decision-making.
2. Demonstrate ethical and professional behaviour in academic and clinical settings.
3. Engage in lifelong learning and scientific inquiry in the medical field.
4. Communicate effectively and function as a team member in interdisciplinary health care settings.
5. Recognize the biological and clinical foundations of common health problems with relevance to community health needs.

CurricularBasis

EducationalFoundation:

The NMU curriculum uses Constructivist and Behaviorist approaches with selected elements of Cognitivism. Students build knowledge on prior understanding and apply it to purposeful learning activities that require decision-making, problem-solving, and clinical judgment.

CurricularStructure:

The curriculum follows an Integrated Modular System. It targets early integration from nesting to correlation, representing Level 7 of Harden's Integration Ladder. Foundational disciplines are retained for subject mastery, while teaching is organized around body systems and clinical themes.

SpiralIntegration:

Core concepts are introduced at a basic level in early years and revisited later with increasing depth, complexity, and clinical application across the five-year continuum.

MBBSProgramCompetencies:

The program outcomes are mapped to the PM&DC 7-Star Doctor attributes to ensure regulatory graduate competencies are addressed.

PM&DC 7-Star Doctor Attribute	NMUProgramOutcomes (MBBS)
1. Knowledgeable	Recognize the biological and clinical foundations of common health problems with relevance to community health needs.
2. Skillful	Apply foundational knowledge to clinical reasoning and medical decision-making.
3. Professional	Demonstrate ethical and professional behaviour in academic and clinical settings.
4. Scholar and Researcher	Engage in lifelong learning and scientific inquiry in the medical field.
5. Critical Thinker	Apply foundational knowledge to clinical reasoning and medical decision-making.
6. Leader and Role Model	Communicate effectively and function as a team member in interdisciplinary healthcare settings.
7. Community Health Promoter	Recognize the biological and clinical foundations of common health problems with relevance to community health needs.

Standardized Policies

- **Internal Assessment and Examination Policy:** The assessment structure comprises 20% Internal Assessment and 80% University Examination.
- **Attendance Policy:** A minimum of 75% attendance is mandatory for eligibility to appear in the examination.
- **Research, Anti-Plagiarism, and Mentorship Frameworks:** Undergraduate Research Ethics, Anti-Plagiarism, and Student Mentorship/Counselling are governed by the institutional NMU policy manual, prepared in accordance with HEC and PM&DC guidelines.

Dissemination of curriculum & Study Guide:

Comprehensive student study guides outlining learning objectives, teaching strategies, and assessment formats for all modules are officially published and distributed to enrolled students through the official Nishtar Medical University website at the start of the academic year.

Proposed Educational Strategies

To successfully deliver the integrated modular curriculum, the instructional methodology shifts from traditional passive teaching to active, student-centered learning. The selection of these educational strategies is highly dynamic and subject to contextual requirements, logistical feasibility, and the specific cognitive or psychomotor demands of each module.

- **Large Group Interactive Sessions (LGIS):** Traditional didactic lectures are replaced with interactive sessions. Faculty utilize questioning, think-pair-share techniques, and clinical case introductions to maintain engagement and promote higher-order thinking in large cohorts.
- **Case-Based Learning (CBL) & Problem-Based Learning (PBL):** Small group formats where students are presented with standardized clinical scenarios (e.g., a patient presenting with shortness of breath). These scenarios serve as the anchor for learning the underlying basic sciences, fostering clinical reasoning and problem-solving skills early in the curriculum.
- **Small Group Discussions (SGD):** Facilitated by faculty, these sessions allow 15–20 students to collaborate, discuss complex topics, and clarify concepts, thereby enhancing communication and teamwork.
- **Early Clinical Exposure (ECE):** Introduced from Year 1, students visit hospital wards, clinics, or community health centers. This provides immediate context for their basic science education and introduces them to the realities of patient care, empathy, and health systems.
- **Skill Lab & Practical Sessions:** Safe, simulated environments where students practice basic psychomotor and clinical skills (e.g., vital signs, spirometry, basic life support) using mannequins and standardized patients before interacting with real patients.
- **Self-Directed Learning (SDL):** Dedicated, timetabled hours provided to students to independently research, read, and reflect on specific topics. This strategy is critical for developing the lifelong learning skills required of a modern physician.

- **Clinical attachments** form a major teaching block in later years. Students rotate through wards, OPDs, emergency departments, and ICUs. They observe admissions, follow patient progress, and learn bedside examination from consultants and residents.
- **Ward rounds** are structured learning sessions. Students present patients, discuss differentials, and receive feedback on history and examination. This develops clinical reasoning and communication under supervision.
- **Outpatient department (OPD) exposure** allows students to see common diseases. They learn triage, follow-up care, and chronic disease management. Students observe doctor–patient interaction in real time.
- **Emergency department exposure** teaches acute care priorities. Students observe initial assessment, resuscitation steps, and rapid decision-making in trauma and medicalemergencies.
- **Community medicine field visits** take students outside hospitals. They visit primary health centers, rural health units, schools, and vaccination programs. They observe public health delivery, disease prevention, and health education activities.
- **Research and audit projects** are included in many universities. Students learn study design, data collection, analysis, and presentation. This builds evidence-based thinking and critical appraisal skills.
- **Faculty clinical learning sessions** and **bedside teaching sessions** focus on direct patient interaction. Teachers demonstrate examination techniques, then students practice under supervision on real patients.
- **Tutorials, demonstrations, and grand rounds** support deeper learning. Complex cases are discussed across specialties, linking pathology, imaging, and management in a singlesession.
- **Observations in operation theatres.** Students observe live surgeries in general surgery, gynecology,ENT,orthopedics,and otherspecialties.They learnaseptictechniques,surgical anatomy, instrument handling, and team roles in the OT. Some rotations include scrub-in observation,wherestudentsstandinsidethesterilefieldundersupervision.Thisbuildsearly familiarity with surgical environments and decision-making flow.

ImplementationoftheCurriculum

The successful execution of an integrated curriculum requires robust governance, interdisciplinary collaboration, and strategic resource management.

- **Curriculum Governance:** The overarching implementation is governed by the Curriculum Committee and the Department of Medical Education (DME). The DME acts as the central coordinating body, ensuring that disciplinary silos are broken down and that teaching is aligned with the defined macro and micro-maps.
- **Module Management Teams:** For every block/module, a Module Director (or Focal Person) is appointed, supported by an interdisciplinary team comprising both basic science and clinical faculty. This team collaboratively designs the timetable, selects the clinical themes, and writes integrated assessments.

- **Centralized Timetabling:** The timetable is managed centrally to ensure a seamless narrative flow. Subjects are sequenced logically (e.g., normal anatomy followed immediately by relevant physiology and biochemistry, culminating in clinical correlation) rather than being taught in isolation.
- **Faculty Development:** Continuous pedagogical training is mandatory. Faculty are actively encouraged and supported to complete certifications in Health Professions Education (CHPE). Regular institutional workshops are conducted on interactive teaching methodologies, CBL facilitation, and the drafting of high-quality, clinically oriented MCQs and SEQs.
- **Infrastructure & Resource Allocation:** The institution commits to maintaining and upgrading essential infrastructure, including Wi-Fi-enabled campus spaces for SDL, fully equipped simulation laboratories, and small group tutorial rooms to support the active learning framework.

CurriculumEvaluation&ContinuousQualityImprovement(CQI)

Curriculum evaluation is not a terminal event but a continuous, iterative process designed to identify gaps, reduce redundancies, and ensure the educational program remains responsive to evolving healthcare needs and PM&DC regulations.

- **Multi-SourceFeedbackMechanisms:**
 - **Student Feedback:** Anonymous, standardized evaluation forms are administered at the conclusion of every module to assess the clarity of objectives, the effectiveness of teaching strategies, and the fairness of assessments.
 - **Faculty Feedback:** Instructors provide structured feedback regarding logistical challenges, student engagement levels, and the effectiveness of horizontal/vertical integration.
- **Assessment Analytics (Psychometrics):** The Department of Medical Education collaborates with the Examination Department to conduct post-hoc analyses of all major internal and university examinations. Metrics such as the Difficulty Index (p-value) and Discrimination Index (Point Biserial) are utilized to evaluate the reliability and validity of the curriculum's assessment tools.
- **Annual Curriculum Review:** At the end of each academic year, the Curriculum Committee convenes to review all collected data (feedback, assessment outcomes, and external examiner reports). Modifications are formally proposed, debated, and implemented for the subsequent academic cycle.
- **Alignment with WFME Standards:** The evaluation process strictly monitors the program's compliance with PM&DC and World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) standards, ensuring that graduates meet national requirements and are eligible for international postgraduate opportunities.

Glossary of Terms

Term	Operational Definition
Block	A major temporal division of the academic year containing one or more related modules, such as a block containing CVS and Respiration modules.
Module	A self-contained thematic unit of study integrating basic and clinical sciences around a body system or major theme, such as Blood and Immunity.
Spiral	A curricular design in which longitudinal themes are introduced at a basic level in early years and revisited with increasing complexity in later clinical years.
Theme	The central clinical, physiological, or conceptual focus organizing a segment of study.
Anchor	A primary clinical discipline, condition, or problem that grounds basic science learning.
Linker	A clinical scenario or topic used to connect multiple disciplines within an integrated teaching session.

Section2:CurriculumMapping

The MBBS curriculum is organized through a spiral model across five academic years.

The first two years represent **Spiral I**, where students develop core understanding of basic sciences through integrated system-based modules. Early clinical exposure, research, professionalism, communication, and leadership run throughout these years. Islamiyat, Pakistan Studies, and Fehm-ul-Quran are also included as longitudinal components in Year 1 and Year 2.

The third and fourth years represent **Spiral II**, where students move toward paraclinical sciences, special pathology, and pre-clinical rotations. Basic science concepts are revisited with greater clinical relevance. Clinical clerkship, research, and PCL continue as year-long longitudinal themes.

The final year represents **Spiral III**, where learning is centered on supervised clinical clerkships and patient management. Students rotate separately through Medicine, Paediatrics, Surgery and Allied, and Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

This map shows that the curriculum progresses from foundational knowledge to applied clinical practice. It also highlights that longitudinal themes are not separate blocks. They continue across the academic year and support the development of knowledge, skills, professionalism, communication, leadership, and research orientation.

MBBSCurriculumMap

Phase/SpiralLevel	MBBSYear	Block			
Spiral I: Basic Sciences & Early Clinical Exposure	Year1	BlockI: Foundation& MSK-I	BlockII: MSK-II& Bloodand Immunity		BlockIII: CVS&Respiration
		Clinical Clerkship, Research, PCL: Professionalism, Communication& Leadership			
		Islamiat, Pakistan Studies, Fahm-ul-Quran			
	Year2	BlockIV: Neuroscience-I&Neuroscience-II	BlockV: SpecialSenses& Endocrine		BlockVI: Genitourinary&GIT
		Clinical Clerkship, Research, PCL: Professionalism, Communication& Leadership			
		Islamiat, Pakistan Studies, Fehm-ul-Quran			
Spiral II: Paraclinical Sciences & Pre-Clinical Rotations	Year3	BlockVII: Fundamentals, Infectious Diseases & Chemotherapy	BlockVIII: Cardiovascular, Blood& Inflammation, Respiratory &Endocrinology		BlockIX: CNS&GIT, Skin&Neoplasia
		Clinical Clerkship, Research, PCL: Professionalism, Communication& Leadership			
	Year4	Block X: Hematopoeitic&lymphoid, Infectiousdiseaseepidemiology, Breast& genetics, Population dynamics & nutrition + Eye-I, ENT-I	Block XI: lung & renal system+ Environmental & occupational health, Hepatobiliary system & GIT Tumors, Biostatistics&Research+Eye-II, ENT-II		Block XII: Reproductive system & Endocrine tumors, Study designs & medical ethics, musculoskeletal system, skin & CNS tumors, health system&noncommunicablediseases+ Eye-III & ENT-III
		Clinical Clerkship, Research, PCL: Professionalism, Communication& Leadership			
Spiral III: Clinical Clerkships	Year5	ClerkshipRotation: Medicine&Allied	ClerkshipRotation: Paediatrics	ClerkshipRotation: Surgery& Allied	ClerkshipRotation: Gynaecology& Obstetrics

SpiralProgressionMatrix(ThemeBased)

This framework illustrates the vertical linkage of the designated clinical themes across the curriculum. By keeping the progression generic to the domains of learning, it ensures comprehensive coverage of all relevant conditions within a system rather than prematurely narrowing the educational scope to a few specific diseases. Core concepts introduced at a foundational level in Spiral I are sequentially revisited in Spiral II (Paraclinical) and mastered in Spiral III (Clinical Clerkships).

This iterative, spiral approach aligns with modern adult learning theories by gradually increasing both the cognitive load and the clinical responsibility. In Spiral I, students build a robust mental scaffolding of normal human biology. As they progress into Spiral II, they utilize this established framework to analyze pathological deviations, pharmacological interventions, forensicimplications, and broader public health impacts. Finally, in Spiral III, this accumulated theoretical knowledge is translated into advanced psychomotor skills, diagnostic reasoning, and ethical patient management directly at the bedside.

By continuously revisiting these overarching themes in a layered, progressive manner, the curriculum reinforces long-term memory retention, actively breaks down traditional disciplinary silos, and ensures a safe, competent transition from the classroom to independent clinical practice.

NishtarMedicalUniversity|MBBSIntegratedModularCurriculum

Integrated Module/Themes	SpiralI(Years1&2)	SpiralII(Years3&4)	SpiralIII(Year5)
Haematology/Blood& Immunity Anaemia / Pallor, Bleeding&ThromboticDisorders, Infection,Transfusion Reaction	Normal gross structure, histology, embryology, physiological functions, and biochemical basis of the hematopoietic and immune systems.	Pathological mechanisms, pharmacological interventions, and public health/preventive aspects of blood and immune disorders.	Clinical assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and therapeutic management of hematological and immunological conditions in medical clerkships.
Musculoskeletal Joint Pain, Backache, Bone Aches, Muscle Weakness, Skin Rash/Itching	Normal structure, histology, embryological development, and biomechanical/biochemical foundations of the musculoskeletal and integumentary systems.	Pathophysiology of musculoskeletal and dermatological diseases, related pharmacology, forensic traumatology, and medicolegal aspects.	Clinical evaluation, diagnostic imaging interpretation, and surgical/medical management in orthopedics, dermatology, and rehabilitation.
Cardiovascular Chest Pain, Palpitations, Shortness of Breath, BP (High/Low), Leg Pain/Oedema	Normal gross/microscopic anatomy, developmental embryology, physiological hemodynamics, and biochemical markers of the cardiovascular system.	Pathological alterations, systemic cardiovascular pharmacology, and public health epidemiology of cardiovascular diseases.	Patient evaluation, diagnostic reasoning, and comprehensive medical and surgical management of cardiovascular conditions in clinical rotations.
Respiratory Chest Wall Injury Shortness of Breath Cough&Haemoptysis Chest Pain	Normal structure, histology, embryology, pulmonary physiology, and biochemical basis of the respiratory system.	Pathophysiological mechanisms of respiratory diseases, respiratory pharmacology, and community medicine/environmental health aspects.	Clinical assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and medical/surgical patient management in pulmonology and intensive care clerkships.
Neurosciences Headache, Numbness/Tingling, Paraplegia, Hemiplegia, Syncope,	Normal neuroanatomy, histology, neurodevelopment, neurophysiology, and biochemical basis of the central and peripheral nervous systems.	Neuropathology, neuro-pharmacology, forensic psychiatry, and public health impacts of neurological and psychiatric disorders.	Clinical neurological examination, diagnostic reasoning, and therapeutic management in neurology, neurosurgery, and psychiatry clerkships.

NishtarMedicalUniversity|MBBSIntegratedModularCurriculum

Integrated Module/Themes	SpiralI(Years1&2)	SpiralII(Years3&4)	SpiralIII(Year5)
Coma& Head Injury Seizures, Tremors DisturbedMood/Sleep			
GIT &Hepatology Difficulty/Pain in Swallowing, Vomiting Pain Abdomen Diarrhoea&Constipation Jaundice Distension BleedingperRectum	Normal structure, histology, embryological development, gastrointestinal physiology, and biochemical metabolism.	Pathological mechanisms, gastrointestinal pharmacology, and public health/preventive aspects of GI and hepatobiliary diseases.	Clinical assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and comprehensive medical and surgical management in gastroenterology and general surgery clerkships.
Renal &Genitourinary Dysuria, Flank Pain UrineOutputvariationsIncontinence FacialSwelling&Oedema	Normal structure, histology, embryology, renal physiology, and biochemical basis of the excretory and genitourinary systems.	Renal and genitourinary pathology, relevant pharmacology, and public health/preventive aspects of renal diseases.	Clinical evaluation, diagnostic reasoning, and therapeutic management in nephrology and urology clerkships.
Endocrine&Reproductive Tall/ShortStature Goitre ExcessiveThirst/Urination Weight Gain Pregnancy &Child BirthInfertility&Contraception ,Scanty/Heavy Menses	Normal structure, histology, embryology, physiological regulation, and biochemical basis of the endocrine and reproductive systems.	Pathophysiology of endocrine and reproductive disorders, relevant pharmacology, and community medicine (maternal and population health).	Clinical assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and medical/surgical management in endocrinology, obstetrics, and gynecology clerkships.

PCL (Professionalism, Communication, Leadership)	Normal baseline of medical ethics, basic communication models, and fundamental principles of professionalism.	Application of bioethics in research, handling medicolegal scenarios, and communication in complex situations (e.g., breaking bad news).	Leadership in clinical teams, ethical decision-making in patient management, and advanced professional communication in clerkships.
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OPERATIONAL CURRICULUM FINAL YEAR MBBS PEDIATRIC MEDICINE

Introduction to Pediatrics
Growth & Development
Neonatology
Infectious Disease
Hematology & Oncology
Nutrition
CVS
GIT
Respiratory System
Neurology

Endocrinology
Poisoning
Nephrology
Musculoskeletal
Genetics
Pediatric Psychiatry
Dermatology
Inborn errors of metabolism/immunological disorders
Pediatric Surgery

OPERATIONAL CURRICULUM FINAL YEAR MBBS PEDIATRIC MEDICINE

PAEDIATRICS

The course outline is as follows:

List of suggested topics for teaching the undergraduates is given below, however the individual faculties can alter/add topics as per their discretion in respective institution:

- Common problems of children in Pakistan and statistics of Pakistani children
- Clinical methods in Paediatrics
- Nutrition (breastfeeding, infant feeding, weaning) and nutritional disorders: (PEM, rickets, vitamin A deficiency, iodine deficiency, iron deficiency)
- Growth and development.
- Common pediatric infections: measles, tetanus, polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, AIDS
- Malaria, enteric fever, tuberculosis, chickenpox, common skin infections
- Expanded program of immunization (EPI). New vaccines
- Diarrheal diseases.
- Acute respiratory infections (ARI).
- IMCI (integrated management of childhood illness).
- Neonatology: resuscitation of newborn, care of normal newborn,

birth asphyxia, premature and low birth weight babies, neonatal jaundice, neonatal sepsis, neonatal fits, respiratory distress of new born, common skin conditions of neonates; pyloric stenosis, myelomeningocele, hydrocephalus, common congenital abnormalities and birth trauma.

- Neurology: meningitis, febrile, convulsions, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, mental handicap, cerebral malaria, encephalitis
- Cardiology: congenital heart diseases [VSD, PDA, TOF, ASD], rheumatic fever. Congestive cardiac failure, clinical assessment of cyanotic neonate/infant.
- Hematology: anemias, thalassemia, leukemias, bleeding disorders.
- Nephrology: nephrotic syndrome, urinary tract infections, acute glomerulonephritis
- Endocrinology: hypothyroidism, short stature, diabetes
- Pulmonology: croup, asthma, tuberculosis, pneumonias, pleural effusions.
- Gastroenterology: abdominal pain, malabsorption, hepatitis, cirrhosis, acute liver failure
- Diarrhea [acute/chronic] dysentery, worm infestations, giardia, amoebiasis, rectal polyp.
- Genetics: patterns of inheritance, Down's syndrome,
- Social pediatrics: rights of child, child abuse, enuresis, encopresis, hyperactivity
- Dyslexia, attention deficit disorder
- Miscellaneous: poisoning, prevention of home accidents, behavioral disorders.
- Pediatrics surgery: hernia, intussusceptions, intestinal obstruction, Talipes, congenital dislocation of hip, Vesico ureteral reflux.

SKILLS:

1. Students will demonstrate his ability to obtain a relevant clinical history from a parent or an older child.
2. Student will demonstrate his ability to perform adequate clinical examination of a child of any age (including newborn).
3. Student will be able to interpret clinical and laboratory data to arrive at a diagnosis.
4. Student will be able to advise appropriate nutritional measures for healthy and sick children (Breastfeeding, avoidance of bottle, proper weaning)
5. Student will be able to counsel the parents on health promotive and disease preventive strategies for the child (e.g. immunization procedures; hand washing)
6. Student will be able to recognize and manage common health problems of children.

7. Student will recognize the danger signs of disease in children and be able to appropriately refer children with severe disease to appropriate specialists/hospitals.

8. Student will demonstrate his ability to perform essential clinical procedures relevant to children e.g.

f Resuscitation of

newborn. f Basic cardio-

pulmonary resuscitation.

f Anthropometric measurements.

f Measuring blood pressure

f Starting intravenous lines/draw blood sample

f Administration of oxygen therapy f Giving nebulizer therapy

y [bronchodilator]

f Use of growth chart

OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING SKILLS:

1. Lumbar puncture

2. Bone marrow aspiration

3. Suprapubic puncture

4. Subdural tap

5. Thoracentesis

6. Pericardiocentesis

7. Liver biopsy

8. Renal biopsy

9. Observe passing of catheter

10. Observe pericardial tap

RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

1. **Textbook of Paediatrics** by Pervaiz Akbar

2. **Essentials of Paediatrics** by Nelson. Latest Edition.

3. **Online Journals and Reading Materials** through HECDigital Library Facility

A. Lectures:

Neonatology	
	HemolyticDiseaseofNewborn
	TorchInfection

CVS	CyanoticheartDiseases
	AcyanoticHeartDiseases
	RheumaticheartDisease

RespiratorySystem	Pneumonia
	Croup
	T.B
	Asthma
	Epiglottitis

Neurology	
	Hydrocephalus,Floppyinfant
	DMD,Myastheniagravis
	Poliomyelitis

Poisoning	ApproachtoaChildwithsuspicionofpoisoning
	IronPoisoning
	Organophosphorus
	KeroseneOilPoisoning
	paracetamolPoisoning

	LeadPoisoning
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Nephrology	CongenitalUrinaryTractabnormalities

PediatricPsychiatry	ADHD,Autismspectrum Disorders)
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B. Self-Learning/Topic presentation by Students

- 1) Child Rights, abuse & neglect
- 2) Rabies
- 3) Cardiomyopathy
- 4) Addison Disease
- 5) SLE
- 6) Cushing Syndrome
- 7) Breast Feeding
- 8) Ped. Dermatology
- 9) Ped. Psy
- 10) Growth and development
- 11) Asthma
- 12) Acute diarrhoea
- 13) Dehydration plan A, B, C
- 14) ITP
- 15) Hemophilia
- 16) Bleeding disorder
- 17) 10 steps of malnutrition management
- 18) Development milestones and growth charts
- 19) Difference between Pneumonia and bronchiolitis
- 20) Tuberculosis
- 21) Short stature
- 22) Hypo and hyperthyroidism
- 23) Approach to child with Shock
- 24) Approach to child with Heart Failure
- 25) Malaria
- 26) Dengue
- 27) Enteric Fever
- 28) Chickenpox
- 29) Measles
- 30) Status Epilepticus management

C. Ward Class Topics

- 1) Growth charts
- 2) EPI Program
- 3) IMNCI Program
- 4) Neonatal Resuscitation
- 5) Nutritional Anemia
- 6) Recommended Nutritional & Fluid Requirements
- 7) Heart Failure
- 8) Approach to Vomiting and Pain Abdomen

- 9) UpperRespiratorytractinfections
- 10) Microcephaly
- 11) Geneticcounselling
- 12) SystemExaminationMethods
- 13) Approachtohemolyticdisorders(Thalessemia,SCD,HereditarySpherocytosis)
- 14) Approachtoleukaemia(ALL&AplaticAnemia)
- 15) Pneumoniaandbronchiolitis
- 16) WilsonDisease
- 17) BuddChiariSyndrome
- 18) PersistantJaundice
- 19) ApproachtoChronicDiarrhea(CeliacDisease,Giardiasis,CowmilkproteinAllergy)
- 20) Approachtoprematurechildwithitscomplications
- 21) Approachtonewbornwithrespiratorydistress(BA,RDS,MAS,Congenitalpneumoniaandpulmonaryhypertension,CCAM)
- 22) Approachtoneonataleizures
- 23) Meningoencephalitis
- 24) GuillianBarreSyndrome
- 25) Febrileseizures
- 26) Cerebralpalsy
- 27) DiabetesMellitis,DKAandtheirmanagement
- 28) Rickets
- 29) Downsyndrome
- 30) TurnerSyndrome
- 31) Pertussis
- 32) Diphtheria
- 33) AcuteViralHepatitis
- 34) Mumps
- 35) ScarletFever
- 36) AKI
- 37) CKD
- 38) NephroticSyndrome
- 39) Glomerulonephritis

Introduction to Pediatrics & Growth & Development

Lectures	Ward Teaching	Self-Learning	Skills
	EPI Program Overview w of pediatrics & health indicators	Tanner staging	History taking
	IMNCI Program Assessment of Growth		Taking vital signs
	Developmental Assessment in Children		Anthropometry
			Head to toe examination
			Assessment of developmental milestone in children
			Growth charts

Neonatology

Lectures	Ward Teaching	Self-Learning	Skills
Introduction & Care of Newborn / Newborn Physiology	Neonatal Resuscitation	Counselling of breast feeding	Neonatal anthropometric measurements
	Prematurity Neonatal Jaundice	Twin pregnancy	Assessment of primitive reflexes
	Respiratory distress in newborns (RDs, TTN, MAS) Students will demonstrate his ability to obtain a relevant clinical history from a parent.	Necrotizing enterocolitis	Neonatal head-to-toe examination
	Birth Asphyxia Student will demonstrate his ability to perform a adequate clinical examination of a child of any age (including newborn).	IVH	Resuscitation of newborn
	Neonatal sepsis Student will be able to interpret clinical and laboratory data to arrive at a diagnosis.	Definitions (LGA, SGA, Post-term, preterm)	Administration of oxygen therapy
	JNN Student will be able to advise appropriate nutritional measures for healthy and sick children (Breastfeeding, avoidance of bottle, proper weaning)		
	Hemolytic Disease of Newborn Student will be able to counsel the parents on health promotive and disease preventive strategies for the child e.g. immunization procedures; handwashing)		

	Apnea,Hemorrhagic Disease of Newborn IDM		
	NeonatalSeizuresHypoglyc emia/Hypocalcemia in neonates		
TorchInfection	Anemia in neonates		

Infectious Disease

Lectures	Ward Teaching	Self-Learning	Skills
	Measles, Mumps, Rubella EPI Program	Rabies	
Chicken Pox	Students will demonstrate his ability to obtain a relevant clinical history from a parent or an older child.	Parasitic infections	Starting intravenous lines/draw blood sample
	Malaria Student will demonstrate his ability to perform adequate clinical examination of a child of any age (including newborn).	Aids	Giving nebulizer therapy [bronchodilator]
	Diphtheria Student will be able to interpret clinical and laboratory data to arrive at a diagnosis.	Common Skin infections	Observation of lumbar puncture
	Enteric Fever Student will be able to advise appropriate nutritional measures for healthy and sick children (Breastfeeding, avoidance of bottle, proper weaning)		Observation of thoracentesis
r	Dengue fever Student will be able to counsel the parents on health promotive and disease preventive strategies for the child e.g. immunization procedures; handwashing)		
	Polio/AFP Student will be able to recognize and manage common health problems of children		

Tetanus	Student will recognize the danger signs of disease in children and be able to appropriately refer children with severe disease to appropriate specialists/hospitals		
	Pertussis Student will demonstrate his ability to perform essential clinical procedures relevant to children e.g.		

Hematology&Oncology

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
Thalassemia	BleedingDisorder	Bloodtransfusion	Lymphnodeexamination
Hemophilia	Lymphoma	Plateletstransfusion	Observationofbone marrow aspiration
ITP	Studentswilldemonstrate his ability to obtain a relevant clinicalhistoryfromaparentor anolder child.	Neuroblastoma	
Leukemia	Studentwilldemonstratehis ability to performadequateclinical examinationof achild ofany age (including newborn).	Wilmstumor	
AplasticAnemia	Studentwillbeabletointerpret clinicalandlaboratorydatatoarrive atadiagnosis.	DIC	
	Studentwillbeabletoadvise appropriate nutritional measures for healthy and sick children(Breastfeeding,avoidanceof bottle, properweaning)	Sicklecellanemia	
	Irondeficiencyanemia		

Nutrition

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
	MalnutritionBreastfeeding	VitaminAdeficiency	Assessmentofmicro nutrientsdeficiencysigns
	Infantfeeding	Iodinedeficiency	AssessmentofMUAC+skinfold thickness
	Weaning	Obesity	

CVS

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
Cyanoticheart Diseases	Hypertension	Cardiomyopathies	ClinicalmethodsofCVS
AcyanoticHeart Diseases	HeartFailure	Myocarditis	Observationofpericardiocentesis
Rheumaticheart Disease	InterpretationofPaediatricECG	Arrhythmias	
		Infectiveendocarditis	

RespiratorySystem

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
Pneumonia	Pleuraleffusion	Laryngitis	Examinationofrespiratory system
Croup	Pneumothorax	Tonsillitis	Observationofchest intubation
T.B	ManagementofCOVID	Allergicrhinitis	Observationofpleural tap
Asthma	InterpretationofchestX-ray	Pharyngitis	
	BronchiolitisCysticFibrosis	Otitismedia	
Epiglottitis		Bronchiolitis	

Neurology

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
	MeningitisCerebralmalaria	Pediatricstroke	ExaminationofCNS
	FebrilefitsEncephalitis	Headache	Observationoflumbar puncture
	CerebralpalsyMetabolicfits		Observationoffundoscopy
Hydrocephalus, Floppy infant	AFP		
DMD,Myasthenia gravis	Brainabscess		
Epilepsy	GBS		

Endocrinology

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
	CAH,ambiguous genitaliaGrowthhormonedeficiency	Precociouspuberty	Assessmentofboneage
	Hyperthyroidism Addison'sdisease	Delayedpuberty	Assessmentofupperlower segment
	Hypothyroidism MilwaukeeprotocolofDM	Cushingsyndrome	Assessmentofmidparental height
	ShortstatureDietchart	Diabetesinsipidus	Examinationthyroid
Pediatricdiabetesmellitus			

Nephrology

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
Congenitalurinary tractabnormalities	RTA	Renalstone	Observationofrenalbiopsy
UTI	Bartter'ssyndrome	Renalcolic	Observationofperitoneal dialysis
	ARF/AKIHypertension		Observationofhemodialysis
	Nephroticsyndrome		
	CKD		
	Nephritis'syndrome		

Poisoning

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
Ironpoisoning	Approachtoachildwithsuspicionofpoisoning	Causticingestion	Saving and sending ofsamplesfortoxicology screening
Organophosphorus	Generalmanagementofchild withpoisoning	SnakeBite	
Keroseneoil poisoning			
Paracetamol poisoning			
	Leadpoisoning		

Musculoskeletal

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
	JIASLE	Reactivearthritis	Examinationof musculoskeletalsystem
Rickets	HSP	Osteomyelitis	Physicalexaminationfor rickets
	Clubfoot	Septicarthritiss	
	DDH		

Genetics

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
Introduction togenetics+Modeof Inheritance	Patternsofinheritance		Examinationofasyndromicba by
Downsyndrome	Geneticcounselling		
Turnersyndrome			

PediatricPsychiatry

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
Overview&Differen tial DiagnosisCommon PediatricPsychiatri cIllnesses (PICAnocturnalenu resis,encopresis, ADHD, AutismspectrumDi sorders)	Behaviordisorders	Rightsofchild	DSMcharts
	Dyslexia	Childabuse	
		Childneglect	

Dermatology

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
Eczema	Managementofpatientswith burn	Disorderofnails	Observationofskinbiopsy
Stevenjohnson syndrome		Disorderofhairs	
Infectionsofskin (Scabies)		Skintumors	

Inbornerrorsofmetabolism/immunologicaldisorders

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
ApproachtolEM	Ureacycled defects		Howtotakebloodgases sample
Approachtostorage disorders	Organicacidemias		
Approach toimmunodeficiency disorder			

PediatricSurgery

Lectures	WardTeaching	Self-Learning	Skills
Hernia	Congenitaldislocationofhip		Examinationoflump
Intussusception	Vesicoureteralreflux		Perrectalexamination
Clubfoot	Cleftlip		Examinationofback
TEF	Cleftpalate		
Neuraltubedefects	Hirschsprungdisease		

LECTUREOUTLINE

Sr.No	Topic	Facilitator
1.	Neonatology	Dr. Afaq Chishti
2.	Nephrology	Dr. Faisal Mehar
3.	Gastroenterology	Dr.Saima Zahid
4.	Poisoning	Dr.Afsheen
5.	Psychiatry	Dr. Abrar
6.	CVS	Dr. Javaria Rasheed
7.	Hematology Oncology	Dr. Sulaiman Sheikh
8.	Neurology	Dr. Rabia Bashir
9.	Respiratory	Dr. Amna Wajdan

CurriculumOutline

PediatricUnit–I

- RespiratorySystem
- Gastrointestinal System
- IEM/ImmunologicalDisorders
- HematologyandOncology
- Neonatology
- GrowthandDevelopment
- Nutrition
- Clinical Examination Methods

PediatricUnit–II

- GPE
- Infections
- Genetics
- Cardiology
- NeuromuscularSystem
- Nephrology
- Toxicology
- ClinicalExaminationMethods

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	Pulse				
	BP, JVP				
	Inspection+ palpation				
	Auscultation				
	Auscultation				
	Revision				
	Higher mental functions+speech				
	Cranial nerves				
	Cranial nerves				
	Motor system				
	Sensory system				
	Cerebellar system				
	Signs of meningeal irritation				
	Developmental assessment				
	Revision				
	Revision				
	Inspection				
	Palpation				
	Percussion				
	Percussion				
	Auscultation				
	Revision				

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	Vitals & anthropometric measures				
	Examination of hands, face & neck				
	Examination of lymph nodes, feet & back				
	Revision				
	Vitals, Exam of head & chest				
	Exam of abdomen & back				
	Neonatal reflexes				
	Revision				
	Oral cavity				
	Inspection				
	Palpation				
	Palpation				
	Percussion + auscultation				
	Revision				

RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

1. **Textbook of paediatrics** by Pervaiz Akbar
2. **Essentials of Paediatrics** by Nelson. Latest Edition.