

CURRICULUM FOR THE GP YEAR

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PRACTITIONER ISSUES

Early months:

What is a GP / responsibilities?
Differences between primary care and hospital medicine
Initial administration
Forms
Admitting / Referring a patient
Computers in GP (the how, what and which?)
Interdisciplinary communication
Telephone consultations
Emergencies
Out-of-hours options
The Medical bag
Controlled drugs prescribing
Generic Vs brand
Formulary / Prescribing / Dispensing
Accessibility options
Appointment systems
Usual Dr system vs Practice registered
Registration and de-registration (removals)
Clinics
Systems (Change of address / Results)
Home visiting
GP pay system. The Red Book & G.P.Contract
Items of service
Prevention / Health promotion ('I want a check-up')
WMC / WWC / Over 75Yr check-up
Heartsink patients
Uncertainty
Asking difficult questions
Reassurance
Death of a patient / Terminal care / Bereavement
Breaking bad news
Embarrassing problems

Middle months:

Targets (CxS & Immunisation-targets)
Records (Lloyd George A4 / Computer / Personal)
Clinical Governance / Revalidation & Re-accreditation / HiMP
NSF / Nice
The NHS Plan
Role of HA / Structure of NHS / LMC / MPC / PCG & T etc.
NHS direct
Ethics & Confidentiality
Caldicott report
Data Protection Act
Reports to third parties / Access to records

Consent
Medico-legal dilemmas
Attitudes, Beliefs & Prejudices / Cultural issues
Complaints procedures
Audit / Research
Evidence Based Medicine
Critical reading
Study Design
Guidelines & Protocols
Product Liability
Personal safety
Dealing with anger
Risk management
Waiting room: -Leaflets / Doctor-call systems
Internal building options
Practice brochures
Advertising issues re GP
Patient education / Communicating information
Team building
Nursing homes / Community Hospitals / Part III homes.
Handicap
Complementary medicine
Consultation skills / MRCGP & Summative assessment video
PACT data

Late stages:

Choosing & entering practice
Young Doctor groups
Self awareness / Adult learner / PGEA
Sick Doctors: (burnout / 'unwell colleagues' / the doctor as a patient).
Buildings / Premises & options
Appraisals
Employment law
Contracts
Employer liability / Industrial tribunals
Health & Safety / Security
Accounts / Practice finance / Controlling practice expenses
The NHS GP Contract / Terms & Conditions of Service
Partnership agreements
Managing change
Mission statements / Business planning – short & long-term
Patient participation groups
Interview techniques

