

Manage patients presenting with acute musculoskeletal injuries

DESCRIPTION

The Registrar can integrate findings from the assessment to formulate a management plan for patients presenting with acute musculoskeletal injuries.

The Registrar can perform this activity independently and demonstrates the following competencies:

- Develop and implement patient centred management plans to address patient problems, integrating information from the history, physical examination and investigations.
- Establish goals of care with patients, which may include improving performance or function, treating symptoms and underlying conditions, or preventing injury.
- Provide explanations about the implications of the patients' diagnosis, treatment options, and complications that are clear and adapted to the patients' level of understanding and need.
- Prescribe appropriate analgesics and anti-inflammatories to alleviate pain and inflammation.
- Ensure appropriate informed consent is obtained and documented for therapies and/or procedures.
- Appropriately document procedures performed and their outcomes.
- Prescribe and apply splints, protective equipment, therapeutic and preventative braces, where relevant, advise the patient or athlete on their use and modify fit accordingly.
- Utilise various sling and taping techniques for a variety of musculoskeletal problems.
- Refer patients for appropriate physiotherapy and other therapies based on their diagnoses.
- Establish and maintain healthy inter- and intra-professional working relationships to provide collaborative care for patients, athletes, sporting groups or teams.
- Recognise when surgery is a potential treatment option, counsel patients on the pros and cons of surgical management and refer patients for a surgical opinion when indicated.
- Assess an injured athlete during play/competition/event and evaluate their injury to determine if
 they can continue to play/resume playing or need to be substituted for further investigation and
 management.
- Re-evaluate patients and athletes to determine their readiness for return to activity/sport or if therapeutic exercise programs should be continued.
- Apply knowledge of a patient's cultural and religious background, values/attitudes and beliefs when developing a management plan for a patient.



Manage patients presenting with acute musculoskeletal injuries

WORKPLACE-BASED ASSESSMENTS

MMA

- Minimum of 3 management plans for acute injury i.e. the wrist, elbow, forearm, shoulder, lumbar spine, pelvis, hip/groin, knee, ankle, thigh, leg, foot.
- Minimum of 1 trauma-related plan, e.g. shoulder dislocation.

CbD

Minimum of 1 each of the following:

- Injury resulting from faulty/inappropriate technique, biomechanics or equipment, or training error.
- Minimum of 1 trauma-related discussion, e.g. suspected spinal trauma.

TOTAL MINIMUM - 6

Must include different body areas and a maximum of 50% completed by any one assessor.

EPA COMPLETION

Registrar name:

Has the Registrar requested completion of this EPA previously?

If yes, please check prior EPA Completion form/s to review feedback provided and previous WBA completed.

Registrar must log relevant WBA forms and provide them when presenting for sign off.

Date	Assessment Type	Case Description	Assessor



Manage patients presenting with acute musculoskeletal injuries

Г	T	T		Г			
The Registrar's logbook indicates sufficient exposure to relevant cases to develop competence.							
Recommendation (select one)							
Evidence from workplace-based assessments indicates that the Registrar is competent to manage patients presenting with acute musculoskeletal injuries.							
The Registrar needs to continue learning and completing workplace-based assessment and re-present for assessment of completion of this EPA (provide comment below).							
The Registrar should complete the following before re-presenting for EPA sign off:							
Clinical Training Supervisor:			Signature:				
Date:							
Zone Training Coordinator:		Signature:					
Date:							