Challenges in Pain Management
Module Code NURM108

Credits / Level of Study 15 credits / Level 7

Module Aims
This module aims to allow the student to evaluate pain assessment and management skills and implement effective strategies to prevent, and manage patients’ pain in the context of local and national policies in relation to pain.

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:
• Develop an in-depth knowledge and understanding of theories of pain, critically analysing and appraising barriers in pain management
• Reflect upon and analyse the ability to assess and manage complex pain from a multidimensional approach
• Demonstrate self direction in taking a pain history, evaluating the findings and suggest suitable evidence based pain assessment tools, and demonstrate knowledge and understanding of pharmacokinetic principles in order to provide high quality and effective care

Module Content
Indicative content
• History of pain
• Physiology of pain
• Multi-dimensional aspects of pain
• Psychological and socio-cultural approaches
• Pain prevention strategies
• Pain assessment strategies
• Pharmacokinetic principles
• Opioid and non-opioid drugs
• Complex pain syndromes, eg phantom limb pain, referred pain
• Implement pharmacological and non pharmacological approaches
• Barriers to pain management
• Evaluation of pain management

Pre-requisites/co-requisites of Study
This module is aimed at clinicians managing patient pain. This may be in an acute, primary, urgent or emergency setting. Students must be working in a clinical setting to attend this module.

Delivery of Module
The learning and teaching methods include:
• Use of e-learning platform
• Group discussions and presentation
• Case studies/narratives
• Digital media
• Facilitation
• Utilisation of online resources to develop knowledge for group activity.

Assessment
With direct reference to practice, critically analyse your pain management practice for a patient or group of patients. You should explore current research underpinning pain management and reflect on how this underpins your practice to improve the quality of the patient experience.

Word Count: 3,000 words

Key Information

Study Dates
June 2018: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

*Please check our website to ensure that there have been no revisions to the course dates listed

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Duke of Kent Building, University of Surrey

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