**74/HAM/SCM**

# Liaison Psychiatry

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**Reporting Instructions**

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**Aims**

1)To provide the student with an understanding of the interface between physical and mental health issues in the general hospital setting.

2)To provide the student with greater confidence in detecting and managing the common mental health issues in their patients when they are foundation doctors in the general hospital setting or primary care setting.

**Background Information**

The Department of Liaison Psychiatry was established in its current format approximately four years ago. We are made up of two consultants, a team manager, 2 senior nurse practitioners, two ST4-6 doctors and two admin staff. We cover all 900 acute beds in Charing Cross and Hammersmith Hospitals and receive approximately 600 referrals a year.

The team uses a multidisciplinary approach and we work proactively with our acute trust colleagues on developing protocols for service delivery as well as joint care plans for individual patients.

The student will be involved in this collaborative model of working and the module will equip the student with skills that will be useful for their entire career regardless of which speciality the chose to work in.

**Key Learning Events**

* Weekly ward rounds
* Possibility of attending meetings and seminars with other departments depending on when the SCM is undertaken during the year
* Weekly tutorials with SpR/Consultant
* Shadowing and assisting various members of the MDT in assessing and reviewing patients.
* Potential of getting involved in an audit/clinical project
* Sit in on Outpatient Clinics
* Design and deliver a tutorial to 5th year medical students whilst being observed

**Learning Outcomes**

1. To be able to diagnose and institute the initial management of the following presentations in the physically unwell patient
	1. Self Harm
	2. Delirium
	3. Depression
	4. psychosis
2. To be able to describe the elements involved in assessing risk to self and others.
3. To be able to carry out a capacity assessment as described in the Mental Capacity Act.
4. To be able to describe the uses of the Mental Health Act in the general hospital setting and appreciate how the Mental Capacity Act and the Mental Health Act interface with each other.
5. To be able to describe the relationship between psychological and physical health particularly with regards to medically unexplained symptoms
6. To develop a greater understanding of the ethical issues that arise in the care of the psychologically unwell patient in the general hospital setting
7. To appreciate the importance of excellent verbal and written communication in the assessment and management of the patient
8. To be able to describe the benefits and challenges of working in a multidisciplinary team
9. To understand how to disseminate own knowledge and skills effectively through teaching

**Recommended Reading**

1. Nice Guidelines on Self Harm

www.nice.org.uk/nicemedia/pdf/CG016NICEguideline.pdf -

1. Managing Urgent Mental Health Care in the Acute Trust

www.aomrc.org.uk/aomrc/admin/reports/docs/MHdoc.pdf -

1. Mental Capacity Act 2005

www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga\_

1. Mental Health Act 2007

[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\_084351](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_084351)

1. Seminars in Liaison Psychiatry

  Gaskell Series. By Elspeth Guthrie, Francis Creed

1. Ethics lectures and modules from year 2 on Imperial website
2. Chapter on Psychological Medicine

Kumar and Clarke

**Periods when the module is available:**

3,4,5,6,9,13

**Maximum number of students per period**:

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