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Genito-Urinary Medicine 2007 ARCP Decision Aid

The SAC is aware that there have been some local difficulties regarding interpretations of the 2007 ARCP decision aid for GUM. This is not a statutory document and was issued for guidance purposes only. The SAC has been in discussion with the Prof David Sowden (Postgraduate Dean for GUM) concerning this matter and would like to bring to the attention of Trainers, Trainees and Deanery Officers the following guidance note on the application of the 2007 ARCP Decision aid.

Guidance Note Dec 2009 SAC in Genito Urinary Medicine

The existing 2007 GUM ARCP Decision Aid was introduced quickly and as a result there are some problems with the descriptors and their interpretation. To ensure consistent application, the GUM Specialist Advisory Committee wish to issue the following guidance.

- The 2007 GUM ARCP Decision Aid should be interpreted with a degree of flexibility, which adheres to the principle of acquiring evidence to demonstrate educational progression against PMETB approved curriculum.
- Competence in the specified GUM and HIV presentations can be demonstrated by a range of assessment methods and not ONLY Mini-CEX or CbD (as stated). If the trainee's portfolio outlines that the level of experience has been evidenced by the supervisor assessing the trainee as competent, evidence can be accepted from Mini-CEX OR by CbD OR by a teaching session, OR by performance of an audit OR by passing a relevant diploma.
- Competence of 50% of the "Top 20" GUM presentations should relate to the 16 specified presentations outlined, i.e. evidence would be required for 8 of the presentations in ST3 and ST4, 12 presentations in ST5 and all 16 in ST6.
- This principle should similarly apply to the "Top 15" HIV presentations where only 11 are described; 5 or 6 (5 being the minimum) to be achieved at the end of ST4, 8 by ST5 and all 11 by ST6.
- The "Other GU topics for assessment" and "Other HIV topics for assessment" should be revised (and interpreted accordingly) so:
 - "KC60 coding scenarios" and "Analysis of KC60/KH09 data" read "Analysis of clinical activity data".
 - "48 hour access data" should read "Demonstration of rapid clinic access".
 - "SOPHID data collection and interpretation" should read "Interpretation of HIV epidemiology".
 - "HIV CG discussion/audit" should be removed.

The problems associated with the 2007 ARCP Decision Aid have been dealt with in the forthcoming 2010 ARCP Decision Aid which will apply to those Trainees starting on the new 2010 Curriculum

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