



# CHIR8505

## Diagnosis and Management 1

Session 1, Special circumstances, North Ryde 2021

*Department of Chiropractic*

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#### Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

## General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

(CHIR8502 or CHIR874) and (CHIR8102 or CHIR892) and (CHIR8402 or CHIR917) and (CHIR8504 or CHIR919)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

The focus of this unit is to continue to develop students' clinical reasoning skills, by exposing them to a range of clinical scenarios, which may be encountered in chiropractic practice. It aims to act as a 'virtual clinic', exposing students to a standardised range of clinical experiences. Students go over the case studies prior to the tutorials, and discuss them as a student-based group activity in the tutorials, in order to imitate the independence required in clinical practice. The clinical management of the patient includes nutritional, pharmacological and mental health interventions, and thus these studies are included in this unit.

CHIR8505 articulates with CHIR8506 with the two units together covering the full spectrum of clinically relevant conditions for chiropractors.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

**ULO1:** Integrate and assess presented data (including history, physical examination, and

investigations where appropriate) using problem-solving techniques to successfully diagnose patients presenting for chiropractic care across the lifespan

**ULO2:** Formulate patient-specific management plans under an evidence-based framework, including referral for further investigations or alternative management when appropriate.

**ULO3:** Outline commonly presented mental health conditions and consider how the patient's mental health status can influence their clinical presentation, their therapeutic relationship with the chiropractor, and the clinical outcomes

**ULO4:** Interpret a wide range of diagnostic images and evaluate how imaging findings will affect patient management

**ULO5:** Discuss drug usage relevant to chiropractic practice, including pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics, and explain the significance of toxicity, adverse reactions and contraindications

**ULO6:** Use current research to critically evaluate present nutritional information, issues and trends

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#"><u>Radiology Slide Exam</u></a>	15%	No	Week 13 Friday 8am
<a href="#"><u>Case Study Examination</u></a>	20%	No	Week 7
<a href="#"><u>Pharmacology Assessment Task</u></a>	10%	No	End of Week 8, Friday 30 April
<a href="#"><u>Online case study quizzes</u></a>	15%	No	Weekly from Week 1
<a href="#"><u>Final Examination</u></a>	40%	No	University Examination Period

### Radiology Slide Exam

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Examination

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 10 hours

Due: **Week 13 Friday 8am**

Weighting: **15%**

A slide examination related to radiographic and medical imaging, in which students answer questions on slide images in a written examination

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Formulate patient-specific management plans under an evidence-based framework, including referral for further investigations or alternative management when appropriate.
- Interpret a wide range of diagnostic images and evaluate how imaging findings will affect patient management

## Case Study Examination

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Examination

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 10 hours

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **20%**

A summative assessment of case study diagnosis and management. Students are provided with history and examination information and asked to present their diagnosis and a management plan.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Integrate and assess presented data (including history, physical examination, and investigations where appropriate) using problem-solving techniques to successfully diagnose patients presenting for chiropractic care across the lifespan
- Formulate patient-specific management plans under an evidence-based framework, including referral for further investigations or alternative management when appropriate.
- Outline commonly presented mental health conditions and consider how the patient's mental health status can influence their clinical presentation, their therapeutic relationship with the chiropractor, and the clinical outcomes
- Interpret a wide range of diagnostic images and evaluate how imaging findings will affect patient management
- Discuss drug usage relevant to chiropractic practice, including pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics, and explain the significance of toxicity, adverse reactions and contraindications
- Use current research to critically evaluate present nutritional information, issues and trends

## Pharmacology Assessment Task

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 10 hours

Due: **End of Week 8, Friday 30 April**

Weighting: **10%**

This assessment task is based on a patient profile which contains a list of medications taken by the patient. Based on the information provided students must answer a series of questions assessing their ability to apply their knowledge of pharmacology.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Discuss drug usage relevant to chiropractic practice, including pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics, and explain the significance of toxicity, adverse reactions and contraindications

## Online case study quizzes

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 10 hours

Due: **Weekly from Week 1**

Weighting: **15%**

Weekly online quizzes accessible through ilearn. The quizzes will assess theory and radiology related to weekly case studies, and nutrition and mental health questions based on lecture material from the previous week.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Integrate and assess presented data (including history, physical examination, and investigations where appropriate) using problem-solving techniques to successfully diagnose patients presenting for chiropractic care across the lifespan
- Formulate patient-specific management plans under an evidence-based framework, including referral for further investigations or alternative management when appropriate.
- Interpret a wide range of diagnostic images and evaluate how imaging findings will affect patient management

## Final Examination

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Examination

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 20 hours

Due: **University Examination Period**

Weighting: **40%**

The final exam covers pharmacology, nutrition and mental health theory.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Outline commonly presented mental health conditions and consider how the patient's mental health status can influence their clinical presentation, their therapeutic relationship with the chiropractor, and the clinical outcomes
- Discuss drug usage relevant to chiropractic practice, including pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics, and explain the significance of toxicity, adverse reactions and contraindications
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<sup>1</sup> If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

<sup>2</sup> Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

## Delivery and Resources

### Unit Web Page

You can log in to [iLearn](#) System via the link listed below:

<http://learn.mq.edu.au>

All lecture materials will be posted on iLearn, and there is also a link to ECHO360 for **audio** recordings of the lectures plus livestreaming.

There are 3 lectures per week one in each stream. The streams are - Nutrition, Mental Health and Clinical Pharmacology.

All Nutrition lectures will be delivered Pre-recorded in 2021. Mental Health and Clinical Pharmacology will be a mixture of pre-recorded and live online lectures.

### Required and Recommended Resources

#### **Core:**

Beirman R. Cases in Differential Diagnosis for the Physical and Manipulative Therapies. Churchill Livingstone, 2012

#### **Highly recommended:**

Souza, T. Differential Diagnosis for the Chiropractor

Yochum, T., & Rowe, L., 20, Essentials of Skeletal Radiology – Vols I & II, (ed.) Lippincott, William & Wilkins, Baltimore.

#### **A note about textbooks:**

Textbooks for this unit can be purchased online from Booktopia <https://www.booktopia.com.au>

[Link to textbook at booktopia](#)

#### **Tutorials:**

Case Studies & Evidence Informed Practice

The schedule of weekly tutorials is available on iLearn. It details the case studies that will be covered in the tutorials, the extra reading cases and the online quiz cases for theory and radiology, all laid out week by week. Please consult the schedule at the start of every week and prepare before coming to tutorials and go through the assigned cases before undertaking the weekly online quizzes. Attendance and participation in tutorials are a hurdle requirement and it is necessary to attend at least 8 of the 10 sessions.

## **Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)

- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

## Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

## Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.



## Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.