General Information

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Unit guide CHIR931 Diagnosis and Management 1

Credit points
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Prerequisites
CHIR874 and CHIR892 and CHIR917 and CHIR919

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
The focus of this unit is to continue to develop student’s clinical reasoning skills, by exposing them to the widest possible range of clinical scenarios which may be encountered in chiropractic practice. It aims to act as a ‘virtual clinic’, exposing all students to a standardised range of clinical experiences. Students will be encouraged to complete a certain proportion of unit activities outside formal class contact time, in order to imitate the independence required in clinical practice. CHIR931 also includes studies in nutrition, pharmacology, mental health and public health.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

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6. Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical and safety issues related to drug usage with their pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics and mechanisms of action
7. Use current research to critically evaluate present nutritional issues and trends

General Assessment Information

Attendance Requirements

A minimum of 80% attendance at tutorial classes is required in order to successfully complete this unit.

You must attend the class in which you enrolled. You must not exchange their class time. In special circumstances, you may apply for requests regarding changes. These requests are to be submitted to the unit convenor.

Examinations

The University Examination period in for First Half Year 2015 is from: 9th June – 26th June, 2014

You are expected to present yourself for examination at the time and place designated in the University Examination Timetable. The timetable will be available in draft form approximately eight weeks before the commencement of the examinations and in final form approximately four weeks before the commencement of the examinations. http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/exam

The only exception to not sitting an examination at the designated time is because of documented illness or unavoidable disruption. In these circumstances you may wish to consider applying for Special Consideration. Information about unavoidable disruption and the special consideration process is available at http://www.reg.mq.edu.au/Forms/APSCon.pdf

If a Supplementary Examination is granted as a result of the Special Consideration process the examination will be scheduled after the conclusion of the official examination period. (Individual Divisions may wish to signal when the Division’s Supplementary exams are normally scheduled.)

You are advised that it is Macquarie University policy not to set early examinations for individuals or groups of students. You are expected to ensure that you are available until the end of the teaching semester that is the final day of the official examination period.

Returning Assessment Tasks

1. The referral letters will be returned in the first tutorials, and feedback will be given.
2. If possible (depending on marking time, the pharmacology and nutrition assignments will be returned with feedback).
3. Slide and Final Examination: Papers will not be returned. Marks will be incorporated into the final unit grade.

Extensions and penalties

https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offers/48561/unit_guide/print
Extensions to assignments are at the discretion of the unit convenor. It is your responsibility to prove to the convenor that there has been unavoidable disruption. Marks will be deducted for late submissions in the absence of an approved extension.

Final examinations: 9 - 26 June 2015

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**Referral letters**

Due: **Week 5 and 9**
Weighting: 5%

This will comprise writing 2 referral letters over the course of the session. If you do not attain a minimum mark of 60% in this section, you will be asked to redo the assignment and re-submit. This assignment involves the writing of referral letters to a medical practitioner. It is to be submitted in 2 parts through the Turnitin link on iLearn.

Part 1: due March 23, 9am

Part 2: due May 4, 9am

You will need to explore the literature regarding referral letter writing skills prior to commencing on this task.

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Radiology Slide Examination
Due: Week 13
Weighting: 20%

A slide examination, predominantly related to XRay imaging, will be held in week 13.

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Nutrition Assignment
Due: Week 11
Weighting: 15%

The emphasis in this topic throughout the semester is to take an evidenced-based, critical review of the information available on what constitutes a “healthy diet”. Far from being obvious, it is a difficult question to answer, and the media tend to take the line of least resistance by pandering largely to the governmental guidelines of the day, without any real consideration of the rich and ongoing research. Your task in this assignment is to produce an article for consumption by the
general public – that could appear in a newspaper or magazine. This article must give advice on healthy eating as it has seldom been given before – in a balanced and well researched manner, based on the state of present research. I understand that there is a lot of controversy, but what can be crystallised out of it all presently that can comfortably be given as good advice? What advice about the controversies do you want to tell the public to help them understand the present knowledge? Everything you say in this article must be referenced. It is to be submitted through the Turnitin link on iLearn.

Details: 12point font, single spaced, Times New Roman, 600 – 800 words (1.5 – 2 pages). All referencing must strictly follow the Vancouver Style.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
• Use current research to critically evaluate present nutritional issues and trends

Pharmacology Assignment

Due: Week 8
Weighting: 15%

Part I - Pharmacogenomics

The study of human genome leads to a rapid development of this area of pharmacology. Write an essay covering the following topics:

1. What is pharmacogenomic?
2. Benefits
3. Example of tests available in Australia
4. Give one example of pharmacogenetic study in pharmacokinetic and one in pharmacodynamic
5. How is pharmacogenomic changing the future of drug treatment

Details: 12 point font, single spaced, Times New Roman, 300-600 words. All referencing must strictly follow the Vancouver Style

Part II - Placebo effect

Placebo effect in pharmacology has always been a very intriguing area of study. Write at least 250 words on this topic by giving and justifying your opinion, discussing the topic, summarizing details, and supporting what you write with references.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
• Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical and safety issues related to drug usage with their pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics and mechanisms of action
Final Written Examination
Due: examination period  
Weighting: 40%  
Based on the sections nutrition, pharmacology and mental health

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Tutorial Participation
Due: ongoing  
Weighting: 5%  
This mark is derived from your preparation of the Clinic Pre-assessment Form and participation during the tutorial group work, including presentation of case study material.

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**Delivery and Resources**

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<td>Mon 11-12.30 or Mon 12.30-2 or Tues 2-3.30</td>
<td><strong>Clinical Case studies - Diagnosis</strong>&lt;br&gt;Each week, you will be presented with a selection of clinical scenarios, which will initiate the clinical problem solving activities for this class. They may include cases from the paediatric, adult and geriatric populations.</td>
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<td>Lec 1</td>
<td>Monday 2-3 or Wed 9-10</td>
<td><strong>Clinical Case studies - Diagnostic imaging</strong>&lt;br&gt;Each week, any appropriate images which relate to the cases discussed in the Tutorial will be examined and discussed. When time permits, the lecturer will also provide images for identification and discussion which relate either to the type of pathology or the anatomical region of the original case.</td>
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<td><strong>Pharmacology</strong>&lt;br&gt;will provide a basic understanding of the range of therapeutic drug classes, the names of commonly used pharmacological agents in the treatment of common disorders, the ethical and safety issues related to drug usage and explain the significance of toxicity, adverse reactions, contraindications and side effects of drugs.</td>
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<td><strong>Nutrition</strong>&lt;br&gt;will provide a firm foundation in the science of nutrition and explore current nutritional trends.</td>
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<td>This series of lectures includes diagnostic considerations across the lifespan, preventative medicine strategies used in these demographic groups, and a look at injuries and infections which are common across the lifespan. The ‘Mental Health’ Lecture series completes your formal education on mental health issues, building on the content covered in earlier units.</td>
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<td>The management of the cases covered in the tutorial will be discussed. Focus will be on the role of the chiropractor.</td>
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3-4 hours per week related activities

**Tutorials**

Tutorials are compulsory, and at least 80% must be attended as a requirement to pass this unit. You must attend the tutorial class in which you enrolled. Students must not exchange their class time. In special circumstances, you may request a specific change. These requests are to be submitted to the strand coordinator.

**Attendance Requirements**

If you miss your assigned tutorial in any week, you may request attendance at an alternative session, through written request and appropriate documentation to the unit convenor. This allowance may be used on a maximum of 2 occasions.

**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 or audiovisual (where available) recordings of the lectures.

**Required and Recommended Resources**

**Core:**

Beirman R. Cases in Differential Diagnosis for the Physical and Manipulative Therapies.
Unit Schedule

Tutorial 1 and Lectures 1 & 5: Case Studies & Evidence Informed Practice

Venue: Monday Tutorials E8A 386, Tuesday Tutorials E5A 350, Monday Lecture 1 in E7B T5, Wednesday Lecture 1 in E7B T5, Friday 8-9am Lecture 5 in E7B T3

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Lecture 2 Series - Thursday 9-10am: Pharmacology

Venue: E7B T2
Week | Major theme
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1 | Introduction and basic principles of pharmacology
2 | Autonomic nervous system
3 | Cardiovascular, renal and haemopoietic system part 1
4 | Cardiovascular, renal and haemopoietic system part 2
5 | Central nervous system part 1
6 | Central nervous system part 2
7 | Endocrinology and reproductive pharmacology
8 | Gastrointestinal system and miscellaneous drugs
9 | Respiratory system and antimicrobials, chemotherapy
10 | Revision/exam outline
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**Lecture 3 Series - Thursday 11-12am: Nutrition**

**Venue:** Forum

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| 1 | 23 February | Introduction to CHIR931  
Energy and Metabolism (SW) |
| 2 | 2 March | Energy and Metabolism (SW) |
| 3 | 9 March | What should dietary intake be based on? (SW) |
| 4 | 16 March | What should dietary intake be based on? (SW) |
| 5 | 23 March | What should dietary intake be based on? (SW) |
| 6 | 30 March | The Role of GUT microbes in health, obesity and disease (Connie Wing Yan) |
MIDSEMESTER BREAK: 3 – 19 APRIL

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Friday 9-10 am lecture 5 series: Mental Health and Public Health

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<td>Mental Health 3: Dealing with patients with a possible mental health disorder and mental health services in Australia. Mental health 'first aid'.</td>
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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

Results

Results shown in iLearn, 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.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/).
Learning Skills

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

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

Equity 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.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/.

When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

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**PG - Effective Communication**

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens
Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes
• Demonstrate competence in integrating all presented data (including history, physical examination, diagnostic imaging and - where relevant - other investigative procedures) using problem solving techniques, in order to successfully diagnose and manage adult (including geriatric) patients in chiropractic care, using 'evidence-informed practice'.
• Apply an understanding of commonly presented health problems exhibited by the paediatric population to a range of clinical scenarios, in order to diagnose and determine a plan of management for that patient, using 'evidence-informed practice'.
• Demonstrate an understanding of commonly presented mental health problems in a range of clinical scenarios, and how the patient's mental health status can influence their clinical presentation, their therapeutic relationship with the chiropractor and the clinical outcomes.
• Demonstrate competence in establishing the need for referral(urgent and non-urgent)to a medical or other type of practitioner, in a patient who consults a chiropractor.
• Demonstrate competence in interpreting and reporting on a wide range of diagnostic images.
• Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical and safety issues related to drug usage with their pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics and mechanisms of action
• Use current research to critically evaluate present nutritional issues and trends

**Assessment tasks**

• Referral letters
• Nutrition Assignment
• Pharmacology Assignment

**PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative**

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

• Demonstrate competence in integrating all presented data (including history, physical examination, diagnostic imaging and - where relevant - other investigative procedures) using problem solving techniques, in order to successfully diagnose and manage adult (including geriatric) patients in chiropractic care, using 'evidence-informed practice'.

• Apply an understanding of commonly presented health problems exhibited by the paediatric population to a range of clinical scenarios, in order to diagnose and determine a plan of management for that patient, using 'evidence-informed practice'.

• Demonstrate an understanding of commonly presented mental health problems in a range of clinical scenarios, and how the patient's mental health status can influence their clinical presentation, their therapeutic relationship with the chiropractor and the clinical outcomes.

• Demonstrate competence in establishing the need for referral (urgent and non-urgent) to a medical or other type of practitioner, in a patient who consults a chiropractor.

• Demonstrate competence in interpreting and reporting on a wide range of diagnostic images.

• Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical and safety issues related to drug usage with their pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics and mechanisms of action.

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**Changes from Previous Offering**

Nutrition and Pharmacology have been moved from the unit CHIR921 to this unit

**Grading**

Achievement of grades will be based on the following criteria:

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**NOTE: Raw mark vs SNG**

"The Standard Numerical Grade (SNG) is the number that is associated with the grade (high distinction, distinction, credit and so on) that a student is awarded. It is called a grade as it does not represent the raw marks, it reflects where within the grading structure the student sits."

http://www.mq.edu.au/glossary/term/StandardisedNumericalGrade

It is NOT necessarily the same as your RAW mark, which represents the total of your marks for each assessment task.

*High Distinction:* provides consistent evidence of deep and critical understanding in relation to the learning outcomes. There is substantial originality and insight in identifying, generating and communicating competing arguments, perspectives or problem solving approaches; critical evaluation of problems, their solutions and their implications; creativity in application.

*Distinction:* provides evidence of integration and evaluation of critical ideas, principles and
theories, distinctive insight and ability in applying relevant skills and concepts in relation to learning outcomes. There is demonstration of frequent originality in defining and analysing issues or problems and providing solutions; and the use of means of communication appropriate to the discipline and the audience.

*Credit:* provides evidence of learning that goes beyond replication of content knowledge or skills relevant to the learning outcomes. There is demonstration of substantial understanding of fundamental concepts in the field of study and the ability to apply these concepts in a variety of contexts; plus communication of ideas fluently and clearly in terms of the conventions of the discipline.

*Pass:* provides sufficient evidence of the achievement of learning outcomes. There is demonstration of understanding and application of fundamental concepts of the field of study; and communication of information and ideas adequately in terms of the conventions of the discipline. The learning attainment is considered satisfactory or adequate or competent or capable in relation to the specified outcomes.

*Fail:* does not provide evidence of attainment of all learning outcomes.

There is missing or partial or superficial or faulty understanding and application of the fundamental concepts in the field of study; and incomplete, confusing or lacking communication of ideas in ways that give little attention to the conventions of the discipline.

### Changes since First Published

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