

Key Themes from the Curriculum

Most of the subject material in the generic skills section is suited to delivery in the Primary Care setting. This list highlights those skills that are most appropriate for development in Primary Care.

Good Clinical Care

History, Examination & Record-keeping Skills

- Psychological / social factors
- Family issues
- Psychiatric Illness
- Patients with special educational needs
- Therapeutics
- Evidence-based prescribing
- Common prescribing situations and issues
- Records
- Communication between primary and secondary care

Time Management, risk management and decision-making

- Time management
- Team working skills
- Risk management
- Epidemiology of clinical presentation within primary care
- Decision making
- Involving patients in decision making process

Communication Skills

- Within consultation
- Breaking bad news
- With colleagues
- Listening skills
- Discharge information
- Complaints; dealing with dissatisfied patients

Maintaining Good Medical Practice

Lifelong learning

Using learning opportunities

Personal learning plans

EBM

- Principles, implementation and limitations

Audit

- Principles, practical aspects, managing change

Guidelines

- Advantages and limitations

Maintaining Trust

Professional Behaviour and Probity

- Dr-Pt relationship
- Continuity of care
- Working with others
 - Team-working
 - Communication between team members

Ethical & Legal Issues

- Consent
 - Children's rights and Gillick competency
 - Confirming patient's understanding

- Legal issues
 - Child protection
 - DVLA
 - Advance directives, living will

Patient Partnership & Health Promotion

- Educating patients
 - Understanding natural history of common diseases
 - Negotiating treatment plans
 - Encouraging ownership & responsibility

- Lifestyle factors
 - Recognising risk factors
 - Advising on lifestyle changes
 - Involving other professionals