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Cardiothoracic Protocol

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Practical application of knowledge:

It is evidenced through clinical and technical skills. Each topic has a competence level ascribed to it in the areas of clinical and technical skills ranging from 1 to 4:

1. observation at this level the trainee:

- has adequate knowledge of the steps through direct observation
- can handle instruments relevant to the procedure appropriately and safely
- can perform some parts of the procedure with reasonable fluency.

2. Assistance ; at this level the trainee:

- knows all the steps - and the reasons that lie behind the methodology
- can carry out a straightforward procedure fluently from start to finish.
- knows and demonstrates when to call for assistance/advice from the supervisor (knows personal limitations).

3. Can do whole but may need assistance; at this level the trainee:

Recognizes and makes a correct assessment of common problems that are encountered.

4. Competent to do without assistance, including complications.



General Principles

Cardiopulmonary bypass

A day per week, outside operative days, all the period of his residency

Cardiac Surgery ICU; management of post cardiac surgery patients,
12 hours on a weekly basis, outside operative days, all the period of his residency

Research

Contribute in an annual research work for publishing, not related to his master degree study or related research

Trauma

During his training as a part of the trauma team in all his rotations.

Rotation (Alphabetical)

Adult Cardiac Surgery (3 yearsmonths 3 &)

Cardiology (6 months)

Congenital Cardiac Surgery (6 months)

Thoracic Surgery (6 months)

Vascular Surgery (3 months)

Required Basic Knowledge

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Pharmacology
- Clinical skills and judgement
- Examinations
- Hand skills
- Investigations
- Decision Making
- Communication skills.



Vascular Surgery

Duration; 3 months

Training Place; Governmental specialized center

Required Knowledge.

Anatomy of the blood vessels

carotid arteries ,axillary vessels ,subclavian vessels ,thoracic aorta ,abdominal aorta ,iliac vessels ,femoral vessels.

Physiology :

arterial circulation ,venous circulation and capillary circulation.

Pharmacology :

vasopressor medications and vasodilator agents

Clinical; History and examination

Investigations:

Arterial Doppler and duplex reading and performing

ReadingCT arteriography.

Operative skills :

Management of various vascular injuries.

Femoral and axillary exposure.

EVAR ,TEVAR

Diseases:

Peripheral vascular disease.s

Cardiology

Duration; 6 months

Training Place: cardiology department.



Required Knowledge:

Anatomy:

Chest , heart and blood vessels

Physiology:

Action potential ,Cardiac cycle ,arterial blood pressure, arterial ,venous and capillary circulation.

Pharmacology:

Anti-hypertensive medications ,anti-ischemic agents ,anti-failure medications

Thrombolytic ,anti-platelets ,NOACS

Clinical; History and examination

Investigations:

ECG

Echo

TTE&TEE

CT coronary angiography &CT aortography &CT pulmonography

Basic angiography

Diseases:

Pulmonary edema ,Pulmonary embolism

Ischemic heart disease

Hypertension

Rheumatic fever

Infective endocarditis

Arrhythmia

Pericardial diseases

Wire based : techniques

- Femoral access
- Radial access
- Diagnostic coronary .angiography
- TAVI
- TEVAR



● **Thoracic Surgery**

Duration; 6 months

Training Place; Governmental specialized center

Required Knowledge;

Anatomy:

- Thoracic cage
- Pleurae
- Lungs
- Mediastinum
- Pulmonary artery
- Pulmonary veins
- Thoracic duct
- Esophagus

Physiology:

.Respiratory function

Pharmacology:

Anti-tuberculous

Antibiotics

Mucolytics

Bronchodilators

Clinical:

History and examination)

Preoperative evaluation



Investigations:

- Plain X-ray interpretation
- CT interpretation
- Pulmonary Function Test
- Ventilator management
- Bronchoscopy
- Procedures and Operative skills
- ICT insertion
- Various thoracic incisions

Diseases

Pleural Diseases and Surgery

Lung diseases and surgery

: Techniques

- Thoracotomy
- Minimallyinvasiveincisions.
- Diagnostic&therapeuticrigid/fiberopticbrochoscopy(includingairwayFBremoval)
- Thoracotomyinanemergencysetting.
- Lungresections.
- Intercostal tube insertion and care indifferentage groups
- Bullectomy/blebectomy&pleurodesisforpneumothorax
- Pleuraleffusiondrainage
- Decorticationforempyema
- Mediastinalmassbiopsy
- Drainageofmediastinalinfections
- Rewiring& dewiringofthesternum
- Pectoralflap
- Omentalflap

Congenital cardiac Surgery

Duration; 6 months

Training Place; National Heart Institute



Required Knowledge;

Embryology

Anatomy

Physiology :foetal circulation.

Pharmacology

Nutrition ,intropic support

Clinical; History and examination)

Investigations

Operative skills

- ASD closure
- VSD closure
- PDA ligation
- Pulmonary artery banding
- Cavopulmonary shunt
- Repair of TOF
- Repair of SAM
- Repair of coarctation of the Aorta



Adult cardiac surgery

Duration; 3 years

Required Knowledge;

Anatomy

Aorta, Heart, Saphenous vein, Thoracic duct, Femoral anatomy, Internal mammary artery, Radial artery, Phrenic nerve

Physiology

Heart lung machine

Myocardial protection.

Cardioplegic solutions

Clinical; History and examination.

Investigations

- ECG,
- ECHO (Interpretation), echocardiography (transthoracic and transesophageal), including 2D, Doppler, 3D and stress echo
- Coronary angiography; Interpretation of Coronary Angiography (including invasive flow measures (FFR etc.) and Ultrasound (IVUS)
- CT
- MRI
- .Myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI)



: **Surgical techniques** Ordered according to the surgical progress of the resident.

- .Saphenous venous graft harvesting
- Median Sternotomy
- .Radial artery harvesting
- .Sternal closure
- .Internal thoracic artery harvesting (pedicled then skeletonized)
- .Aortic valve replacement
- .Proximal coronary anastomosis
- .Mitral valve replacement
- Tricuspid valve repair
- .CABG surgery
- IABP insertion.
- Myxoma excision
- Minimally invasive surgery
- Redo sternotomy.
- Pericardiectomy
- .Adult congenital surgeries
- .Mitral valve repair
- Off pump CABG.
- Operations for aortic aneurysm.(Bental ,David procedure.....)
- Atrial fibrillation surgery
- Valve-sparing aortic root procedures.
- Transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR)
- Pacemaker Insertion and removal
- ECMO

Research Project

The trainee should publish at least two papers either a prospective/retrospective research during the training program under the guidance and supervision of his/her trainer.

educational activities:

- a) Lectures
- b) Morbidity-Mortality
- c) Journal club

Meetings: Clinical meetings with cardiology department (heart team meetings).

- d) Research activities: including the preparation of the allocated research report and data collection
- e) Grand rounds once per week.



:Performance of the cardithoracic residents

InEmergencyroom

- 1- Thefirstoncall;conductsprimaryassessmentandmanagementofsurgicalpatientsinER
- 2- Suggests admission of patients and take the opinion of his consultant

Inwards&ICU

- 1- Clerking of all admissions (history, general and cardiac/thoracic clinical examination) and suggests basic investigations and plan of management
- 2- Perform daily rounds
- 3- Takes informed consent from patients
- 4- Write detailed daily progress notes
- 5- Arrange discharge, home medication and follow up appointments of inpatients
- 6- Assists in various bedside procedures and basic monitoring techniques; including intubation, arterial line insertion, CVC insertion, wound dressing, skin stitches, blood transfusion, and phlebotomy, venisection, pericardiocentesis and ICT insertion.
- 7- Assess patients for reopening and call for senior staff
- 8- Administration of emergency drugs after consultation.
- 9- Follow and obtains various results of investigations and reports abnormal results to seniors
- 10- Follow up referral of patients to other specialties
- 11- Observe senior explaining to patients the method of management, prognosis of their illness and discuss this process with seniors
- 12- Check completeness of medical reports of patients
- 13- Participates in pre and postoperative assessment of the patient.

InOPD

- 1- Attends the surgical admission clinic with other senior staff
- 2- Attends the outpatient cardiac surgical clinic
- 3- Completes various hospital forms

InOR

- 1- Participates in basic operative planning
 - 2- Participates in adult cardiac surgical procedures and performs some under supervision
 - 3- Performs independently CPB.
 - 4- Learn how to write operative notes and postoperative orders
- Learns the usage of various operative instruments and implants



Educational activities

- 1- Present cases in rounds
- 2- Participate in grand rounds and journal clubs
- 3- Attend all educational activities of the training program
- 4- Attend local education courses and basic courses
- 5- Learn to prepare audiovisual materials for presentations

:Residents rotations

- .In the 1st year 1-9 month adult cardiac surgery and from month 10-12 vascular surgery
- .In the 2nd year 1-6 month adult cardiac surgery and from month 7-12 thoracic surgery
- .In the 3rd year 1-6 month adult cardiac surgery and from month 7-12 cardiology
- .In the 4th year 1-6 month adult cardiac surgery and from month 7-12 congenital cardiac surgery
- .In the 5th year adult cardiac surgery

The following table is the minimum requirement for the training program ;the resident should either perform or 1st assistant in the procedure:

Procedure	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year
	With vascular surgery	With Thoracic Surgery	With cardiology Rotation	With congenital	
Saphenous venous graft harvesting	20	15	20	5	
Median Sternotomy	30	20	20	20	
Radial artery harvesting	5	5	5	5	
Sternal closure	30	20	20	20	
Internal mammary artery harvesting		5	20	40	50
Vascular access for removal and axillary arteries	5				
Aortic valve replacement		1	5		
Proximal coronary .anastomosis		5	10		30
.Mitral valve replacement			5	10	15
Tricuspid valve repair			2	4	8
CABG surgery on pump				1	5
CABG surgery off pump					1
IABP insertion.				1	1
Myxoma excision.			1	1	2
Combined surgical procedure				1	3
Minimally invasive surgery .					1

Redo sternotomy.	2	5	10
Pericardiectomy.	1	2	5
.Adult congenital surgeries			2
.Mitral valve repair			2
Operations for aortic aneurysm (Bentall, David). (.....procedure			2
Atrial fibrillation surgery.			1
Valve-sparing aortic root procedures.			1
Pacemaker Insertion and removal.			1
ECMO			1

In the 1st year plus doing the procedure mentioned in the previous table the candidate should perform or participate as a first assistant in the following procedure during the vascular rotation:

Vascular access for removal (5) and axillary arteries cases

In the 2nd year plus doing the procedure mentioned in the previous table the candidate perform or participate as a first assistant in the following procedure during the thoracic surgery rotation:

Thoracic surgery

- Intercostal tube insertion 30
- Thoracotomy 10
- Minimally invasive incisions 5
- Diagnostic & therapeutic rigid/fiber-optic bronchoscopy (including airway)
- FB removal 10
- Thoracotomy in an emergency setting 2
- Lung resections 20
- Bullectomy/blebectomy & pleurodesis for pneumothorax 5
- Pleural effusion drainage 20
- Decortication for empyema 10
- Mediastinal mass biopsy 5
- Drainage of mediastinal infections 10
- Rewiring & dewiring of the sternum 10
- Pectoral flap 5
- Omental flap 2

In the 3rd year plus doing the procedure mentioned in the previous table the candidate perform or participate as a first assistant in the following procedure during cardiology rotation:

Cardiology rotation

Diagnostic coronary (10) angiography

(10) TAVI

(5) TEVAR

In the 4th year plus doing the procedure mentioned in the previous table the candidate perform or participate as a first assistant in the following procedure during congenital rotation:

Congenital :

- ASD closure 10
- VSD closure 5
- PDA ligation 5
- Pulmonary artery banding 5
- Cavopulmonary shunt 5
- Repair of TOF 5
- Repair of SAM 5
- Repair of coarctation of the Aorta 5

In the 5th year the candidate should perform or 1st assistant in all the cardiac surgery procedure in the table with the minimum number mentioned.

Curriculum of cardio-thoracic surgery:

All trainees must be able to competently apply the knowledge of basic science when interpreting clinical investigations and in the practice of CTS.

CARDIAC ANATOMY & HISTOLOGY

All trainees must be able to describe the anatomical & histological basis of cardiac and vascular structures. They must apply this knowledge when interpreting clinical symptoms, signs and investigations in the practice of CTS with special emphasis on applied anatomy relevant to clinical methods of assessment, surgical approach and management in cardiac surgery.

Overview: Heart, Pericardium and mediastinum
Cardiac Chambers
Valvular Anatomy
Anatomy of the conduction system
Coronary arteries & veins
Anatomy of vascular system
Histological structure of the heart and blood vessels
Anatomical basis of Cardio-Surgical incisions
Median sternotomy
Thoracosternotomy
Thoracotomy
Minimally invasive incisions

CARDIAC PHYSIOLOGY

All trainees must be able to discuss physiological basis of cardiac action and that of systemic and pulmonary circulation. They must apply this knowledge when interpreting clinical symptoms, signs and investigations in the practice of CTS.

Physiological properties of cardiac cells
Cardiac cycle
The pump energetic
Coronary blood flow
JVP and arterial pulse and heart sounds
Blood pressure in different clinical settings
Electrophysiological basis of ECG

PHARMACOLOGY

All trainees should demonstrate deep understanding of the classification, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of drugs used in the field of CTS. They must apply this knowledge in patient management.

Drugs pharmacokinetics.
Mode of action, indications, contraindications, interactions and adverse reactions and adequate dosing of cardiovascular drugs.
Effects of age, body size, organ dysfunction and concurrent illness on drug distribution and metabolism.
Monitoring different drugs used in CTS (e.g. anticoagulants).
Selection, timing and use of antibiotics

CARDIAC PATHOLOGY

All trainees should be able to discuss the pathological basis of different forms of CV diseases. They must apply this knowledge when interpreting clinical symptoms, signs and investigations.

General	
Response to inflammation	
Blood-surface interactions	
Tissue-Surface interactions	
Vascular graft healing	
Ischemic heart disease	
Atherosclerosis	
Ischemic myocardial injury	
Myocardial Infarction and complications	
Valvular heart disease	
Degenerative Aortic calcification	
Mitral annular calcification	
Rheumatic heart disease	
Infective endocarditis	
Myxomatous degeneration of mitral valve	
Myocardial disease	
Dilated Cardiomyopathy	
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy	
Restrictive cardiomyopathy	
Myocarditis	
Neoplastic heart disease	
Myxoma & Primary cardiac tumors	

PERIOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF CARDIOSURGICAL PATIENTS

All trainees should demonstrate competence in assessing and managing patients eligible for cardiac surgery pre, intra & postoperatively.

PREOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

History Taking

Different elements of history
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ischemic symptoms• Left-sided heart symptoms• Right-sided heart symptoms• Symptoms of infections• Embolic symptoms

Clinical Examination & Assessment

The basis and relevance of physical signs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vital signs• General physical signs relevant to cardiac diseases• Local signs of cardiac diseases

Pre-Operative laboratory evaluation

Basic routine preoperative lab studies
Disease specific lab studies e.g. Inflammatory biomarkers, acute phase reactants,etc

Pre-Operative Imaging

Echocardiography; indications, pattern in different diseases and advanced echocardiography e.g. TEE, DSE
Cardiac catheterization; indications, limitations and complications
Multi-slice-CT (MSCT); indications and limitations
Nuclear imaging; methods to assess myocardial viability and their limitations
Cardiac MRI; indications and limitations

Exercise ECG Test

Indications & contraindications for exercise ECG testing
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Mortality and morbidity risk assessment

Euroscore for assessment of operative risk in adult cardiac surgery
Aristotle score for assessment of operative risk in congenital heart surgery

NONSURGICAL INTRA-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

Anesthesia in cardiac patients
Intraoperative echocardiography assessment
Extracorporeal Circulation
Perfusion systems components
Perfusion team
Assembly of heart lung machine (HLM) & Priming
Deep hypothermic circulatory arrest
Ante-grade and retrograde cerebral perfusion
Complications and risk management: Massive air embolism Thrombosis and bleeding
Acute inflammatory response to cardiopulmonary bypass
Transfusion therapy and blood conservation
Autologous blood donation
Pharmacological strategies for blood conservation
Topical hemostatic agents
Platelet inhibitors and their effect on blood usage
MYOCARDIAL PROTECTION
Ischemic and reperfusion injury
Cardioplegic techniques
Systemic hypothermia and elective fibrillatory arrest
Non Cardioplegic techniques



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Myocardial protection during beating heartsurgery
Temporarycirculatorysupport:Intra-Aorticballoondevice&Ventricularassistdevices

Cardiacprocedures

SURGICALINCISIONSINDIFFERENT AGEGROUPS	
Mediansternotomy	
Thoracotomy	
Minimallyinvasiveincisions	
EXTRACORPOREALCIRCULATION	
Cannulationandbypass	
Weaningfrom bypass	
Intra-Aorticballoondevice	
MYOCARDIALPROTECTION&BODYORGANPRESERVATION	
MyocardialprotectionduringCABG	
Myocardialprotectionforvalvularsurgery	
Myocardial protection for congenital heart surgery	
Myocardial protection during beating heart surgery	

.POSTOPERATIVECAREOFCARDIACSURGICALPATIENTS

CardiacComplicationanticipationandtreatment
Supportofcardiacperformance;pharmacological mechanical
Postoperativebleeding;causes&mechanisms
Postoperativemajororgandysfunction;pathogenesis and management (lungs & pleura, kidney, liver, nervoussystem,GIT&blood)



CORONARYARTERYDISEASE(CAD)

All trainees should demonstrate deep understanding of the pathophysiologic causes and derangement of ischemic heart disease that enable them to carry out assessment and management of patients with ischemic heart diseases and anticipate the sequel of coronary events with consequent application of the appropriate procedure

Preoperative Evaluation

Symptoms of cardiac ischemia & ACS (acute coronary syndromes)	
Risk stratification for CAD; SYNTAX score & Euroscore	
Noninvasive testing for ischemic patients	
Invasive testing	
Coronary angiography	
Multi-slice CT coronary scan	
Guidelines of coronary revascularization	
Medical management	
Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)	

Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG)

Rationale and history of CABG
Indications
Conduit choice
Conventional techniques
New Techniques in Coronary Surgery
OPCAB
Minimally invasive coronary surgery and robotic surgery



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Postoperative Complications; Early & Late	
Outcome and Long term results	
Long term management	
Redo CABG; indications , preoperative workup, operative techniques & outcomes	
Combined valve/CABG	
Combined CABG & aortic valve surgery	
Combined CABG & mitral valve surgery	
Saphenous vein harvest	
Harvesting of Mammary artery	
Radial artery harvest	
Proximal coronary anastomosis	
Distal coronary anastomosis	
On-pump CABG	
Off-pump CABG	
CABG with Valve surgery	

Mechanical Complications of CAD

Ischemic mitral insufficiency
Postinfarction VSD/VSR
Free wall ventricular rupture
Left ventricular aneurysms

Combined coronary and carotid artery diseases

Guidelines of combined coronary and carotid artery disease
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STRUCTURAL HEART DISEASES

Learning objective

All trainees should demonstrate adequate knowledge and deep understanding of the epidemiology, pathophysiology and clinical presentations of valvular heart diseases that enable them to carry out pre-operative risk assessment and management of these patients and assess the outcomes.

Perioperative Management

Risk Assessment And Stratification	
Guidelines and timing for Surgical Intervention	
Valve Design (Configuration, Materials & Biomechanics) & types of Prosthesis	
Complications Of Surgery	
Valve related complications	
Bleeding and re-do surgery	

Aortic Valve Disease

Etiology & pathologic Anatomy	
Pathophysiology and hemodynamic	
Natural history & Complications	
TAVI; (indications, contraindications, multidisciplinary team, technique, complications, and outcome)	
Operative Management	
Indications, contraindications, risk stratification and guidelines.	
Techniques of Valve Replacement	
Management Of Small Aortic Root	
Homograft and auto-graft valve Replacement	
Management of Complications	



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Outcomes;Early& Late
Aortic valve replacement - Aortic valve repair

MITRAL VALVE DISEASE

EtiologyAndPathologicAnatomy
Naturalhistoryandcomplications
NonSurgicalManagement
GuidelinesofMedicaltherapy
BalloonValveDilatation
SurgicalManagement
TechniquesOfMitralValveReplacement
TechniquesOfMitralValveRepair.
Managementofcomplications
Outcomes;earlyand late
Mitralvalverepacement
Mitralvalverepair.
Removalofleftatrialthrombus

Tricuspid Valve Disease

EtiologyAndPathologicAnatomy
Naturalhistory& complications



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NonSurgicalmanagement
Medicaltherapy
Balloonvalvuloplasty
SurgicalManagement
Guidelinesforsurgicalmanagement
Tricuspidvalverepair(indications,contraindications, technique,complications& outcomes)
Tricuspid valve replacement (indications, contraindications, technique, complications & outcomes)
Tricuspidvalverepair
Tricuspidvalverepacement

ENDOCARDITIS

Etiology&Causativeorganisms
NaturalHistory&Complications
Native&prostheticvalveinfectiveendocarditis
Non-SurgicalManagement
SurgicalManagement
Indicationsforsurgeryandguidelines
Techniquesofvalverepairandreplacement;(aorticroot abscess
Outcomes;Early& Late

COMBINED VALVE LESIONS

Multi-valvular Lesions
Congenital Heart Disease & Valve Lesion

REDO SURGERY

Techniques, indications, contraindications, complications, and outcomes
Redo valve surgery
Surgery For Emergency / Stuck Valve



DISEASES OF AORTA & GREAT VESSELS

Learning Objective

All trainees should demonstrate adequate knowledge and deep understanding of the epidemiology, pathophysiology, classifications and clinical presentations of aortic dissection, aortic aneurysm and pulmonary embolism that enable them to carry out risk assessment and management of patients presenting with these diseases and assess the outcomes.

Aortic Dissection

Epidemiology & definitions
Pathophysiology
Atheroma, medial necrosis and arteritis
Inherited disorders of vascular biology
Natural history, Classifications & Clinical Presentation
Diagnosis & Management
Outcomes

Aortic Aneurysms

Epidemiology and Natural history
Pathophysiology
Medial degeneration
Infections
Inflammations
Bicuspid aortic valve
Classifications and Clinical presentation
Nonsurgical management and outcomes



Surgical management and outcomes
Bent operation
Valvesparing operations

Pulmonary Embolism (Acute & Chronic)

Epidemiology & Pathophysiology
Clinical presentation & Diagnosis
Management & Outcomes
Surgery for pulmonary embolism

SURGERY FOR CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS

All trainees should be able to decide when to resort to surgical management for cardiac arrhythmia and apply the basis of main operations in this field

Cardiac arrhythmia

Tachy/Bradycardia
ECG diagnosis for arrhythmia

Surgical Management of Atrial Fibrillation

Anatomical/Electrophysiological basis of Atrial Fibrillation (AF)
The Maze procedure
Techniques for AF ablation during Mitral valve surgery
Ablation for AF

Surgical Management of Ventricular Arrhythmias

Types and initial management



RevascularizationintreatmentofventricularArrhythmias
Leftventricularreconstruction

Pacemakers

TypesofPace-Makers
Indications&TechniquesofPace-Makersinsertion
Complications&follow-upofPace-Makerinsertion
PacemakerInsertion andremoval

ImplantableAutomaticdefibrillators

Indicationsandtypes
Deviceimplantationtechniques

CARDIAC NEOPLASMSANDPERICARDIALDISEASES

Learning objective:All trainees should be able to differentiate between different types of primary and secondary cardiac neoplasms and apply that to the management of patients.They should demonstrate adequate knowledge and deep understanding that enable them to carry out assessment and treatment of patients with pericardial disease.

Cardiac tumors

Cardiacmyxomaandmanagement
Primarycardiactumorsotherthanmyxoma
Secondarycardiactumors
Surgicalresectionof cardiacmyxoma

Pericarditis

Acutepericarditis(infective,idiopathicormalignant)
Chronicpericarditis
Constrictivepericarditis
Pericardiectomyforconstrictivepericarditis

Pericardialeffusion



Types and classifications	
Postoperative pericardial effusion	
Malignant pericardial effusion	
Cardiac tamponade	
Pericardial drainage	
Pleuro-pericardial window	
Pericardial tumors	
Types of pericardial tumours	



SURGERY FOR HEART FAILURE

Learning Objective

All trainees must be able to discuss hemodynamics related to heart failure (HF). They must apply this knowledge in diagnosis and management of patient with heart failure and decide when to resort to surgical management.

Heart Failure

Etiology and pathophysiology of HF
Restrictive and dilated Cardiomyopathy
Complications of HF
Medical management and outcome of HF

Nontransplant Surgical Management

CABG
Valve repair and replacement
Dynamic myoplasty e.g. latissimus dorsi flap
Ventricular reconstruction e.g. Dor procedure
Resynchronization therapy
Biomedical devices
Ventricular assisting devices
Total artificial heart
Stem cell therapy and Tissue engineering
Ventricular reconstruction e.g. Dor procedure
Ventricular assisting devices (VAD)

CARDIAC TRANSPLANTATION

Immunobiology of heart transplant
Indication and contraindication for heart transplant
Recipient selection
Donor selection
Organ preservation
Operative techniques for heart transplant
Postoperative complications and management
Xenotransplant
Retransplant
Operative techniques for heart transplant



CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

Learning objective

All trainees should discuss the pathophysiology and hemodynamic changes in CHD and apply this knowledge in management of this patient population

BASIC SCIENCE

Anatomy and embryology
Pathophysiology & hemodynamics
Types of patches and conduits used in CHD

LEFT TO RIGHT SHUNT LESIONS

Atrial septal defects (ASD) and partial anomalies pulmonary venous drainage (PAPVD)
Ventricular septal defects (VSD)
Atrioventricular septal defects
Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)
ASD closure
VSD closure
PDA ligation
Pulmonary artery banding

CYANOTIC CHD

Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF)
Duct dependent circulation
Univentricular heart
Fontan operation



Cavo-pulmonaryshunts
Palliative & definitivesurgery (indications, contraindications, complicationsandoutcomes)
Cavopulmonaryshunt
RepairofTOF

ObstructiveCHD

Aorticcoarctation
Pulmonarystenosis
Interruptedaorticarch
Subaorticmembrane(SAM)
Repairof SAM
Repairofcoarctation

Grownupcongenitalheartdisease(GUCH)

Latepresentationof CHD
Managementof surgicalsequelaeofCHD
Stagedmanagementof CHD



. THORACICSURGERY

Basicscience

All trainees should be able to discuss the anatomy of the lungs and their relationship to adjacent structures, the physiology of airway mechanics, gas exchange, and blood flow, and the basic respiratory pharmacology and apply this knowledge to clinical methods of assessment and management in the practice of thoracic surgery.

Anatomy	
Anatomy of Lungs, pleura and tracheobronchial tree	
Anatomy of Chest wall	
Anatomical basis of different types of thoracic incisions	
Physiology	
Physiology of Respiration	
Physiology of Pleural fluid formation	
Physiological basis of pulmonary function tests	
Pharmacology	
Bronchodilators	
Corticosteroids	

Perioperative Management of Patients Undergoing Thoracic Surgery

All trainees should demonstrate competence in assessing and managing patients eligible for thoracic surgery pre, intra & postoperatively.



PREOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

History Taking

Different elements of history • Local & Systemic symptoms of malignancy • Paraneoplastic syndrome • Symptoms of pleuropulmonary infections	
• Social & occupational history	

Clinical Examination & Assessment

The basis and relevance of physical signs • Vital signs • General physical signs relevant to chest diseases • Local signs of chest diseases
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Pre-Operative Laboratory Evaluation

Basic routine preoperative lab studies
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- Local signs of chest diseases

Pre-Operative laboratory evaluation

Basic routine preoperative lab studies

Disease specific lab studies e.g. tumor markers,etc

Pre-Operative Imaging

CT chest; types, indications and limitations

PET-scan; indications & limitations

Chest MRI; indications and limitations

Bone scan; indications & limitations

Ventilation perfusion scan; indications & limitations

Mortality and morbidity risk assessment

Thoracostomy for assessment of operative risk in thoracic surgery

NONSURGICAL INTRA-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

Anesthesia in thoracic surgery patients

Double lumen endotracheal tubes; indications & complications

Thoracic procedures

SURGICAL INCISIONS IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

Thoracotomy

Minimally invasive incisions

Diagnostic & therapeutic rigid/fiberoptic bronchoscopy (including airway foreign body removal)

Postoperative Management

Postoperative pleura-pulmonary complications; causes and management

Postoperative bleeding; causes & mechanisms

Postoperative major organ dysfunction

Postoperative air leaks; causes and management

Postoperative pain; mechanisms and management

Late postoperative complications; stump failure & space problems



Cardiothoracitrauma

All trainees should be able to assess and manage the different types of cardiothoracitrauma. In addition they should be able to carry out and supervise advanced life supportmanagementof thesepatients.

Chestwalltrauma
TraumaticIntrathoraciccollections
Pulmonarytrauma
Tracheobronchialinjuries
Cardiacinjuries
Traumaofthethoracicaortaandgreatvessels
Diaphragmaticinjuries
Esophagealinjuries
Thoracotomyinanemergencysetting

NeoplasmsandInfections of the Lung

Alltrainees should have deep knowledgeand understandingthat enable them to assessand managepatie nts withlunginfectionsand primaryLungtumors.

Pathologicalclassificationofmalignantlunglesions
Stagingsystemsforlungcancer
Multidisciplinarymanagementof lungcancer
BenignLungNeoplasms
Thesolitarypulmonarynodule
Secondarypulmonarytumors
DifferenttypesofLunginfection;assessment&management
Lungresections

Chest wall Anomalies

All trainees should understand and discuss common congenital chest wall abnormalities and their management.

Pectus excavatum
Pectus Carnitum

Diseases of the Pleura

All trainees should have deep knowledge and understanding of the pathophysiology of different types of pleural diseases that enable them in diagnosis and management of patients presenting with these diseases

Pneumothorax
Benign and malignant pleural effusions
Infections of the pleura
Pleural tumors
Spontaneous and iatrogenic Chylothorax
Intercostal tube insertion and care in different age groups
Bullectomy/blebectomy & pleurodesis for pneumothorax
Pleural effusion drainage
Decortication for empyema

DISORDERS OF THE MEDIASTINUM

All trainees should have deep knowledge and understanding that enable them to diagnose and manage patients with Mediastinal lymphoma and infections and urgently manage patients with superior vena caval syndrome.

Mediastinal lymphoma
Other Mediastinal masses
Mediastinal infections
Superior vena caval syndrome
Mediastinal mass biopsy
Drainage of Mediastinal infections
Rewiring & dewiring of the sternum
Pectoral flap
Omental flap

CORE COMPETENCIES

Clinical Assessment and Management

All trainees should be able to:

Take a directed clinical history from a patient, (which is appropriate for the clinical problem and the individual patient's needs).

Examine the patient both generally & regionally (heart and chest).

Formulate an evaluation plan for appropriate medical, laboratory, and imaging examinations.

Prioritize, select and interpret relevant investigation

- Laboratory tests
- ECG, exercise test
- Chest x-ray, CT & MRI
- Echocardiography; TTE, TEE & DSE
- Coronary angiography
- Multislice CT, coronary scan & cardiac MRI
- Nuclear imaging
- Pulmonary function tests

Construct a diagnosis and differential diagnosis.

Plan for treatment (surgical or non-surgical) and whether surgery is palliative or definitive and identify the need of emergency surgery.

Assess morbidity and mortality risk factors



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Decide suitability for cardio-thoracic surgery

Explain the perioperative process and likely outcome to the patient and/or relatives or care givers and confirm understanding.

Take an informed consent.

Preoperative planning

All trainees should be able to

- Make a sound surgical decision and select appropriate operative strategies/techniques to deal with the specific condition
- Choose with reasoning appropriate equipment, materials or devices (if any) taking into account appropriate investigations e.g. x-rays, ECG,etc.
- Check materials, equipment and device requirements and CBP machine with operating room staff.

Intraoperative preparation

All trainees should be able to:

- Recheck in the theatre that consent has been obtained
- Ensure proper and safe positioning of the patient on the operating table
- Demonstrate careful skin preparation
- Demonstrate careful draping of the patient's operative field
- Ensure general equipment and materials are deployed safely (e.g. catheter, diathermy)

Exposure and closure

All trainees should be able to:

- Select the proper skin incision
- Complete a sound hemostasis and wound closure in layers after inserting proper drainage systems as ICT.
- Protect the wound with dressings

Intraoperative Technique

All trainees should be able to:

- Follow an agreed, logical sequence or protocol for the procedure Consistently handle tissue well with minimal damage
- Control bleeding promptly by an appropriate method Demonstrate a sound technique of knots and sutures.
- Use instruments appropriately and safely
- Identify CBP types, cannulation sites, size and types according to type of the operation
- Anticipate and respond appropriately to variation e.g. anatomy
- Deal calmly and effectively with unexpected events/complications
- Use assistant(s) to the best advantage at all times
- Communicate clearly and consistently with the scrub team
- Communicate clearly and consistently with the anesthetist

Postoperativemanagement

Alltraineesshould:

- EnsuresafepatienttransferfromtheoperatingtabletoICUbed
- Constructa clear operativenote
- Managepatient inthepostoperativeICU,wardandoutpatientclinic
- Monitor&Supportcardiacperformance e.gusing inotropesandassisteddevices
- Monitor&supportvarious organperformance; lungs,kidneys,nervous system&Gastrointestinalsistem
- Anticipate and manage postoperative complications
- Cardiac tamponade
- Dehiscence of the sternum and surgical site complications
- Postoperativebleeding
- Pleuro-pulmonarycomplications
- PerformcompetentlyCardiopulmonaryresuscitation
- decidestheneedforre-explorationandcompetentlyperforms it.

ATTITUDES&BEHAVIOR

Goodclinicalcare

All trainees must maintain the centrality of the best interest of the patient through the consistent application of ethical codes to all aspects of assessment, treatment and casemanagement.This applies in particular to:

Patient'smedicalHistory:Alltraineesmustshowempathywithpatients.Appreciate the importance of psychological factors for patients and relatives. Appreciate theinteractionof socialfactors and thepatient's illness.

Patient'sExamination:Alltraineesmustrespectpatients'dignityandconfidentiality,acknowledge culturalissues,appropriatelyinvolverelatives.Appreciatesituationswhere thereis theneedfor a chaperone.

Investigationsincludingimaging:Alltraineesmustuseawidelyaccepteddiagnostic system to assist in making the diagnosis and differential diagnosis in each case.They must be able to provide explanations to patients as to rationale for investigations,limitationsand possible

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unwanted effects.

Treatment (Operative & Non-operative): All trainees must clearly and openly explain treatments options, their side effects and complications.

Management of chronic disease: All trainees must treat each patient as an individual. Appreciate the effects of the disease states on patients and their relatives.

Compassionate approaches to patient care: All trainees must be compassionate in how they manage patients.

Patient safety: All trainees must demonstrate awareness of patient safety in a practical situation and put safety and care of patients first.

providing treatment in emergencies: All trainees must be able to carry out their responsibilities in a timely fashion. They must be able to deal with emergency and crisis situations as they arise and review and reschedule work plan accordingly.

All trainees must respond to any complaint about their own clinical practice in a professional manner and ensure that the clinical care of the patient is not compromised

They must respond to complaints about the clinical practice of other health service professionals in a sensitive and professional manner.

maintaining good medical practice

All trainees must recognize the limits of their competence and always work for maintaining and improving their professional competence. They must:

Keep up-to-date.

Maintain and improve their practice

Teaching and Training, Appraising and Assessing

All trainees must demonstrate a willingness, enthusiasm and ability to contribute to the teaching and training of students and other healthcare colleagues
All trainees must be honest and objective when appraising or assessing the performance of colleagues. They must provide only honest, justifiable and accurate comments.



Relationship with patients

Trainees should be able to establish a doctor/patient/relatives relationship characterized by good communication, understanding, trust, respect, empathy and confidentiality.

Doctor-patient partnership: All trainees must adopt a non-discriminatory attitude to all patients and recognize their needs as individuals. They must involve patients in clinical decision making. They must accept that a patient may make a decision about their management that appears to contradict clinical advice.

Good communications: All trainees must be able to communicate effectively and sensitively.

Consent: All trainees must be able to obtain valid consent from the patient according to national guidelines. They must be aware of, and be able to respond to, the patient's level of understanding and mental state and how this may impair their capacity for informed consent.

Working with colleagues

Trainees should recognize their own limitations and understand the importance of co-operation and team working with other healthcare professionals involved in patient care.

Work cooperatively as part of a multi-professional clinical team and accept, where appropriate, the role of the leader of the team.

Arrange cover

Share information with colleagues

Probity

Be honest and trustworthy. All trainees must demonstrate honesty and openness in any financial arrangements with patients by not putting pressure on patients to accept private treatment, providing information about fees and charges before obtaining patients' consent to treatment, not exploiting patients' vulnerability or lack of medical knowledge when making charges for treatment or services and ensure that their practice conforms to codes of practice.

Writing reports and CVs, giving evidence and signing documents: All trainees must demonstrate an appropriate knowledge of gathering, organizing and providing evidence. Demonstrate an understanding that the purpose of these reports is to inform the judges and facilitate them in decision-making. Use appropriate language, for example avoid using a lot of medical jargon and write concise and precise reports.

Conflicts of interest: They should declare any relevant financial or commercial interest.

Trainee Health

- All trainees must take appropriate steps to protect patients when their own health is affected by illness or disability.
- All trainees must protect themselves, their colleagues and their patients by being immunized against vaccine preventable diseases (HBV, influenza, ... etc)
- Trainees must be able to recognize the manifestations of infectious diseases that require work restriction.

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