

Course Description Form

1. Course Name:
Clinical Toxicology (Theoretical+ Practical)
2. Course Code:
Phpht 25_514--
3. Semester / Year:
First semester-2025/2026
4. Description Preparation Date:
01/09/2025
5. Available Attendance Forms:
Excel sheets
6. Number of Credit Hours (Total) / Number of Units (Total)
2 hours Theoretical + 1 hours Practical (36 hour/3 units)
7. Course administrator's name (mention all, if more than one name)
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8. Course Objectives

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- Preparing the student to understand the basic principles of initial assessment and emergency management procedures for patients with acute poisoning, with a focus on supporting vital functions and preventing toxin absorption.
- Introducing the student to common toxins in over-the-counter drugs such as caffeine, theophylline, antihistamines and decongestants, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), paracetamol, and salicylates, including their mechanisms of toxicity and therapeutic management.
- Familiarizing the student with toxicity resulting from prescription medications such as cardiac drugs, antidiabetic agents, and drugs affecting the central nervous system.
- Understanding the effects of stimulant and narcotic substances such as opioids, cocaine, phencyclidine (PCP), marijuana, and lysergic acid (LSD), with discussion of their therapeutic and addictive aspects.
- Highlighting chemical and environmental toxins such as hydrocarbons, household poisons (disinfectants, antiseptics, camphor, moth repellents), along with their mechanisms of toxicity, prevention, and intervention.
- Clarifying the risks of toxic herbal and plant preparations, as well as poisonous plants and toxic mushrooms, with study of related clinical cases.

9. Teaching and Learning Strategies

Strategy

- Lectures and Interactive Presentations
- Case-Based Learning
- Interactive Workshops and Seminars
- Self-Directed Learning and Research Projects
- Assessment Strategies

10. Course Structure

Week	Hours	Required Learning Outcomes	Unit or subject name	Learning method	Evaluation method
1	2	<p>A1: To explain the steps of initial assessment (Airway, Breathing, Circulation) for the poisoned patient.</p> <p>B1: To analyze clinical information and initial investigations in order to determine the severity of poisoning.</p>	Initial evaluation and management of the poisoned patient.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning 	Quizzes and Exams
2	2+1	<p>A1: To explain the pharmacological properties of caffeine and theophylline and their mechanisms of action on the nervous system and the heart.</p> <p>A2: To describe the pharmacological effects of antihistamines and decongestants.</p> <p>B1: To differentiate between the clinical manifestations of caffeine/theophylline poisoning and antihistamine/decongestant poisoning.</p> <p>A1: To explain the basic principles of laboratory investigations in toxicology.</p>	<p>Over the counter: caffeine, theophylline; Antihistamine and decongestant</p> <p>Laboratory principles or toxicological screening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning <p>Laboratory demonstration.</p>	Quizzes and Exams
3	2+1	<p>A1: To explain the pathophysiological mechanism of paracetamol toxicity.</p> <p>A2: To list the clinical signs of salicylate poisoning.</p> <p>A1: To describe the role of laboratory investigations.</p> <p>B1: To compare the manifestations of paracetamol poisoning</p>	<p>Acetaminophen, Salicylates</p> <p>Cases on Acetaminophen; Salicylates, evaluation of urine salicylates.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning <p>Laboratory demonstration.</p>	Quizzes and Exams

		with those of salicylate poisoning.			
4	2+1	<p>A1: To explain the mechanism of action of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and their effects on prostaglandins.</p> <p>A2: To describe the toxicity of fat-soluble vitamins versus water-soluble vitamins.</p> <p>B1: To analyze the clinical and laboratory findings of NSAID poisoning, such as anemia and renal failure.</p> <p>B1: To correlate urinary analysis results with the clinical manifestations of toxic cases.</p>	<p>Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, Vitamins</p> <p>Urine analysis of toxins and chemicals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning <p>Laboratory demonstration.</p>	Quizzes and Exams
5	2+1	<p>A1: To explain the mechanism of toxicity resulting from beta-blocker overdose.</p> <p>A2: To list the clinical signs and symptoms of beta-blocker poisoning.</p> <p>B1: To analyze the clinical and laboratory findings in poisoning cases.</p> <p>C1: To participate in discussing a treatment plan for real or simulated clinical cases.</p>	<p>Toxicity of prescription medications: Cardiovascular drugs; Beta blockers</p> <p>Cardiac glycosides toxicity: Digitalis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning <p>Laboratory demonstration.</p>	Quizzes and Exams
6	2+1	<p>A1: To explain the mechanism of toxicity for each category.</p> <p>B1: To analyze electrocardiograms (ECGs) and laboratory findings.</p> <p>B1: To analyze clinical cases related to the ingestion of toxic foods or supplements.</p>	<p>Calcium channel blocker, ACE inhibitors</p> <p>Cases on toxicity with foods and dietary supplements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning <p>Laboratory demonstration.</p>	Quizzes and Exams

7	2+1	<p>A1: To explain the toxic effects of each class of antiarrhythmic drugs.</p> <p>B1: To analyze electrocardiograms (ECGs) to identify arrhythmias resulting from antiarrhythmic drug poisoning.</p> <p>C1: To apply therapeutic interventions in cases of antiarrhythmic drug poisoning.</p> <p>B1: To analyze laboratory reports related to toxin detection.</p>	<p>Antiarrhythmic agents</p> <p>Identification of some common poisons in biological samples.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning <p>Laboratory demonstration.</p>	Quizzes and Exams
8	Mid-term exam				
9	2+1	<p>A1: To list the clinical signs and symptoms of poisoning.</p> <p>B1: To compare the toxicity of insulin and oral antidiabetic drugs in terms of onset and duration of symptoms.</p> <p>B1: To differentiate between acute and chronic poisoning with anti-Parkinsonian drugs.</p>	<p>Hypoglycemic drugs</p> <p>Evaluation of cases of toxicity with anti-parkinsonian</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning <p>Laboratory demonstration</p>	Quizzes and Exams
10	2+1	<p>A1: To explain the mechanism of toxicity of tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs) and anticholinergic phenothiazines.</p> <p>B1: To compare the manifestations of TCA and phenothiazine poisoning in terms of the severity of cardiac and neurological complications.</p> <p>A1: To explain the basic principles of assessing drug toxicity in humans.</p>	<p>CNS depressants; tricyclic antidepressants; anti-cholinergic phenothiazines.</p> <p>Evaluation of drug toxicity on human</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning <p>Laboratory demonstration</p>	Quizzes and Exams

11	2	<p>A1: To explain the mechanism of action of central nervous system stimulants such as cocaine, amphetamines, and methamphetamines, and their effects on the nervous and cardiovascular systems.</p> <p>A2: To clarify the mechanisms of toxicity.</p> <p>A3: To list the clinical signs and symptoms of poisoning.</p> <p>B1: To analyze vital signs and laboratory findings associated with poisoning.</p> <p>C1: To apply emergency life-support procedures.</p>	CNS stimulant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning 	Quizzes and Exams
12	2	<p>A1: To explain the mechanism of action of each drug and their effects on the central nervous system and cardiovascular system.</p> <p>A2: To describe the mechanisms of toxicity for each substance.</p> <p>C1: To apply emergency interventions and supportive measures in cases of overdose or toxicity.</p>	Drug of Abuse: Opioids; cocaine; phencyclidine; marijuana; lysergic acid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning 	Quizzes and Exams
13	2	<p>A1: To explain the nature of common chemical and environmental toxins, and their sources at home and in industry.</p> <p>B1: To compare the toxicity of household and industrial chemicals in terms of hazard and mechanism.</p> <p>C1: To implement procedures to reduce absorption: skin washing, gastric lavage, activated charcoal.</p>	Chemical and Environmental toxins: hydrocarbons; household toxins; antiseptic; disinfectants; camphor; moth repellents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning 	Quizzes and Exams

14	2	<p>A1: To explain the common types of plant toxins and herbal preparations used medically and commonly in the community.</p> <p>A2: To clarify the mechanisms of toxicity of poisonous plants and toxic mushrooms, and the relationship between dose and effect.</p> <p>A3: To understand the mechanism of action of drugs in this group.</p> <p>B1: To analyze drug interactions and side effects.</p>	Botanicals and plants- derived toxins: herbal preparation; toxic plants; poisonous mushrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive lectures • Dialogue and discussion • Self-learning 	Quizzes and Exams
15	Students' seminars				

11. Course Evaluation

Evaluation Breakdown for a Total Score of 100:

- 20M Theoretical assessment ;
(paper-based mid-term exam)
- 20M practical assessment (attendance + quiz)
- 60M paper-based theoretical final exam

Total 100 M

12. Learning and Teaching Resources

Required textbooks (curricular books, if a

- Gossel TA, Bricker JD, (Eds.); Principles of Clinical Toxicology; 3th edition. (2001)
- Viccellio P, (Ed.); Handbook of Medicinal Toxicology; latest edition

Main references (sources)

Goldfrank's toxicologic emergencies; Eleventh Edition

Recommended books and references (scientific journals, reports...)

Lippincott's Manual of Toxicology by Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, Wolters Kluwer. 2012

Electronic References, Websites

- PubMed (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>)
- Medscape (<https://www.medscape.com/>)
- UpToDate (<https://www.uptodate.com/>)