



COD 4B_ Assessing and managing patients with complex and/or uncommon neuro-cognitive presentations.

Part B: Counselling and Communication

Key Features

- This EPA focuses on assessing and managing less common neuro-cognitive disorders, such as non-Alzheimer dementias and non-vascular dementias
- This EPA includes performing a comprehensive neurological exam to support atypical features, as well as managing other factors that can complicate the presentation
- This EPA does not include the diagnosis of common and typical neuro-cognitive disorders, the use of basic cognitive screening tests, or counseling about basic safety issues (e.g. driving, home safety, etc.)
- The observation of this EPA is divided into two parts: assessment and management of complex and/or uncommon neuro-cognitive disorders; and counseling and communication of diagnosis and prognostic issues specific to these less common disorders
- This EPA may be observed in the simulation setting

Use Form 1. Form collects information on:

Case mix: frontotemporal dementia (FTD); primary progressive aphasia (PPA); atypical Alzheimer’s dementia (AD); rapidly progressive dementia; Jakob-Creutzfeld dementia (JCD); Parkinson’s disease (PD) spectrum; infectious causes, including HIV; normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH); other

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Direct observation by supervisor.

Target

Collect 2 observations of achievement

- At least 2 different presentations from case mix

Setting

- outpatient clinic; memory disorders clinic; geriatric unit; inpatient consult; day hospital; simulation; other

Assessor

- Supervisor: geriatrician; neurologist; psychiatrist

Milestones in Elentra

- **COM 1.6 Adapt to the unique needs/preferences of each patient.**
- **COM 3.1 Convey information and provide counselling related to the patient’s diagnosis, management plan, and prognosis in a timely, honest, and transparent manner.**
- **COL 1.2** Make effective use of the scope and expertise of other health care professionals
- **P 1.3** Manage ethical issues encountered in the clinical setting including genetic testing, use of enteral feeding, resuscitation and end-of-life issues