

Course Description Template

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1. Anatomy

	ANATOMY	HISTOLOGY	EMBRYOLOGY	hr
WK1				
	Introduction and organization of nervous system			4
	cranial meninges& middle meningeal artery			
lab	Anatomy (Cranial cavity & Foramina)			2
WK2				
	Ventricular System	Histology of nervous tissue& BBB& blood – CSF barrier		4
lab	Anatomy (Ventricular System)			2
WK3				
	cerebral cortex	Histology of cerebral cortex		6
	blood supply of the brain			
lab	Anatomy (Gross anatomy of cerebral cortex & Blood supply of brain			2
WK4				
	Sub-cortical white mater & Internal Capsule – Structure, Orientation and Nerve Tracts		Embryology of nervous system& neural tube defect	2+2
	Gross anatomy of the spinal cord& its blood supply			
lab	Anatomy (Subcortical white matter & spinal cord)			2
WK5/ No anatomical objectives				
WK6				
	anatomy of the cerebellum	Histology of the cerebellum		4+2
	anatomy of the basal nuclei			

lab	Anatomy (cerebellum& basal nuclei))			2
WK7				
	Gross & functional anatomy of limbic system			2
	thalamus & hypothalamus			2
lab	Anatomy(limbic system& diencephalon)			2
WK8/ No anatomical objectives				
WK9/ No anatomical objectives				
WK10				
	brain stem			2
	Cranial Nerve			2
lab	Anatomy (Internal & external Structures of brainstem & cranial nerves			2
WK11				
	orbit& eyeball			2
lab	Anatomy (eyeball &nerves supply eye			2
WK12				
	Anatomy of ear			2
نظري	30	6	2	38
عملي	16			16

2. Physiology

Week	Objectives/theory	hours	Objective/ practical	hours
1	-1 Motor pathway -2 Overall motor control by the cerebral cortex, brainstem, cerebellum -3 Motor Cerebral area -4 Pyramidal Correlate the anatomical and physiological basis of lesions of -5 sensory and motor control systems.	3		
2	-1 CSF -2 Blood brain barrier mechanisms	1		
3	• Mechanisms of sleep and wakefulness • Normal EEG	2	EEG	2
4	Motor pathway Extrapyramidal speech	1		
5	• Structure of the brainstem and cranial nerves • Functions of the reticular activating system and thalamus	2		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanisms of sleep and wakefulness 			
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basal ganglia • Regulation of tone, posture and movements • The involuntary movements (tremors) 	3		
7	Learning Memory Higher functions of the brain: Orientation, Learning and Memory	2		
8	Frontal lobe, Para frontal Functions of the prefrontal lobe	1		
9	Physiological basis of motivation and emotional behavior Structure and functions of hypothalamus and limbic system	2		
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensory, motor and association functions of the cerebral cortex • including higher functions e.g. Speech • Correlate the pathophysiological changes to clinical manifestations of lesions of the internal capsule and brain stem 	2		
TOTAL		19		2

3. Pathology

week s	Objectives/theory	Numbe r of hours	Objectives/practic al	Numbe r of hours
Week 1	1. Reactions of neurons, Astrocytes and other glial cells to injury. 2. Types of trauma to CNS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Skull fracture b. Parenchymal injury c. Traumatic vascular injury <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Epidural hematoma ii. Subdural hematoma Sequel of brain trauma & Spinal cord trauma.	1		
Week 2	1- Infectious injury to the CNS 2- Acute meningitis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acute pyogenic (bacterial) meningitis b. Acute aseptic (viral) meningitis 3- Acute focal suppurative infections	1		

	a. Brain abscess (definition, predisposing factors, morphology) 4- Chronic bacterial meningoencephalitis a. Tuberculosis 5- Viral meningoencephalitis Fungal meningoencephalitis and other CNS infections			
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition, epidemiology, pathological types of cerebrovascular disease • Hypotension, Hypoperfusion and low flow states. • Infarction from local blood supply obstruction. • Hypertensive cerebrovascular accidents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lacunar infarcts ○ Slit hemorrhages ○ Hypertensive encephalopathy • Intracranial hemorrhage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intracerebral hemorrhage ○ Subarachnoid hemorrhage Vascular malformations	2	Gross and morphological changes in different forms of CNS vascular lesions	2 hours
Week 4	1- Definition of demyelinating diseases 2- Multiple sclerosis (definition, pathogenesis, morphological features) 3- Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis Other diseases with demyelination	1		
Week 5	No pathology lectures			
Week 6	1- . Degenerative diseases of the basal ganglia and brain stem. 2- Parkinsonism and Parkinson's disease. Huntington's disease.	1		
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degenerative diseases affecting cerebral cortex. • Alzheimer disease (definition, morphology, pathogenesis) Other types of degenerative diseases of the cerebral cortex	1		
Week 8	No pathology lectures			
Week 9	No pathology lectures			
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epidemiology and pathological types of brain tumours • Gliomas (Astrocytoma, Oligodendroglioma, Ependymoma) • Neuronal tumours. 	2	Gross and morphological changes in CNS neoplasms	2 hours

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poorly differentiated neoplasms (medulloblastoma) • Other parenchymal tumours ○ Primary CNS lymphoma ○ Germ cell tumours • Meningioma • Metastatic tumours • Para neoplastic syndromes • Peripheral nervous system tumours Schwanoma and Neurofibroma			
Week 11	No pathology lectures			
Week 12	No pathology lectures			
Total hours		8		4

4. Microbiology

Unit	Week	Subject	Topics	Duration
9	2	Microbiology	Infections of the CNS	1 hr.
		Microbiology	Infection of ear	1 hr.
	4	Immunology	Role of immune system multiple sclerosis and other autoimmune disease of the nervous system.	1 hr.

5. Pharmacology

Weeks	Objectives	Theory/hr
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacology of disease modifying agents in MS • Pharmacotherapy of complications of MS 	1
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacology of antibiotics used in the treatment of bacterial meningitis: choice of the drug, route of administration, antibiotic 	1

	combination, development of resistance to antibiotics • Treatment of fungal meningitis(Cryptococcal meningitis)	
3	• Pharmacology of antiepileptic agents: therapeutic strategies, drug selection, mechanism of action, pharmacokinetics, side effects, drug interaction.	2
4	• Role of thrombolytic agents, antiplatelets and anticoagulants in the treatment CVA • Role of drugs in the management of risk factors of CVA	1
5		
6	• Pharmacology of drugs used in Parkinson's disease : therapeutic strategies, drug selection, mechanism of action, pharmacokinetics, side effects, drug interaction.	1
7	• Pharmacology of anti-Alzheimer drugs: mechanism of action of different anti-Alzheimer drugs, response of treatment, efficacy of treatment,	1
Weeks	Objectives	Theory/hr
8	• Pharmacology of antidepressant drugs: , drug selection, mechanism of action, pharmacokinetics and dosing, side effects, drug interaction, other uses.	2
9	• Pharmacology of antipsychotic drugs: classification of antipsychotic drugs, indications, mechanism of action, pharmacokinetics and dosing, side effects, drug interaction, other uses of these agents. • Pharmacology of lithium, mood-stabilizing drugs, & other treatment for bipolar disorder	2