MLSCI 430 – Advanced Hematology

Overview / General information

This course in advanced topics in Hematology is a case-based course designed to integrate a number of areas of laboratory medicine however they are divided into groups of cases with an emphasis on transfusion medicine, morphologic hematopathology and coagulation.

Students will be provided with cases and some applicable references as well as case specific objectives, in advance. All students will be expected to obtain and review the recommended references. The students presenting the particular case will require additional references and/or input from preceptors to adequately cover the case material. The references provided are intended to supplement material available in standard texts and review articles and should not form the entire basis of information for the presentations.

Policy about course outlines can be found in Course Requirements, Evaluation Procedures and Grading of the University Calendar. http://calendar.ualberta.ca/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=806#course-requirements,-evaluation-procedures-and-grading-a

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Additional preceptors will be asked to attend based on content expertise for various sessions.

Course Competencies

| A. | Develop and enhance presentation skills using appropriate tools and teaching aides. |
| B. | Gain an understanding of selected topics in hematology and an appreciation for the integration various areas of laboratory medicine in complex diagnoses. |
| C. | Enhance abilities in literature review and synthesis of information from multiple sources. |
| D. | Develop skills in reviewing and describing available methodologies for hematological laboratory tests. |
| E. | Develop skills in working as part of a team to contribute to a complex project. |

Case specific objectives will also be included in each case.
Methods of Instruction

This course is a case-based reading and presentation course. This year there are 12 weeks during which cases will be presented by groups of 3 students per week. These groups will have some variability during the timeline of the course but have been structured such that the student is not presenting two weeks in a row.

The presentations will likely vary in length from case to case. Each case with 3 questions should ideally have each question occupy approximately 20-25 minutes of class time. Depending on the format of the presentation some may be shorter and some longer. Variation of presentation style is encouraged. Pictures, slides, and other media should be used – at least some of the time. You may question the group during your presentation. In previous years, students have conducted interviews, quizzed the attendees and demonstrated tests (bearing in mind that this takes place in a classroom and biohazardous materials should not be transported to the class). The division of topics and labor between the presenting students is left to your own discretion.

Following each presentation a discussion period of approximately 5-10 minutes will be available for whole class discussion. The preceptors may provide additional information and discussion of the provided references (and the presentation) will occur. This provides an opportunity to ensure that all students have a basic understanding of the topics covered and that the material presented was accurate. In addition for the whole class laboratory scenario discussions - each member of the class (not just the presenting group) is expected to participate and have done some preliminary work around that scenario. These scenarios are built on real life situations and will focus on building your skills in your approach to various aspects of laboratory management.

Presentations will be posted on the class web-site following the class, for reference by all participants Preceptors will participate in this discussion and all students will be expected to have input into the discussion (hence pre reading of the references is critical). Students not involved in the presentation should be prepared to ask at least one question of the group or the preceptors following the presentations.

Distribution of Marks

- Participation in discussion & questions of presentations 5%
- Participation in discussion & questions of whole class scenarios 5%
- Presentations 25%
- Midterm Examination 30%  
  - based on the objectives of the first five sessions
- Final Examination 30%  
  - cumulative, short answer and based on the objectives and readings but will be weighted more for the presentations from the remaining 6 session of the term

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory and is included in the 5% participation mark.