

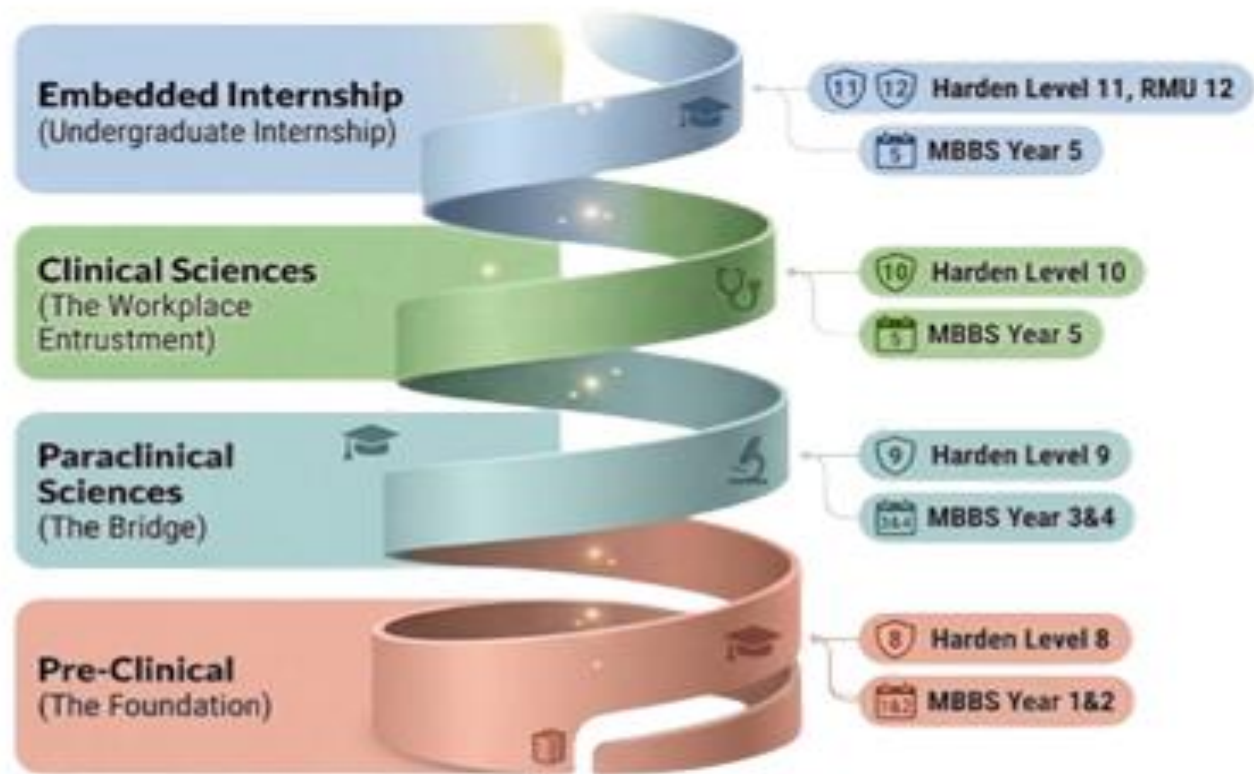


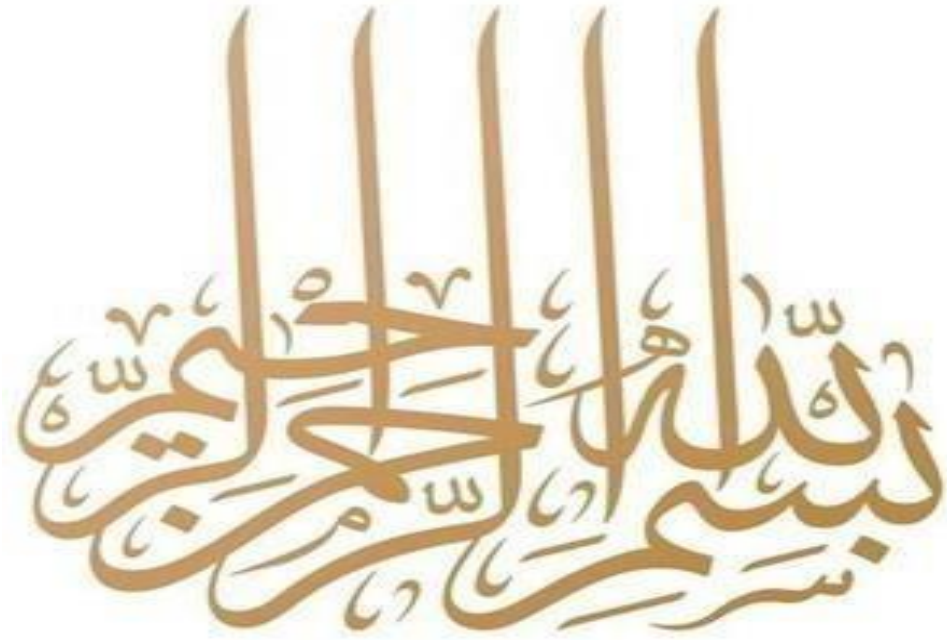
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### Integrated Modular Curriculum-2026

Isolation to Beyond Boundaries



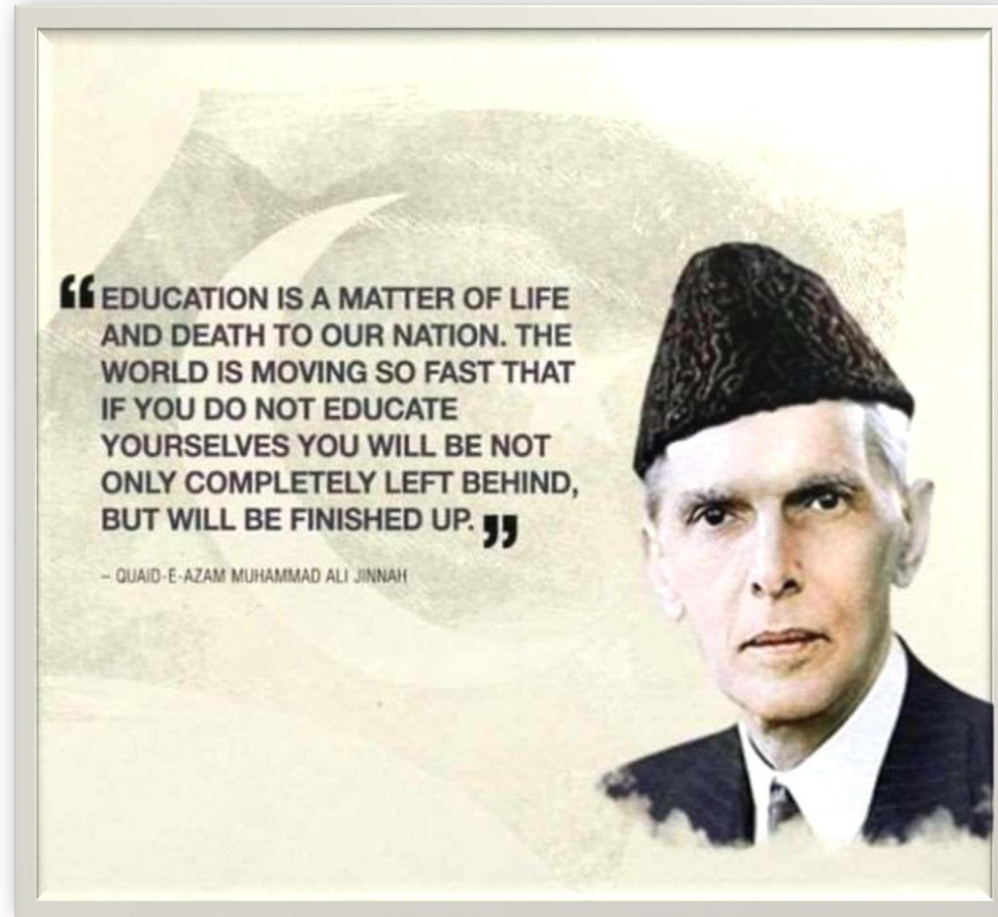


**Dedicated to Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W)**



**Modular Integrated Curriculum 2026**  
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**Para Clinical Sciences**

### Quote by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah





**Sardar Saleem Haider Khan**  
Governor Punjab

It is with great pleasure that I extend my congratulations to Rawalpindi Medical University on the introduction of its Integrated Curriculum. This progressive step reflects the university's commitment to shaping the future of medical education in Pakistan, ensuring that our future healthcare professionals are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to meet the evolving demands of healthcare, both locally and globally.

The integrated curriculum represents a significant shift in how medical education is delivered, focusing on the interconnection between various disciplines and emphasizing patient-centered care. By blending theoretical knowledge with practical application from the early stages of their education, students are better prepared to understand the complexities of human health and the diverse challenges they will face in their medical careers. This holistic approach is critical in nurturing well-rounded professionals who are not only adept clinicians but also compassionate caregivers.

Rawalpindi Medical University has always been at the forefront of medical education, and this curriculum reflects its visionary leadership in preparing graduates who are ready to confront the future of healthcare with confidence and competence. I am confident that this initiative will greatly contribute to the advancement of healthcare in Punjab and beyond, ensuring that our doctors are not only skilled but also compassionate and ethical leaders in their field.



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The Rawalpindi Medical University, Rawalpindi has consistently evolved and adapted to support its learners, uphold academic standards, and maintain its status as a globally recognized institution. The launch of the ‘Modular Curriculum 2024 marks a significant step forward in advancing public health and addressing future healthcare needs. By embracing this curriculum, students and professionals alike will gain the tools to turn knowledge into practical expertise, positioning themselves as leaders in research, public service, sustainable healthcare, and accessible medical care.

A curriculum’s success hinges on the dedication of those who implement it. The true impact of this program will be realized through the joint efforts of educators and learners. I am confident that this integrated educational framework will equip our future doctors to confront global health challenges, including emerging disease trends, healthcare equity, and solutions for underserved communities.



**Prof. Dr. Muhammad Umar**  
Vice Chancellor RMU



**Prof. Muhammad Khurram**  
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There is no subject which will require more careful consideration in the settlement of the educational details of the University of which RMU is to be the centre than that of the choice and arrangement of the curriculum to be required for the degree in medicine. An exceptional opportunity presents itself, you have, within certain limits, a tabula rasa, and it behooves the authorities of the future university to mark it in the manner best calculated to promote the advance of medical science and the efficiency of medical teaching. If, from an experience acquired as a teacher and examiner in various universities during a period of more than a quarter of a century, I can help in the promotion of these objects, by pointing out virtues which may be emulated here, and failings which may be avoided there. I shall at least feel I have done something to assist in the modelling of what will, we all hope, become one of the great centers of learning of Pakistan.

But whilst endeavouring to sketch out what subjects should form part of the medical curriculum of a university, and to appraise their relative order and value, I do not propose to place before you an ideal which is unattainable under the circumstances of place and time, in which you find yourselves, although it would be easier to construct an ideal curriculum than to plan one out within the limits of present-day practicability. I suppose that the integrated modular curricula now being established in our university will more nearly approach the ideal.

The diverse faculty and student body make our programs earn top national and international reputation. I can say with complete confidence that what makes our university exceptional are the faculty & staff who are dedicated to help our aspiring students to become the compassionate, highly skilled health-care providers of tomorrow.



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This is a great prospect for RMU and curriculum committee to formulate the modular curriculum of basic medical sciences. It is a task, well meant for its contribution in medical education. Hopefully it will go a long way in training the medical graduates, as per required national and international standards of medical education. The Modular teaching is likely to give a fresh and varied approach to learning process and at the end optimizing maximum learning outcomes. This entails coordination, patience, commitment and diligence from all those who are on board, either the faculty or the students. All this seems to be encouraging, yet limited resources, inadequate manpower, and difficulty in breaking traditional shackles are tangible obstacles.

The preparation and implementation of modular curriculum provides the faculty an opportunity to design and re orientate and re-conceptualize health –illness process. Transforming academic stakeholders’ learning perspectives and then to translate it in students’ development as an effective force of society, well versed with modern day problems, is an uphill task. This is a humble effort in this regard. Still there is lot to distill, crystallize and narrate. Hopefully from this marathon, the curiosity will emerge like a fresh breeze, from here the character will arise in the horizon, as all this at the end is meant to serve the ailing humanity and to accomplish the dream of a healthy society.

At the end, it will be great injustice not to acknowledge the unwavering and untiring support of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Umar, Vice Chancellor RMU, who is an ardent supporter and promoter of anything which gives a fresh impetus to medical education and practice. It’s all because of his continuous input and persuasion, that the modular curriculum achieved fruition.



**Dr. Omaina Asif**  
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As we begin this exciting new chapter with the Integrated Modular Curriculum, I want to take a moment to share my enthusiasm for the opportunities it brings to both our students and faculty. This forward-thinking curriculum is crafted to enrich the educational journey while better preparing our future healthcare professionals to tackle the intricacies of patient care.

In today's fast-changing medical environment, it is essential that our educational approach reflects the interconnectedness of healthcare. The Integrated Modular Curriculum dismantles conventional barriers, allowing students to experience a comprehensive view of medicine, where foundational sciences, clinical skills, and patient interactions come together seamlessly.

Our focus on active learning and collaborative approaches will empower students to think critically, adapt to new challenges, and develop the empathy vital in our profession. By emphasizing a patient-centered methodology and incorporating real-world experiences, we aim to foster a profound understanding of the impact of medical practice on individuals and communities.

I am thrilled about the potential this curriculum holds and deeply appreciate the commitment of our faculty and staff in bringing it to fruition. Together, we will cultivate a new generation of medical professionals who are not only well-informed but also compassionate, ready to make a positive impact on their patients' lives

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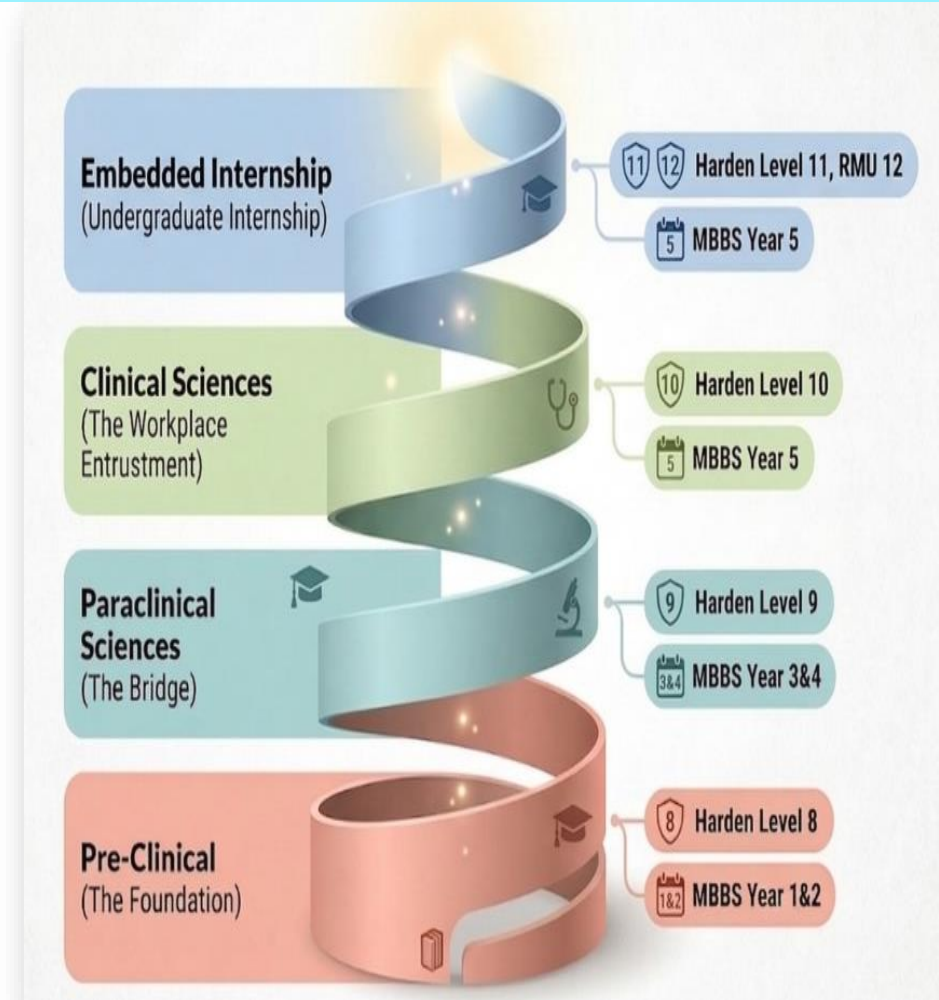
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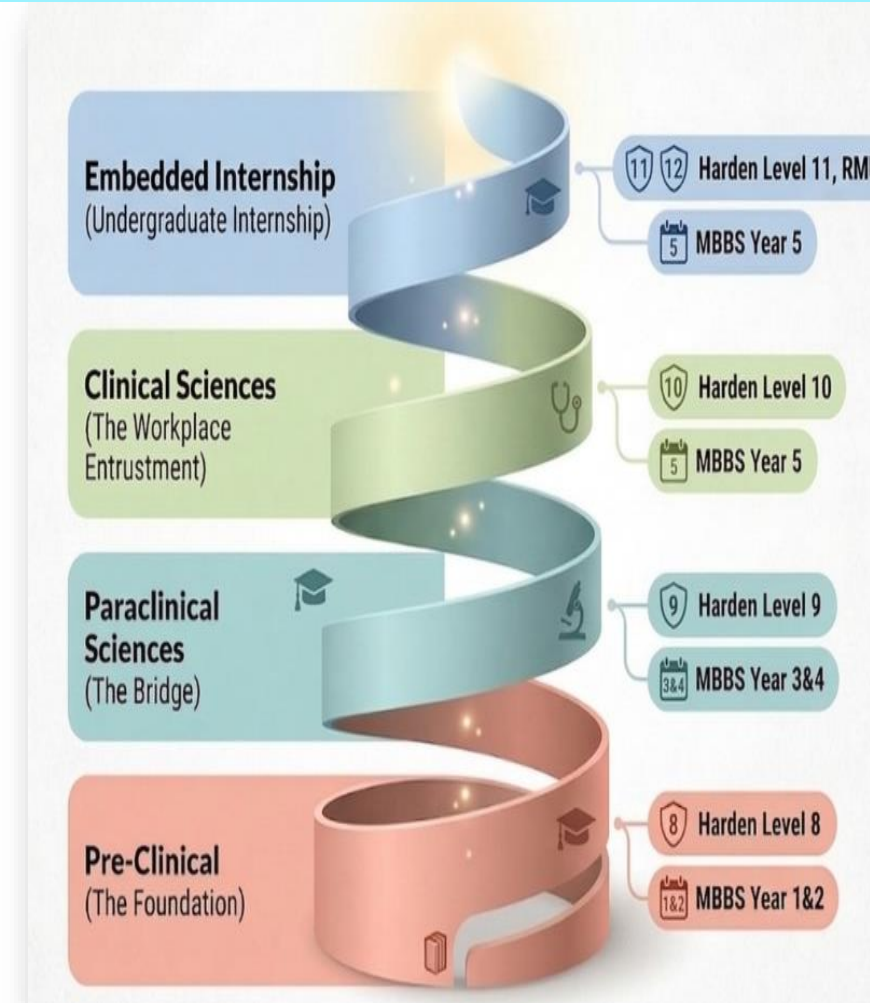
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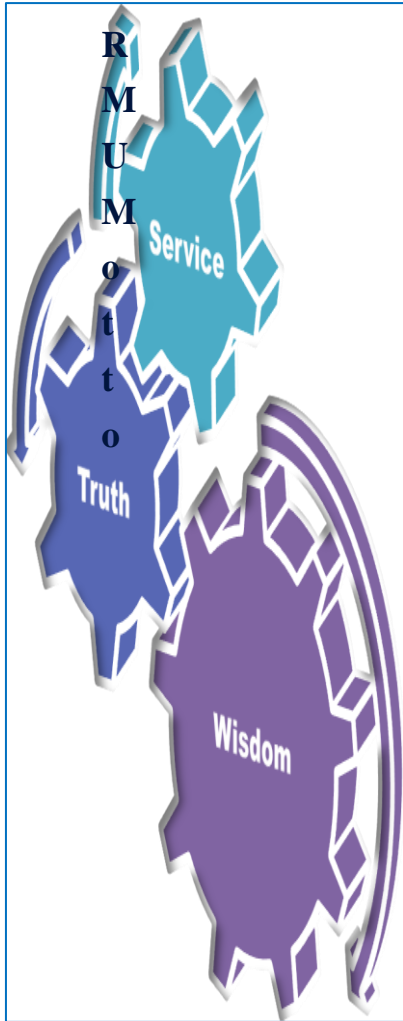
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## Introduction to RMU-12 Integrated Modular MBBS Curriculum 2026 Isolation to Beyond Boundaries

### Curriculum Mission and Vision



#### **Mission Statement**

To impart evidence-based research-oriented health professional education to provide best possible patient care and inculcate the values of mutual respect, ethical practice of healthcare and social accountability.

#### **Vision and Values**

Highly recognized and accredited center of excellence in Medical Education, using evidence-based training techniques for development of highly competent health professionals, who are lifelong experiential learner and are socially accountable.

#### **Goals of the Undergraduate Integrated Modular Curriculum**

The Undergraduate Integrated Learning Program is geared to provide you with quality medical education in an environment designed to:

- Provide thorough grounding in the basic theoretical concepts underpinning the practice of medicine.
- Develop and polish the skills required for providing medical services at all levels of the health care delivery system.
- Help you attain and maintain the highest possible levels of ethical and professional conduct in your future life.
- Kindle a spirit of inquiry and acquisition of knowledge to help you attain personal and professional growth & excellence.

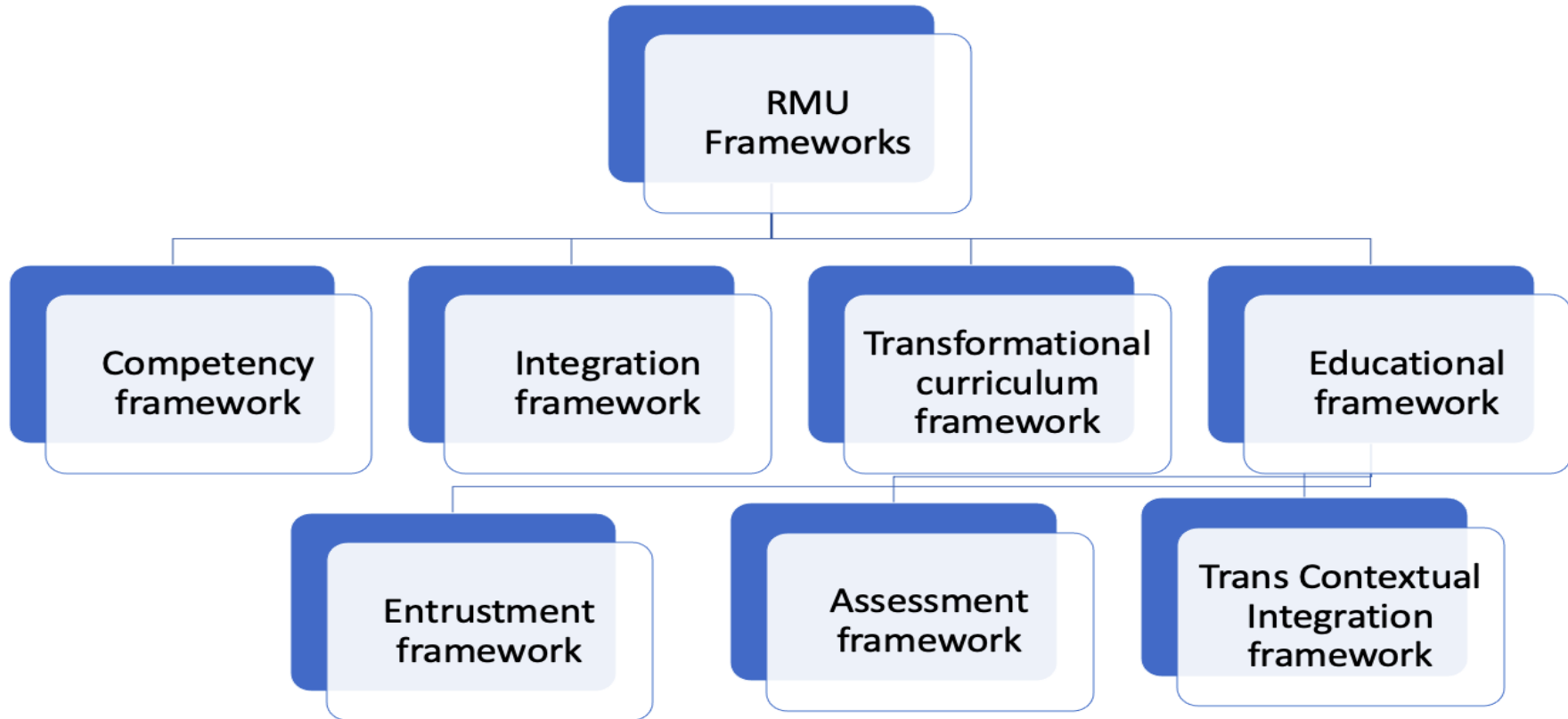


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Figure 1- RMU 12 Integrated Modular Curriculum 2026 Isolation to beyond boundaries Competency Framework



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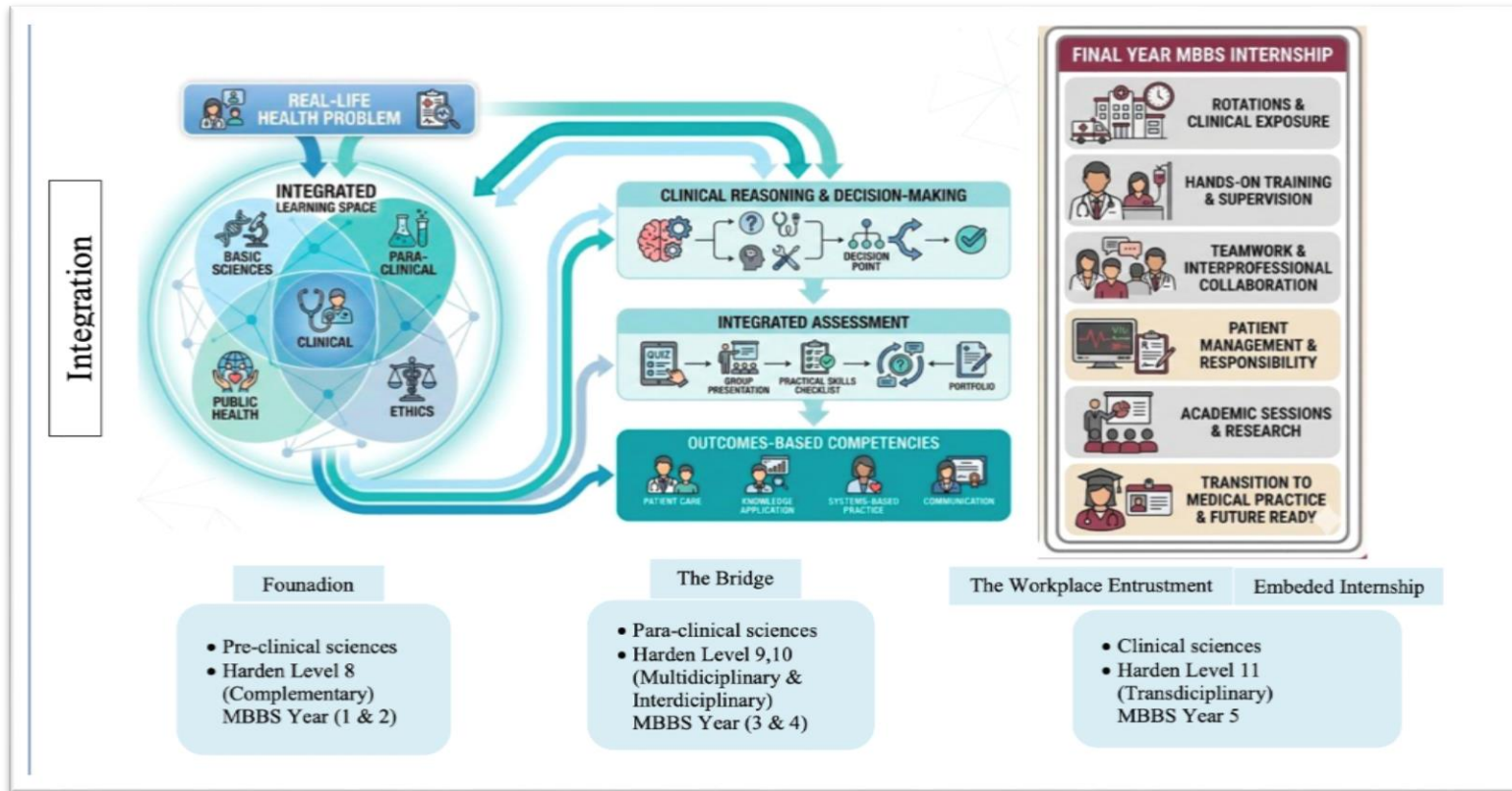
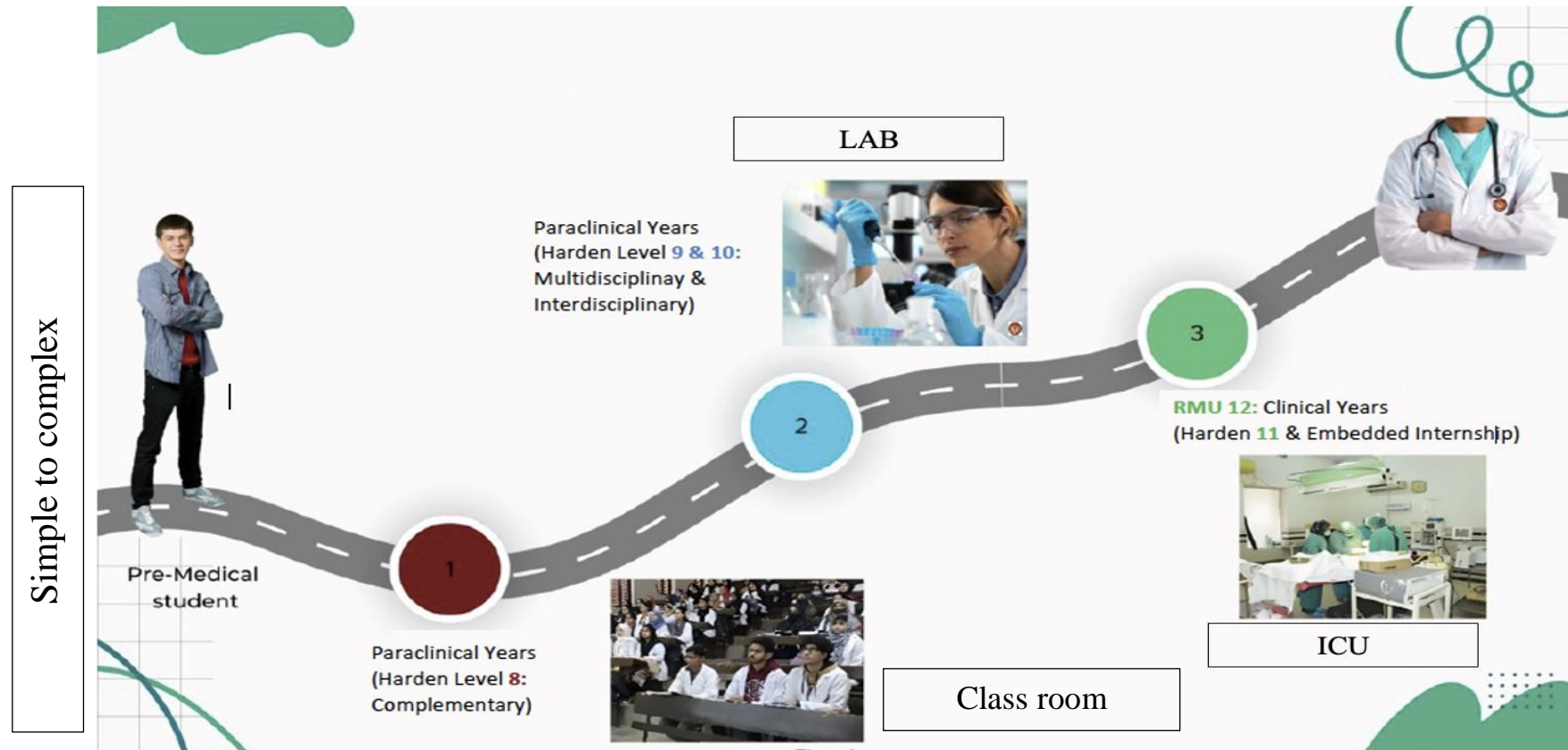
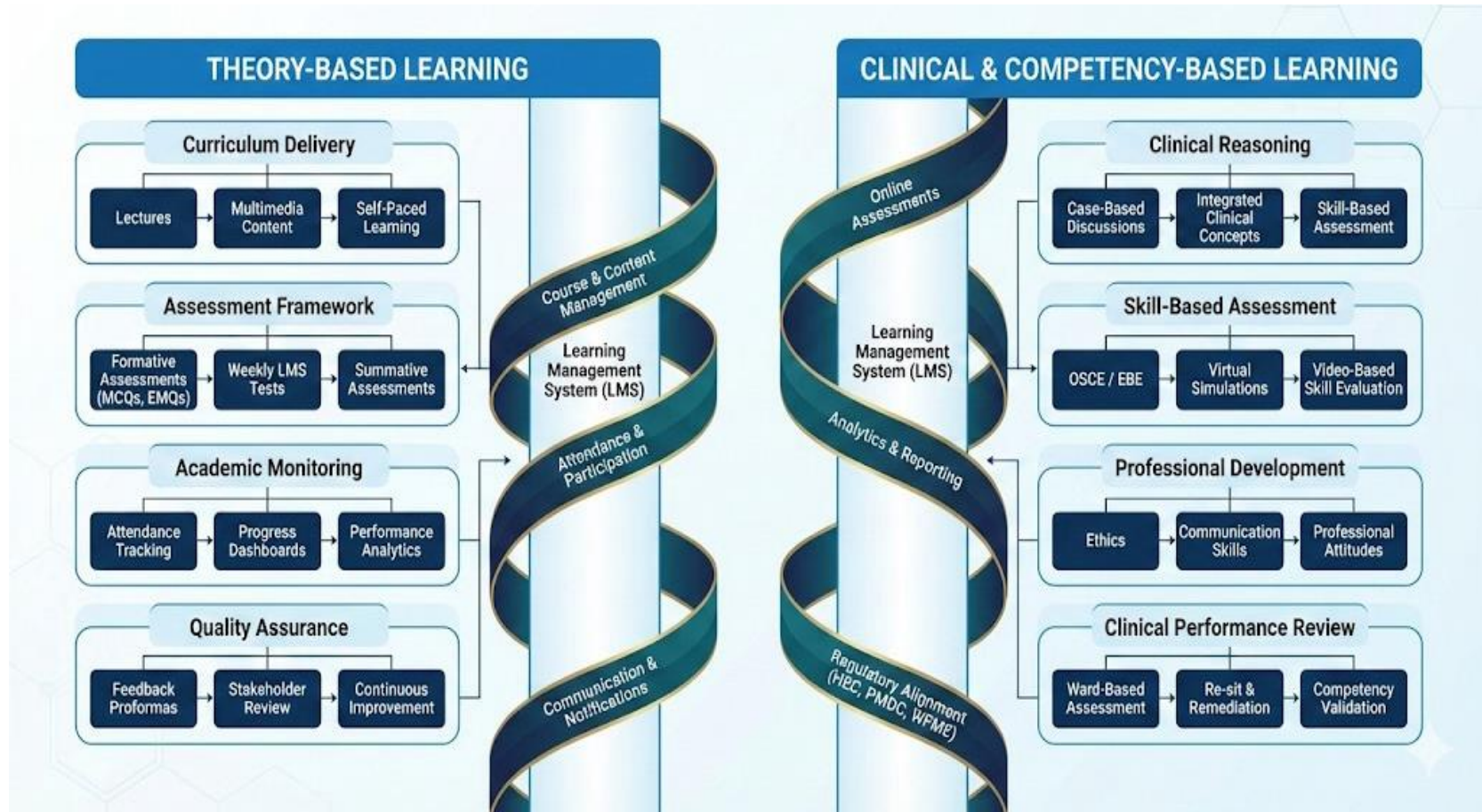


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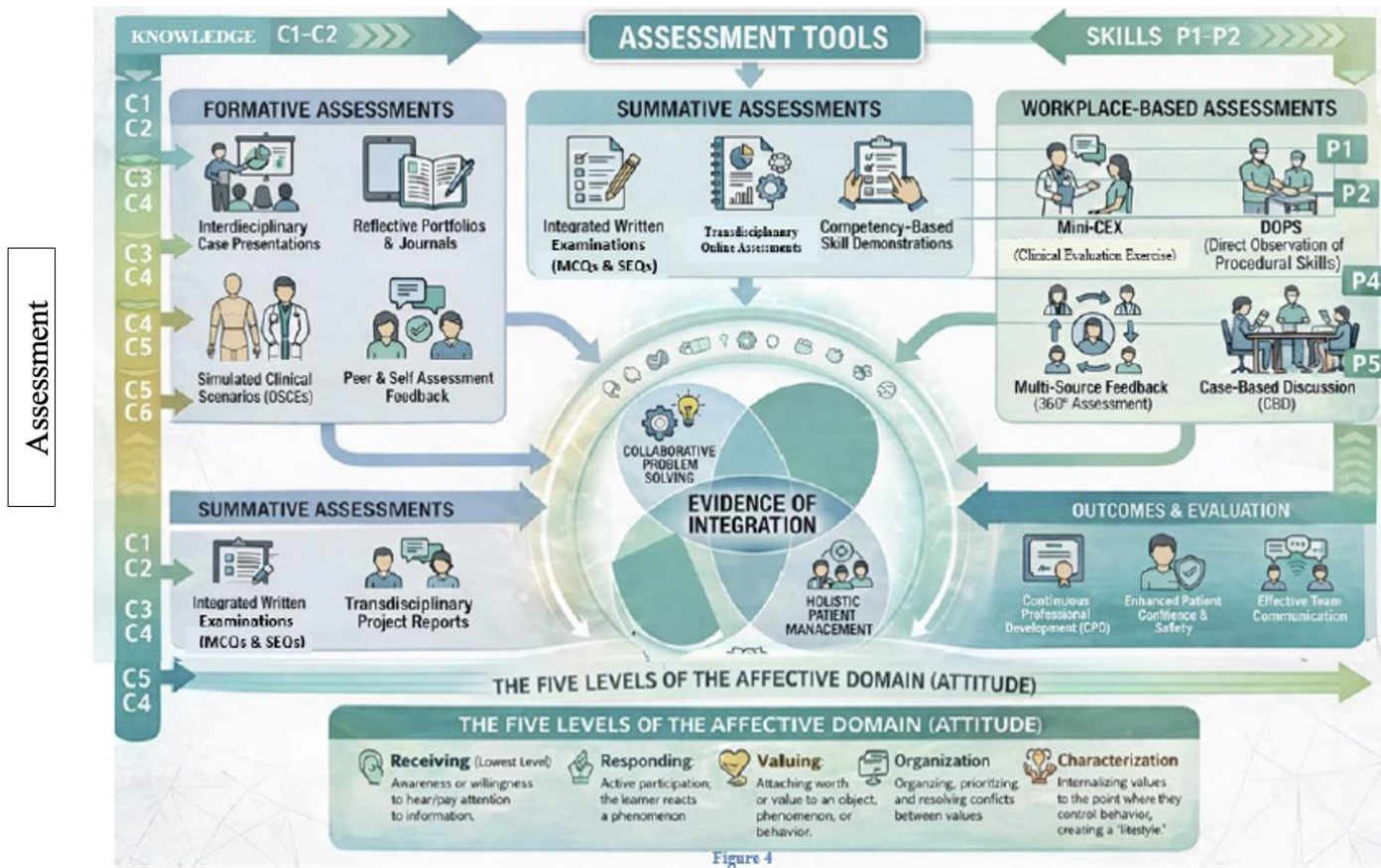
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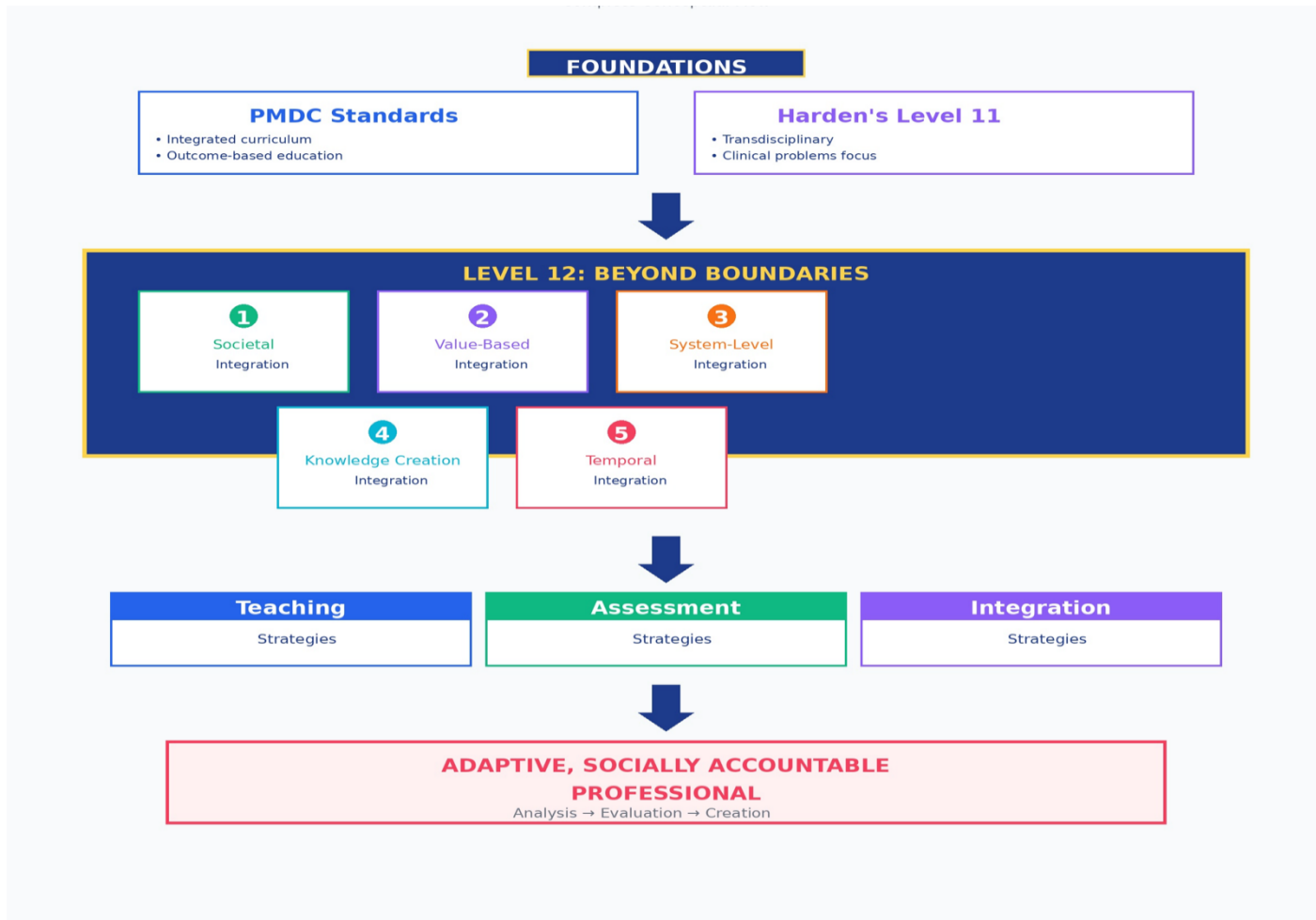
**Figure 5 – Entrustment Framework of RMU 12 Integrated Modular Curriculum 2026  
Isolation to beyond boundaries**

Phase	Curricular Highlights
<b>Pre House-job Internship</b>	<b>Undergraduate Internship</b> The Pre House-Job Internship is a structured, supervised transition phase that consolidates clinical skills and professional readiness before the statutory house job. Learning is workplace-based and centred on clearly defined Entrustable Professional Activities aligned with international standards. Assessment relies on programmatic workplace-based tools and entrustment decisions to ensure safe, consistent performance and smoother transition into supervised clinical practice.
<b>Clinical Sciences</b> The Workplace Entrustment	<b>Transdisciplinary</b> Clinical education is embedded within real patient care and organised around EPAs and graded responsibility. Students learn as supervised members of clinical teams. Assessment is workplace-based and progression is guided by entrustment decisions supported by portfolios.
<b>Paraclinical Sciences</b> The Bridge	<b>Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary</b> Pre-clinical sciences are organised around clinical problems and system themes with interdisciplinary learning outcomes and team-based teaching. Instruction uses case-based learning, simulation and integrated laboratories to promote cross-disciplinary reasoning, while advanced units introduce task-based competencies and EPAs using a spiral design. Assessment emphasises integrated performance through OSCEs, workplace-linked tools and portfolios, with progression informed by aggregated evidence rather than single examinations.
<b>Pre-Clinical</b> The Foundation	<b>Complementary</b> Basic Medical Sciences are organized into system and theme-based modules with coordinated teaching across disciplines. Subject teaching is aligned through module-level outcomes and planned integrated sessions that reinforce related concepts. Assessments include items to test applied understanding, supported by interdisciplinary planning to ensure coherence.

**Figure 6 – Assessment framework of RMU 12 Integrated Modular Curriculum 2026  
Isolation to beyond boundaries**



**Figure 7 – Competency framework of RMU 12 Integrated Modular Curriculum 2026  
Isolation to beyond boundaries**



Rawalpindi Medical University has adopted a staged curricular framework that reflects a progressive movement along Harden's integration ladder, culminating in going beyond the ladder to RMU Integration level 12. The curriculum is designed to ensure that knowledge acquired in the early years is not isolated or terminal, but is progressively contextualized, applied and transformed into professional competence. This progression is achieved by aligning curricular structure, teaching approaches and assessment strategies so that students move from conceptual understanding to integrated reasoning and finally to authentic clinical performance with graded responsibility.

### **Phase 1- The Foundation**

In the early phase, basic sciences are organised using a complementary approach. The curriculum is structured into system- and theme-based modules rather than isolated subject courses, allowing Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and related disciplines to retain their academic identity while contributing in a coordinated and mutually reinforcing manner. Learning outcomes are written at the module level and are intentionally framed to reflect conceptual understanding of systems rather than discipline-specific factual recall alone. Teaching is primarily discipline-led, but content delivery is carefully sequenced so that related concepts across subjects are taught in close temporal proximity. This sequencing is reinforced through planned integrated multidisciplinary activities such as problem-based learning, case-based learning and joint sessions that require students to draw connections across disciplines. Teaching methods extend beyond lectures to include small-group discussions with structured clinical problem triggers that encourage early application of knowledge. Assessment in this phase is knowledge-focused, but incorporates integrated items and short clinical vignettes to test applied understanding (C4 level) across disciplines. These integrated assessment elements are deliberately introduced to prepare students for more complex synthesis (C6 level) in later phases, while maintaining the reliability. Regular interdisciplinary planning meetings and module coordination ensure coherence, avoid unnecessary duplication and maintain alignment between teaching and assessment.

## Phase 2- The Bridge

As students enter the pre-clinical phase, the curriculum transitions into a multidisciplinary and subsequently interdisciplinary design. At this stage, curricular organisation shifts more clearly towards clinical systems and patient presentations, and learning outcomes emphasise the integration of knowledge, skills and reasoning across disciplines. Rather than subjects contributing independently, departments collaborate in the design and delivery of modules, and students encounter learning experiences that require simultaneous application of concepts from multiple domains.

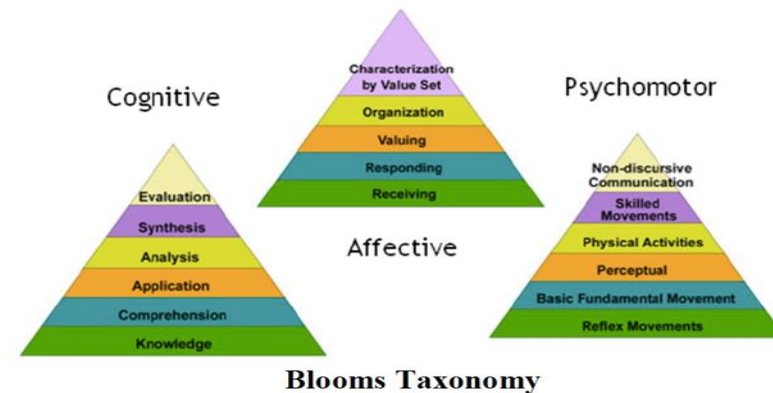


Figure 8 – Bloom's Taxonomy

Teaching is increasingly delivered through team-based and co-facilitated sessions, with clinicians and basic scientists jointly guiding learning activities. Case-based learning, integrated practical sessions and simulation-based teaching become central modalities, allowing students to engage with clinically meaningful problems while still grounded in scientific principles. The curriculum adopts a spiral structure in which key concepts are revisited at increasing levels of complexity, enabling deeper understanding and clinical relevance. In advanced pre-clinical components, the curriculum becomes explicitly task-oriented, focusing on common clinical presentations and professional activities rather than disciplinary content. At this stage, portfolios are introduced to support longitudinal documentation of learning, and early forms of workplace-linked assessment and Entrustable activities are incorporated to familiarize students with performance-based expectations. Assessment strategies emphasize synthesis and reasoning, using integrated written examinations, complex case vignettes, OSCEs and structured simulation assessments. Decisions about student progress increasingly rely on aggregated evidence from multiple assessment tools and research projects.

### Phase 3- The Workplace Entrustment

In the clinical phase, the curriculum becomes fully transdisciplinary, with learning embedded within authentic patient care and professional practice. Educational activities are organised around real clinical tasks, patient care pathways and Entrustable Professional Activities that reflect the core responsibilities of a graduating doctor. Students are integrated into clinical teams and participate in patient care under supervision, progressively assuming greater responsibility as competence is demonstrated. Teaching is predominantly workplace-based, supported by bedside teaching, coaching, reflective practice and targeted simulation for complex or high-risk activities. The distinction between disciplines becomes secondary to the holistic management of patients, as students are expected to integrate biomedical knowledge, clinical skills, communication, professionalism and team performance in the workplace, using tools such as mini-CEX, DOPS, case-based discussions and multisource feedback.



**Figure 9 – Miller's Pyramid of Clinical Competence**

Evidence from these assessments is collected longitudinally within portfolios and reviewed by entrustment or competence committees to make informed decisions about progression and readiness for practice. Summative judgment is therefore based on sustained performance over time. Faculty roles evolve from subject teachers to supervisors, assessors and coaches, with explicit responsibility for observation, feedback and entrustment decisions. Diverse clinical exposure in tertiary public sector hospitals

and community settings ensure adequate exposure, supervision and assessment opportunities, while quality assurance processes focus on the validity and consistency of entrustment decisions and learning experiences.

#### **Phase 4- The Undergraduate Internship**

The Undergraduate Internship is a structured, supervised transition phase designed to consolidate clinical competence and ensure readiness for the statutory house job. It provides learners with protected, workplace-based exposure focused on authentic patient care tasks, guided by clearly defined Entrustable Professional Activities aligned with international standards. Teaching emphasizes supervised clinical practice, simulation for high-risk scenarios, and interprofessional teamwork, while assessment uses programmatic workplace-based tools, portfolios and entrustment decisions to judge safe, consistent performance. This level strengthens patient safety, reduces transition shock, and ensures that graduates enter the house job with demonstrable, documented readiness for independent supervised practice.

Across all phases, the curriculum is underpinned by faculty development and continuous quality assurance. The staged movement from complementary through multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary learning to transdisciplinary clinical practice ensures that graduates are not only knowledgeable, but also capable of applying their learning effectively and safely in real clinical environments. This integrated and progressive design reflects contemporary best practices in medical education and aligns the educational experience with the expectations of modern healthcare systems.

## RMU 12 Trans Contextual Integration Framework (TCIF)

### Introduction

Modern medical education emphasizes integration as a cornerstone for producing competent, reflective, and patient-centered physicians. Harden's Integration Ladder provides a structured framework to assess the degree of integration within a medical curriculum, ranging from isolated teaching (Level 1) to full transdisciplinary integration (Level 11). Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU), through its MBBS curriculum design, teaching strategies, and assessment framework, demonstrates clear alignment with PMDC's undergraduate medical education standards and fulfills the criteria for Level 11 on Harden's Integration Ladder and even beyond boundaries corresponding to **RMU 12 Integration**. Furthermore, RMU's curriculum promotes higher-order thinking skills as defined by Bloom's Taxonomy, thereby extending beyond mere integration to the development of competent, reflective, and adaptive physicians.

### Rawalpindi Medical University in the Context of Harden's Integration Ladder: Level 11 and Beyond Boundaries

Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU), through its undergraduate MBBS curriculum and evolving educational strategies, demonstrates characteristics that place it at Level 11 of Harden's Ladder and, in several aspects, even beyond that RMU 12(beyond boundaries/internship). This is evident in RMU's holistic curriculum design, clinical immersion, problem-based learning, community-oriented education, and outcome-driven assessment strategies.

#### Key Highlights

- Transcends Harden's Level 11 through integration with society, systems, ethics, and lifelong learning
- Fully aligned with PMDC undergraduate medical education standards
- Emphasizes higher-order thinking: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation (Bloom's Taxonomy)
- Produces socially accountable, adaptive physicians prepared for 21st-century healthcare challenges

## 1. Foundations of Integration

### 1.1 PMDC Standards for Medical Education

The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council mandates a transformative approach to undergraduate medical education characterized by:

- **Integrated Curriculum:** Horizontal integration (across disciplines) and vertical integration (across years)
- **Early Clinical Relevance:** Clinical context introduced from initial years
- **Outcome-Based Education:** Focus on graduate competencies rather than content coverage
- **Critical Thinking & Problem-Solving:** Development of analytical and evaluative skills
- **Professionalism & Ethics:** Embedded throughout the curriculum, not as isolated modules
- **Alignment of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment:** Constructive alignment with graduate outcomes

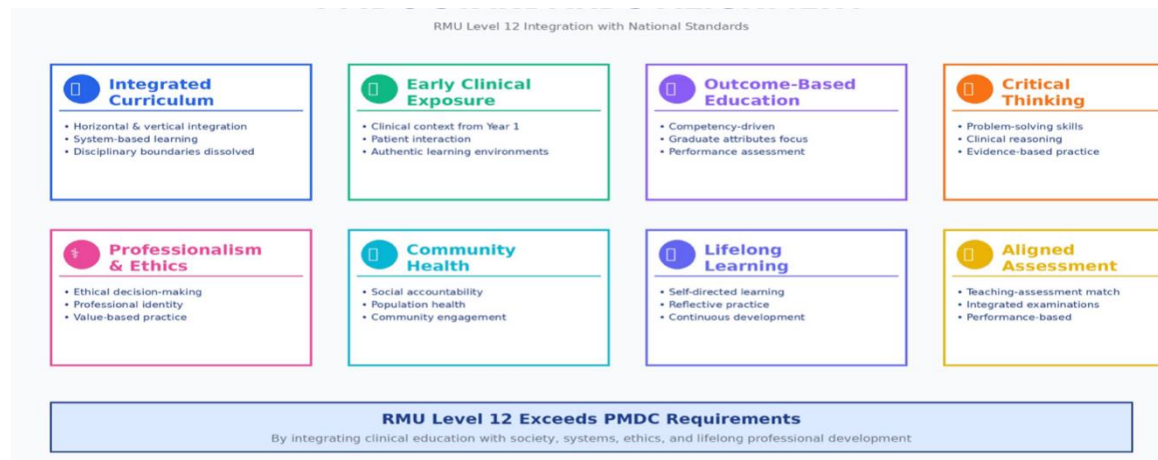
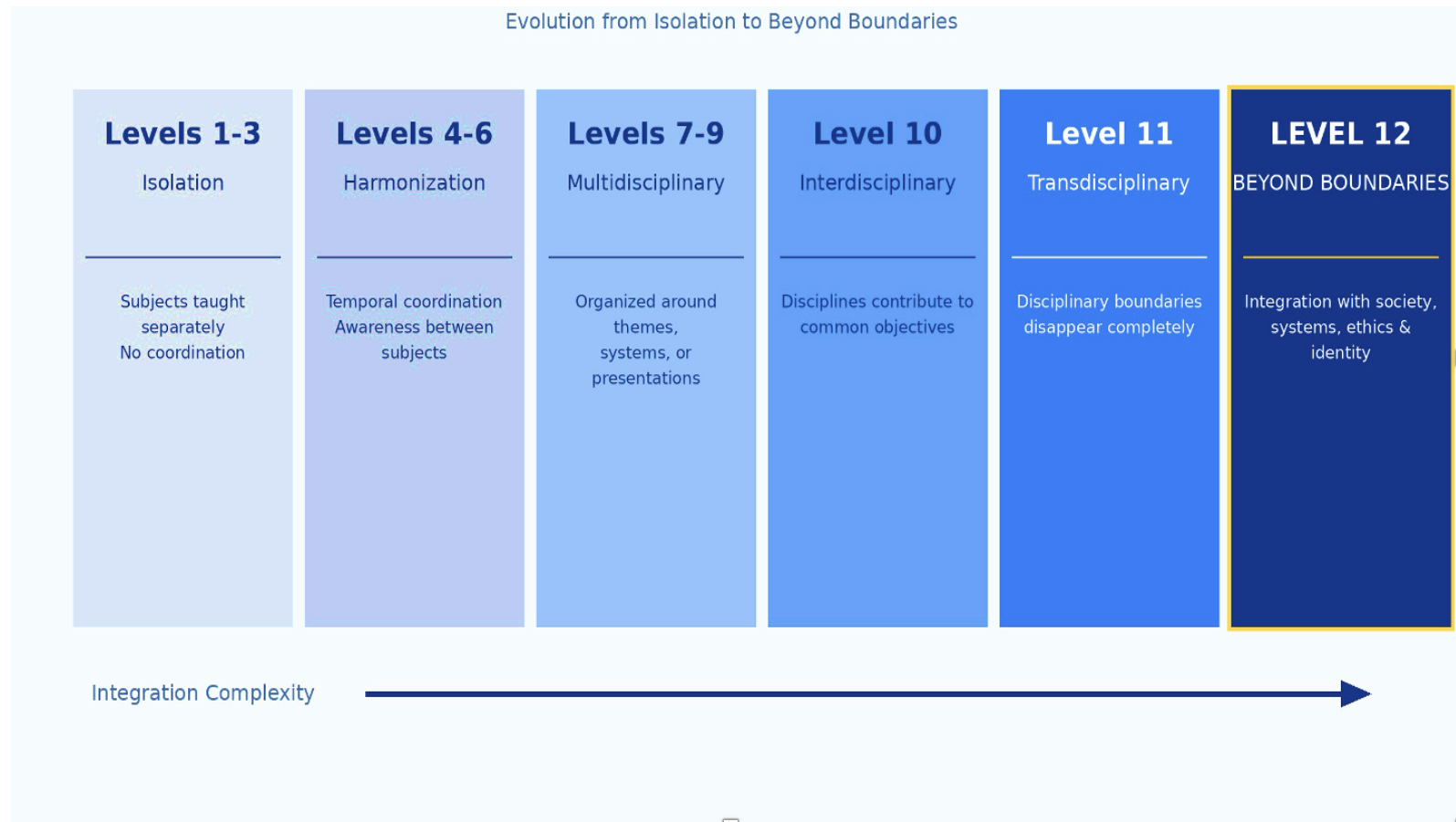


Figure 10-PMDC Standard Alignment

**Harden's Integration Ladder**  **RMU 12 Isolation to Beyond Boundaries**



**Figure 11 –RMU 12 Isolation to Beyond Boundaries**

## 2. RMU-12 —Beyond Boundaries

### 2.1 Conceptual Definition RMU 12: Beyond Boundaries Integration

A curriculum in which learning is organized not merely around disciplines or clinical problems, but around real-world health systems, societal needs, ethical complexity, population health challenges, and professional identity formation—producing graduates who can adapt, lead, and innovate across contexts.

### 2.2 Why Level 12 Exists

While Harden's Integration Ladder culminates at Level 11 (Transdisciplinary Integration), contemporary medical education—particularly as mandated by PMDC—requires graduates who can function beyond the clinical encounter. RMU operates beyond transdisciplinary clinical integration by:

- Shifting the unit of integration from the patient alone to the patient embedded within society, systems, ethics, and professional identity
- Addressing health systems, governance, and resource allocation as integral learning domains
- Embedding knowledge creation and research literacy, not just knowledge synthesis
- Structuring lifelong learning and adaptive professionalism as explicit outcomes



**Figure 12 – Five Pillars of RMU 12 Integration**

### 2.3 Five Pillars of Level 12 Integration

#### A. Societal Integration: Patient-in-Society Problems

**Level 11:** Patient-centred clinical problems

**RMU 12:** Patient-in-society problems

**RMU Implementation: (Methodology)**

- Community-based medical education
- Analysis of social determinants of health
- Preventive and promotive healthcare strategies
- Health equity considerations in clinical decision-making

*Students don't merely diagnose disease—they analyze population patterns and design interventions, requiring evaluation and creation (Bloom's highest levels).*

#### B. Value-Based Integration: Contextual Ethics

**Level 11:** Ethics integrated within cases

**RMU 12:** Ethics embedded longitudinally in real decisions

**RMU Implementation:**

- Ethical dilemmas arising from real patient encounters, not hypothetical scenarios
- Continuous professional identity formation throughout the curriculum
- Assessment of reflective practice and ethical reasoning

*Students must weigh competing values, manage uncertainty, and justify actions—hallmarks of evaluation-level cognition.*

### C. System-Level Integration: Healthcare Systems & Leadership

**Level 11:** Focus on individual patient care

**RMU 12:** Focus on healthcare systems and governance

#### RMU Implementation:

- Exposure to health systems functioning and policy implications
- Understanding resource allocation realities
- Leadership and teamwork competencies

*Students evaluate trade-offs between individual benefit and population good—something no single discipline or clinical problem can teach.*

LEVEL 11 Transdisciplinary	LEVEL 12 Beyond Boundaries
Unit of Integration Patient problem	Unit of Integration Patient <b>RMU-12</b>
Primary Focus Clinical problem-solving	Primary Focus Clinical + population health + systems thinking
Scope Individual patient care	Scope Individual care + community + healthcare systems
Ethics Approach Integrated within cases	Ethics Approach Longitudinally embedded in real decisions
Knowledge Type Knowledge synthesis	Knowledge Type Knowledge creation & generation
Learning Organization Around clinical problems	Learning Organization Around health challenges & society
Disciplinary Boundaries Dissolved in teaching	Disciplinary Boundaries Extended to societal integration
Graduate Outcome Competent clinician	Graduate Outcome Adaptive, socially accountable professional
Bloom's Taxonomy Primarily Analysis	Bloom's Taxonomy Analysis → Evaluation → Creation

Figure 13 – Level 11 vs RMU 12

#### **D. Knowledge Creation: Beyond Synthesis**

**Level 11:** Knowledge synthesis

**RMU 12:** Knowledge generation

#### **RMU Implementation:**

- Research literacy and critical appraisal skills
- Clinical audits and community health projects
- Evidence-based practice and innovation

*Students formulate research questions, design solutions, and create outputs—aligning with the creation level of Bloom's Taxonomy.*

#### **E. Temporal Integration: Lifelong Professional Identity**

**Level 11:** Competent graduate

**RMU 12:** Adaptive professional

#### **RMU Implementation:**

- Reflective portfolios documenting professional growth
- Self-directed learning plans
- Feedback-driven continuous improvement

*Graduates leave with the ability to identify learning needs and adapt to new contexts—temporal integration across undergraduate education and professional life.*

## 2. Alignment with PMDC Standards

The following table demonstrates explicit mapping between PMDC graduate competencies, RMU curriculum implementation, and justification for Level 12 integration:

PMDC Competency	RMU Implementation	Level 12 Justification
<b>Medical Knowledge</b>	Integrated system-based modules combining anatomy, physiology, pathology, pharmacology, radiology, and clinical medicine	Knowledge constructed through real patient problems; subject boundaries dissolved
<b>Clinical Skills &amp; Patient Care</b>	Early clinical exposure, bedside teaching, skills labs, OSCEs	Skills and knowledge learned simultaneously in authentic clinical contexts
<b>Clinical Reasoning</b>	Case-based learning, problem-based tutorials, integrated examinations	Learning organized around clinical problems requiring synthesis beyond single disciplines
<b>Communication Skills</b>	Longitudinal communication training embedded in OSCEs and ward teaching	Communication competencies embedded within patient encounters, not isolated modules
<b>Professionalism &amp; Ethics</b>	Longitudinal professionalism themes, ethics discussions during clinical rotations	<b>Ethical reasoning contextualized within patient care—extends to value-based integration</b>
<b>Community &amp; Preventive Health</b>	Community-based medical education, public health projects, outreach programs	<b>Integrates clinical medicine with population health and social determinants—societal integration</b>
<b>Lifelong Learning</b>	Reflective practice, research literacy, self-directed learning tasks	<b>Students identify learning needs from clinical encounters—temporal integration</b>

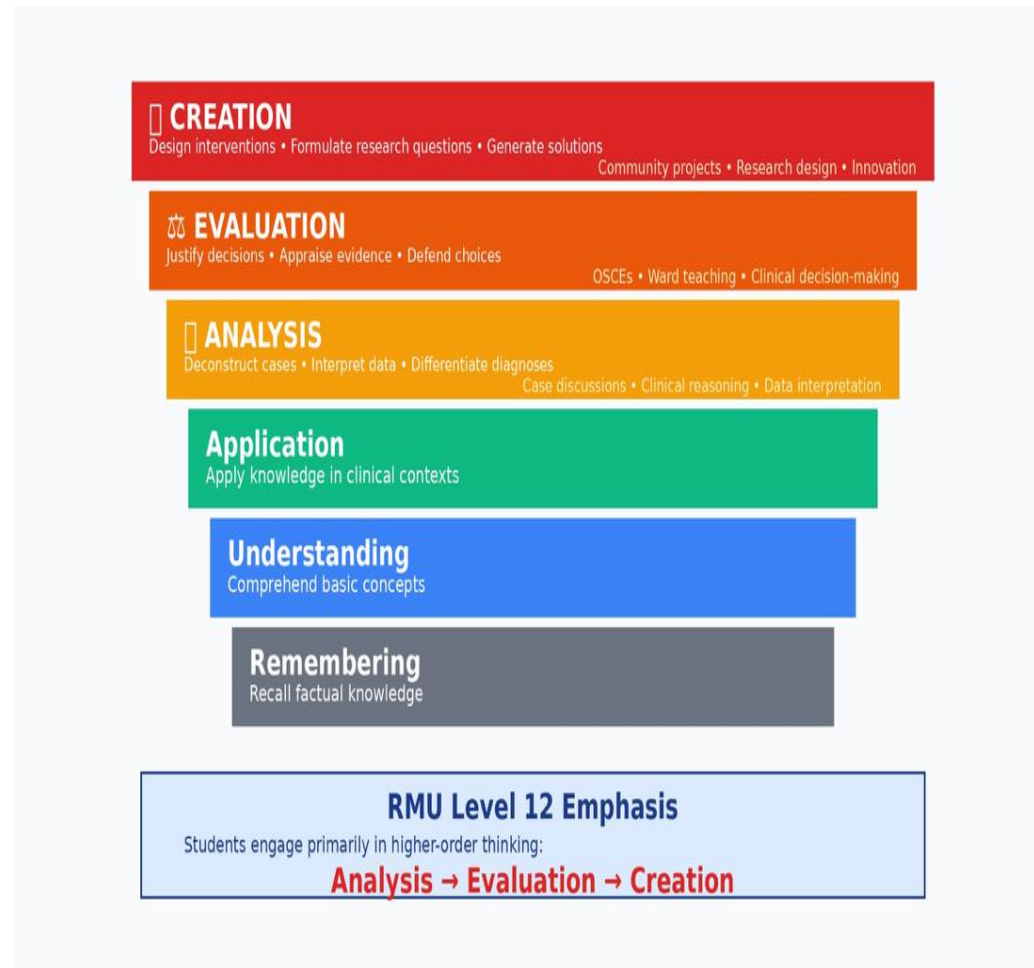
## 4. Bloom's Taxonomy & Higher-Order Thinking

RMU's curriculum explicitly targets higher-order cognitive domains of Bloom's Taxonomy:

- **Analysis:** Breaking down complex clinical cases, interpreting investigations, differentiating diagnoses
  - **Evaluation:** Appraising evidence, justifying management decisions, defending clinical choices
- Creation:** Designing interventions, formulating research questions, developing solution.

### 4.1 Learning Activities Mapped to Bloom's Levels

Learning Activity	Bloom's Level	Justification
Integrated case-based discussions	<b>Analysis</b>	Students deconstruct complex cases, interpret investigations, differentiate diagnoses
Ward-based clinical teaching	<b>Analysis → Evaluation</b>	Learners appraise patient data and justify management decisions in real time
OSCEs and scenario-based stations	<b>Evaluation</b>	Students defend clinical decisions, prioritize care, demonstrate judgment under pressure
Community health projects	<b>Evaluation → Creation</b>	Learners assess community needs and design context-specific preventive interventions
Research projects & clinical audits	<b>Creation</b>	Students formulate questions, design studies, generate new knowledge



**Figure 14 – Bloom’s Taxonomy in RMU 12**

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Figure 15 – Graduate Outcomes in RMU 12

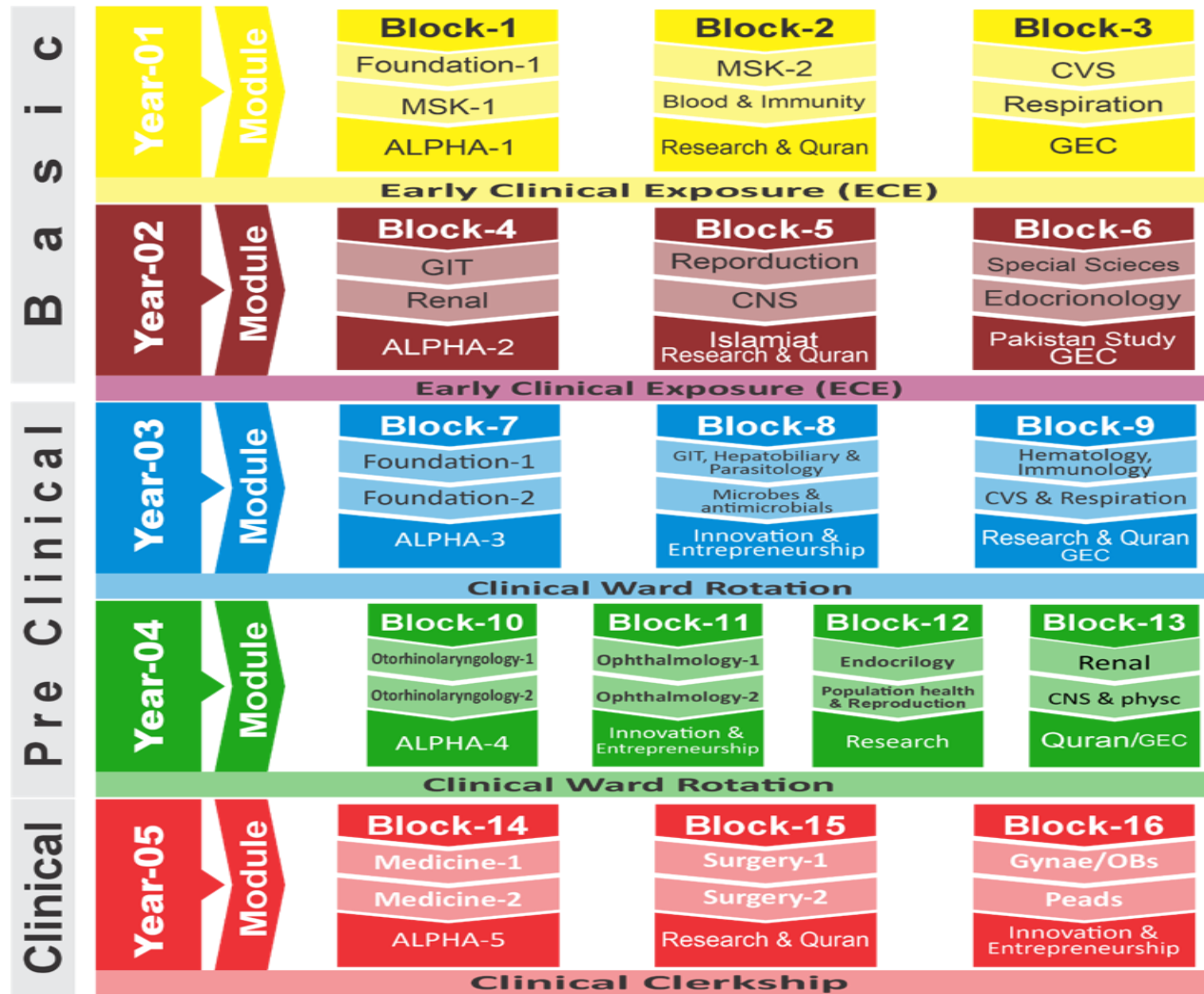


Figure 16 – Modules from basic to Clinical in RMU 12

## Conclusion

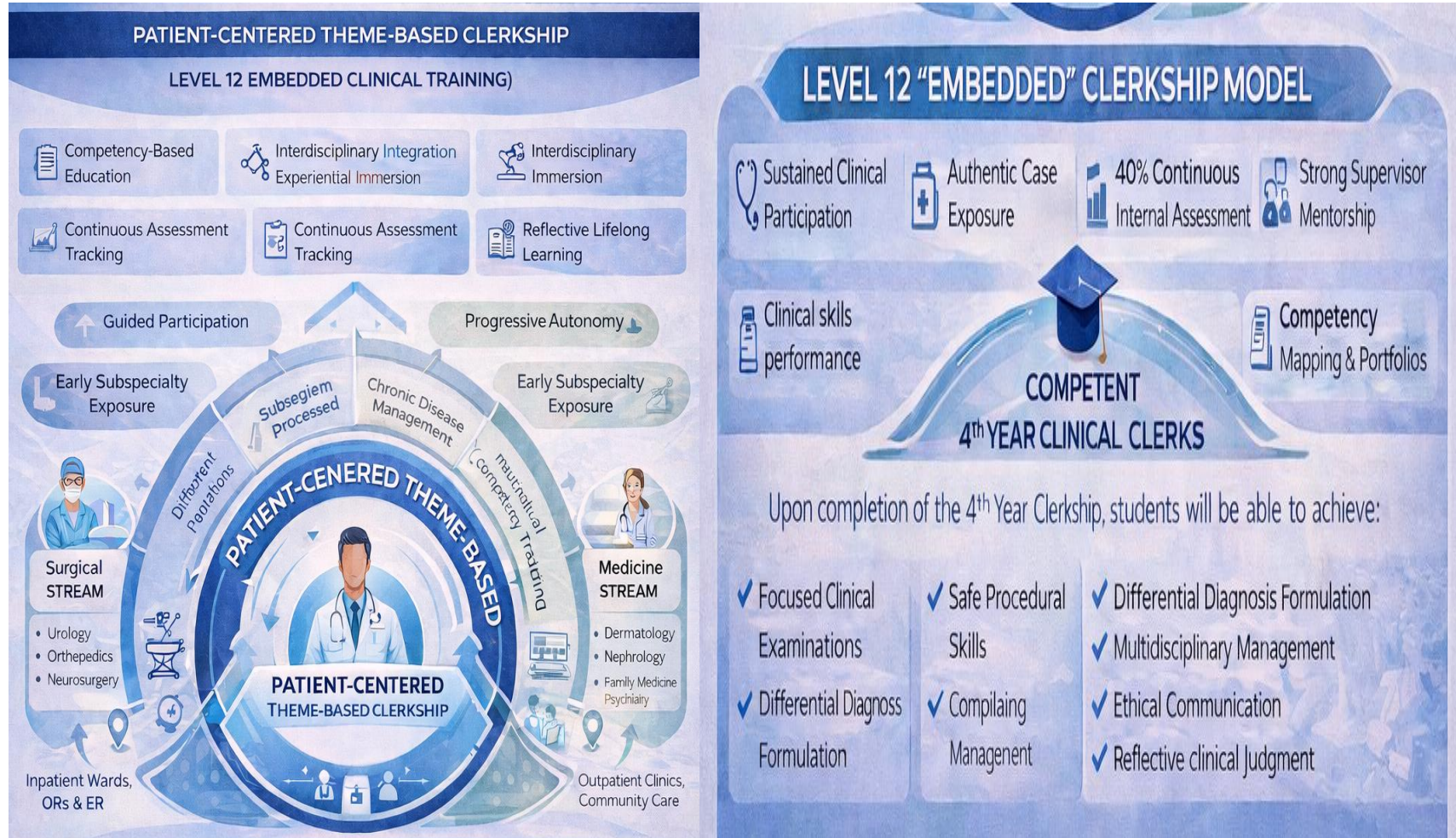
Rawalpindi Medical University's curriculum exemplifies a transformational approach to medical education that extends beyond traditional disciplinary integration. By achieving **Level 12: Beyond Boundaries Integration**, RMU demonstrates that modern medical education must prepare graduates not only as competent clinicians but as adaptive, reflective, socially accountable professionals capable of navigating complex health systems, ethical dilemmas, and evolving healthcare landscapes.

This framework, fully aligned with PMDC standards and grounded in Bloom's higher-order cognitive domains, positions RMU as an innovator in outcome-based, student-centered medical education that produces physicians prepared for 21st-century healthcare challenges.

The Five Pillars of Level 12—Societal Integration, Value-Based Integration, System-Level Integration, Knowledge Creation, and Temporal Integration—collectively represent a holistic vision for medical education that transcends disciplinary boundaries and prepares graduates for lifelong professional excellence.

### Key Takeaways for Educators

- Level 12 integration is achievable through deliberate curriculum design aligned with regulatory standards
- Higher-order thinking (Analysis, Evaluation, Creation) must be explicitly embedded in learning activities
- Integration extends beyond clinical problems to encompass society, systems, ethics, and professional identity
- Assessment strategies must align with transdisciplinary learning objectives
- The ultimate goal is producing adaptive professionals, not merely competent graduates



**Figure 17 – RMU 12 Symptom Based Integrated Clinical Clerkship**

## Symptom Based Integrated Clinical Clerkship Rawalpindi Medical University

### Level 12 Clinical Clerkship

*(Theme-Based Integrated Clinical Training)*

#### 1. Program Overview

The 4th Year MBBS Clinical Clerkship at Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU) is designed as a structured, competency-driven, Level 12 embedded clinical training model.

At this stage, students transition from supervised academic learners to progressively independent clinical participants. The program emphasizes immersive patient care exposure, deliberate practice, interdisciplinary integration, reflective learning, and longitudinal competency tracking.

Unlike traditional block rotations that isolate disciplines, RMU adopts a **theme-based embedded structure**, where allied specialties are integrated within broader clinical streams. This ensures continuity in clinical reasoning, patient care responsibility, and professional identity formation.

#### **The clerkship prioritizes:**

- Authentic clinical participation
- Early subspecialty exposure
- Competency-based progression
- Structured formative feedback
- Reflective practice
- Continuous internal assessment
- Longitudinal skill development

Students are expected to function as active members of clinical teams rather than passive observers.

## 2. Educational Philosophy

The RMU 12 Embedded Clerkship is grounded in:

- Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME)
- Experiential learning through clinical immersion
- Progressive scaffolding of autonomy
- Continuous formative assessment
- Reflective and self-directed learning
- Interdisciplinary integration
- Patient-centered professionalism

Clinical learning is organized around **patient presentations and themes**, not isolated subject boundaries. Students develop clinical reasoning across systems rather than within silos.

## 3. Theme-Based Integrated Structure

The clerkship is organized into **integrated clinical themes** embedded within two major streams:

3.1 Surgical Stream (Allied Rotations – 2 Weeks Each) Themes emphasize procedural exposure, surgical reasoning, and perioperative care.

### Specialties include:

- Urology
- Orthopaedics
- Neurosurgery

### Students experience:

- Acute surgical presentations
- Trauma and emergency care
- Operative indications
- Post-operative monitoring
- Procedural skill development under supervision

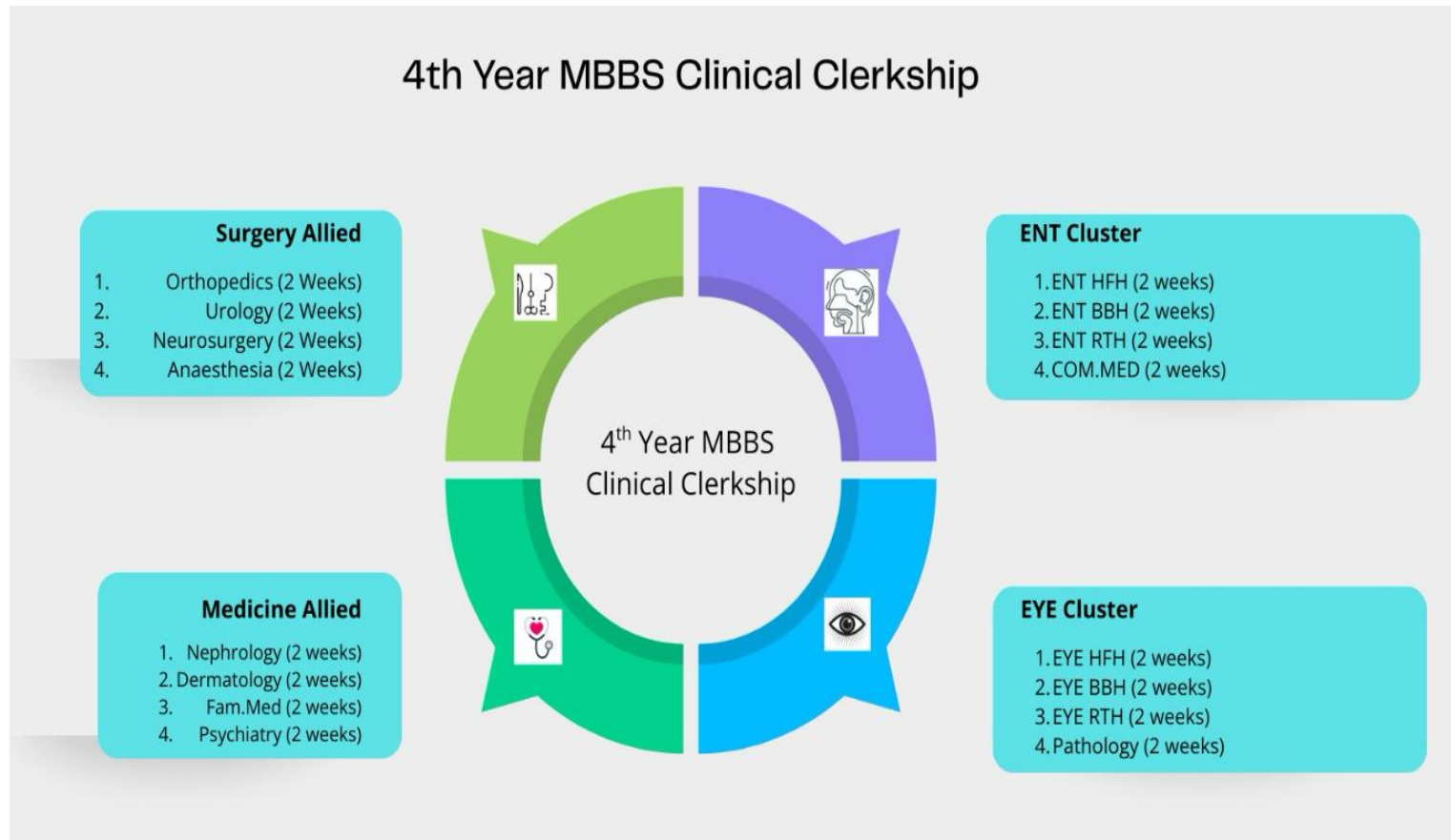


Figure 18 – 4<sup>th</sup> year MBBS Clinical Clerkship

### 3.2 Medicine Stream (Allied Rotations – 1 Week Each)

Themes emphasize chronic disease management, systemic evaluation, and community-based care. Specialties include:

- Dermatology
- Nephrology
- Family Medicine
- Psychiatry (3 weeks integrated exposure)

**Students engage in:**

- Outpatient clinics
- Ward rounds
- Multidisciplinary discussions
- Community and psychosocial assessments
- Longitudinal patient follow-up

**The theme-based structure ensures exposure to:**

- Acute conditions
- Chronic diseases
- Surgical decision-making
- Medical management
- Community care
- Mental health integration

#### 4. Core Learning Outcomes (RMU 12 Competency Expectations)

Upon completion of the 4th Year Clerkship, students will be able to:

1. Conduct focused clinical history and examination across subspecialties
2. Perform selected procedural skills safely under supervision
3. Formulate prioritized differential diagnoses
4. Develop rational investigation plans
5. Participate in multidisciplinary case discussions
6. Communicate effectively with patients and healthcare teams
7. Apply ethical and professional standards consistently
8. Demonstrate reflective clinical learning
9. Show emerging independent clinical judgment

These outcomes align with Level 12 expectations of embedded participation and progressive autonomy.

#### 5. Assessment Model – 40% Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA)

RMU distinguishes itself through a robust Continuous Internal Assessment system.

##### **CIA Structure:**

- 30% Theory & Clinical Assessments
- 10% LMS-based assessments

##### **CIA evaluates:**

- Clinical skills performance
- Case presentations
- Bedside participation
- Procedural competence
- Professionalism
- Logbook completion
- Reflective portfolio entries
- Mini-CEX and DOPS
- Supervisor feedback

**Continuous assessment ensures:**

- Sustained engagement
- Real-time feedback
- Early identification of learning gaps
- Remediation opportunities
- Skill consolidation over time

Competence is evaluated longitudinally rather than through a single high-stakes examination.

**6. Progressive Scaffolding of Autonomy**

The Level 12 clerkship follows a structured autonomy model:

Stage 1 — Guided Participation	Students observe and assist in patient care.
Stage 2 — Supervised Performance	Students perform clinical tasks with structured faculty oversight.
Stage 3 — Supported Independence	Students lead patient encounters with supervision available.

Each rotation increases responsibility while maintaining safety and accountability. This scaffolding:

- Builds confidence
- Reduces cognitive overload
- Encourages reflective learning
- Reinforces mastery through repetition
- Develops clinical judgment

Competence emerges through repeated exposure, structured feedback, and deliberate practice.

## 7. RMU 12 Embedded Clerkship

### The RMU 12 model integrates:

- Vertical curriculum alignment
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Competency mapping
- Longitudinal evaluation
- Reflective learning cycles

Students follow patients across services, linking classroom knowledge to real clinical decision-making. This embedded design:

- Prevents fragmented learning
- Promotes continuity of care understanding
- Encourages systems thinking
- Strengthens teamwork skills
- Supports professional identity formation

Students learn not only clinical content but also how to function within healthcare systems.

## 8. Development of Self-Directed Lifelong Learners

The clerkship intentionally cultivates:

- Self-assessment skills
- Adaptive expertise
- Curiosity-driven inquiry
- Evidence-based reasoning
- Professional resilience

Students maintain portfolios, set learning goals, and engage in guided reflection. They learn to:

- Identify personal knowledge gaps

- Seek evidence independently
- Critically appraise information
- Update clinical reasoning continuously

The goal is transformation from exam-focused learners into evolving, self-sustaining professionals.

### **9. Distinctive Features of the RMU 12**

Compared to traditional clerkship systems, RMU stands out by:

- Early subspecialty integration
- Embedded participation within clinical teams
- Strong 40% continuous internal assessment
- Structured scaffolding of independence
- Longitudinal competency tracking
- Emphasis on reflective growth
- Alignment with national and international competency frameworks

The outcome is a graduate who is:

- Clinically competent
- Adaptable
- Ethical
- Reflective
- Team-oriented
- Prepared for increasing responsibility in final year and house job

## Alignment National and International Standards

This curriculum is according to the standards set by following organizations.

1. Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER)
2. Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
3. World Federation for Medical Education (WFME)
4. Undergraduate Education Policy 2023 from Higher Education Commission (HEC)
5. Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) guidelines for undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum (MBBS) 2022

It is based on **SPICES** model of educational strategies which is student centered, problem based, integrated, community oriented and systematic. \*

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Information oriented	Problem based
Discipline based	Integrated
Hospital based	Community based
Standardized curriculum	Elective programs
Opportunistic	Systematic

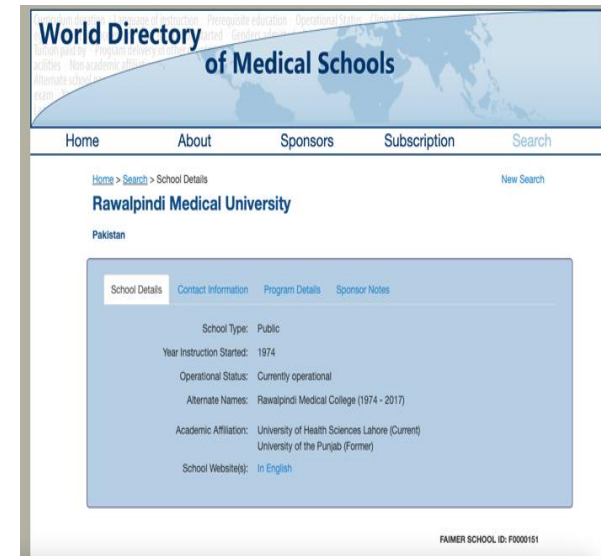
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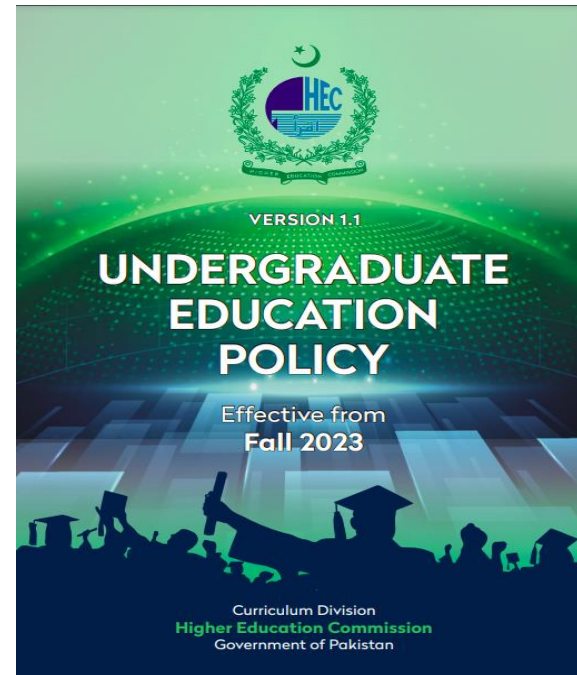


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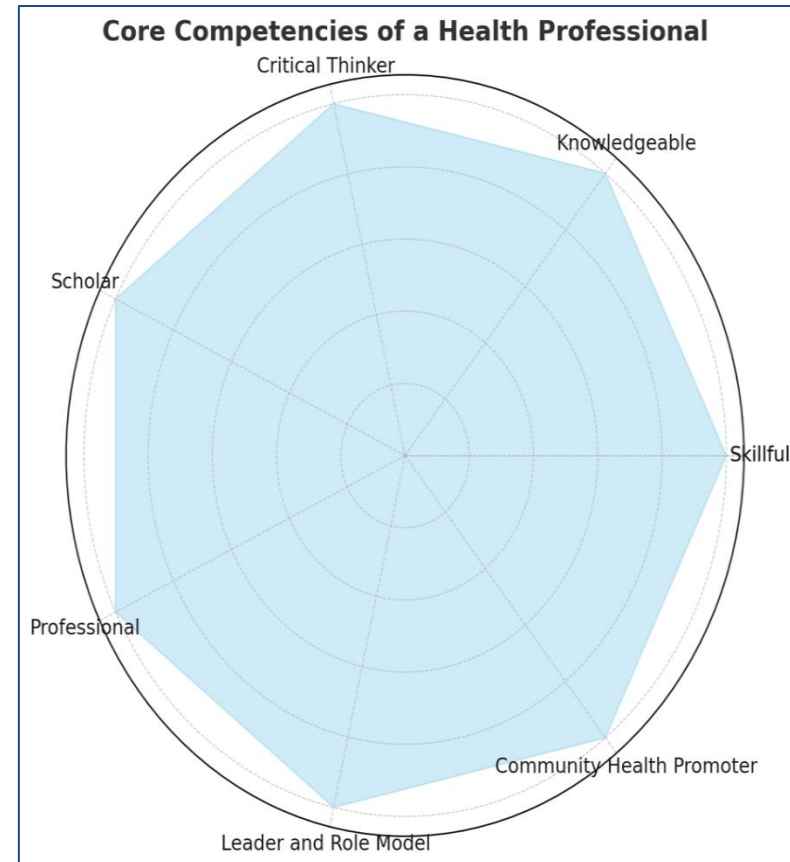
**Seven-star doctor**

Skilful	Knowledgeable
Community health promoter	Critical thinker
Professional	Scholar

**Leader and role model**

**1. Skilful (Clinical, Cognitive and Patient Care Skills)**

Takes a focused history	Perform
physical and psychological examination	
Formulates a provisional diagnosis	Orders appropriate investigations
Performs various common procedures	Debates, formulates management plans
Manages time and prioritizes tasks	Ensures patient safety.
Advises and counsels, educates, recognizes and takes in to consideration issues of equality	
Describes and debates the reasons for the success or failures of various approaches	



**Figure 19 – Core competencies of a health professional**

**2. Knowledgeable (Scientific Knowledge for Good Medical Practice)**

Differentiates, relates, applies and ensures knowledge is gained.

**3. Community Health Promoter (Knowledge of Population Health and Healthcare Systems)**

- Understands their role and be able to take appropriate action
- Determinants of health impact on the community
- Takes appropriate action for infectious non-communicable disease and injury prevention
- Evaluates national and global trends in morbidity and mortality
- Works as an effective member of health care team
- Adopts a multidisciplinary approach for health promotion
- Applies the basics of health systems
- Makes decisions for health care.

**4. Critical thinker (Problem Solving and Reflective Practice)**

- Use of information                      Critical data evaluation  
probability
- Regular reflection on their practice
- flexibility and problem-solving approach
- Raising concerns about public risks and patient safety.

Dealing effectively with complexity, uncertainty and

Initiating participating in or adopting to change,  
Commitment to quality assurance,

**5. Professional (Behaviour and Professionalism)**

- Life long, self-directed learner
- Seeks peer feedback
- Provides evidence of continuing career advancement
- responds positively to appraisals and feedback
- Ethical, Collaborator, Communicator.

Demonstrates continuous learning

Manages information effectively

Functions effectively as a mentor and a trainer,

Altruistic and empathetic

**6. Scholar and Researcher**

- a. Identifies a researchable problem and critically reviews the literature
- b. Phrases succinct research questions and formulates hypotheses
- c. Identifies the appropriate research design(s) in epidemiology and analytical tests in biostatistics to answer the research question.
- d. Collects, analyzes and evaluates data, and presents results.
- e. Demonstrates ethics in conducting research and in ownership of intellectual property.

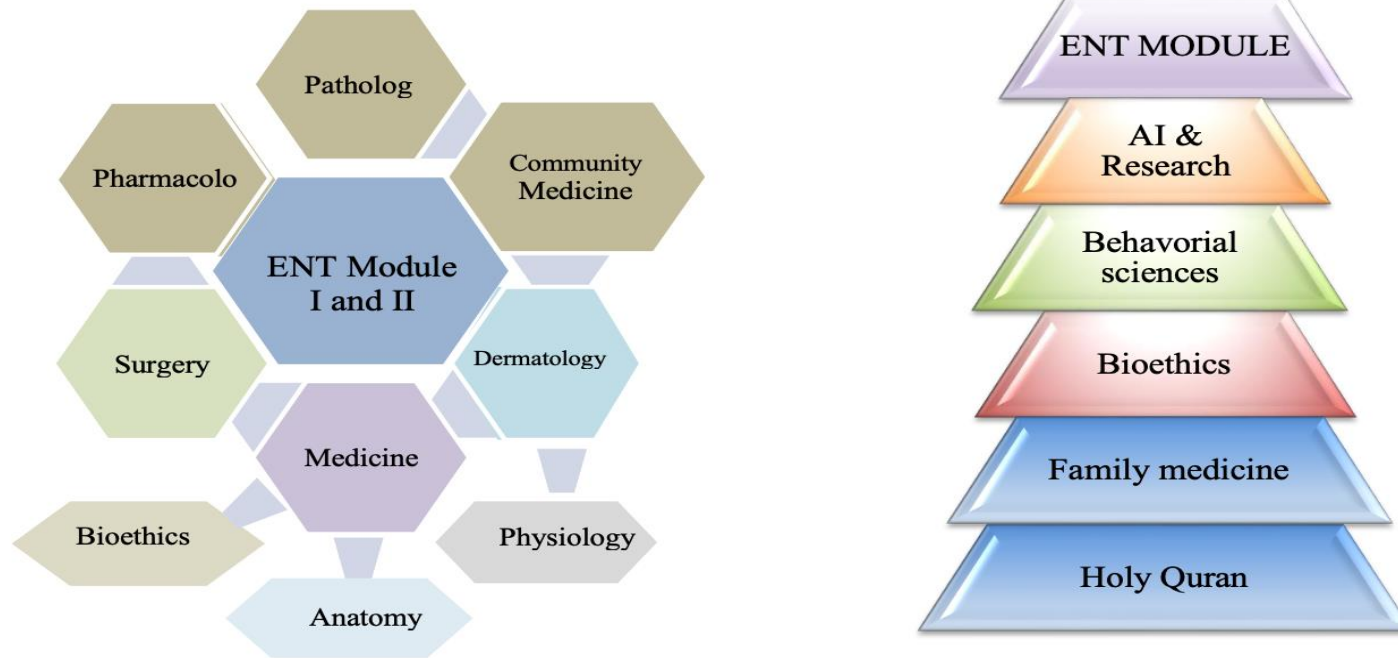
**7. Leader and Role Model**

Demonstrates exemplary conduct and leadership potential in a. advancing healthcare b. enhancing medical education c. initiating, participating in and adapting to change, using scientific evidence and approaches d. Enhancing the trust of the public in the medical profession by being exceptional role model at work and when away e. accepting leadership roles f. Providing leadership in issues concerning society.

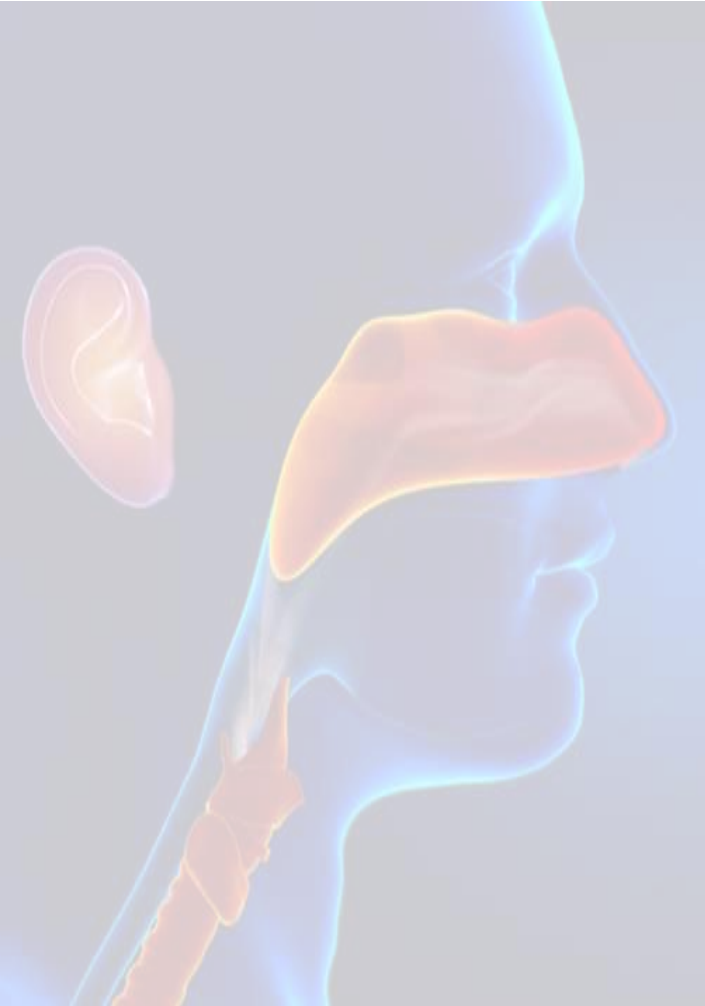
**8. Appreciate concepts & importance of**

- Research
- Biomedical ethics
- Family medicine
- Artificial Intelligence

This module will run in 6 weeks duration. The content will be covered through introduction of topics. Instructional strategies are given in the time table and learning objectives are given in the study guides. Study guides will be uploaded on the university website

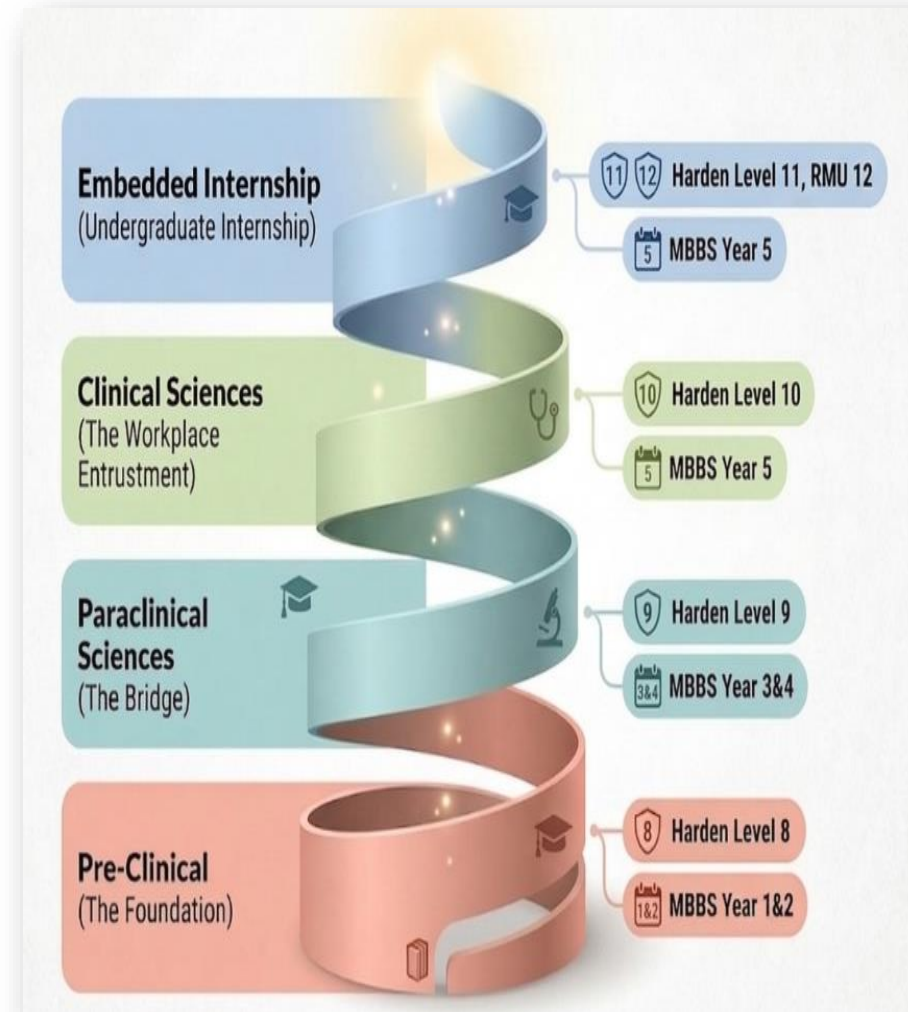


**Figure 20- Integration of Disciplines in ENT Block / Special Integrated Disciplines**



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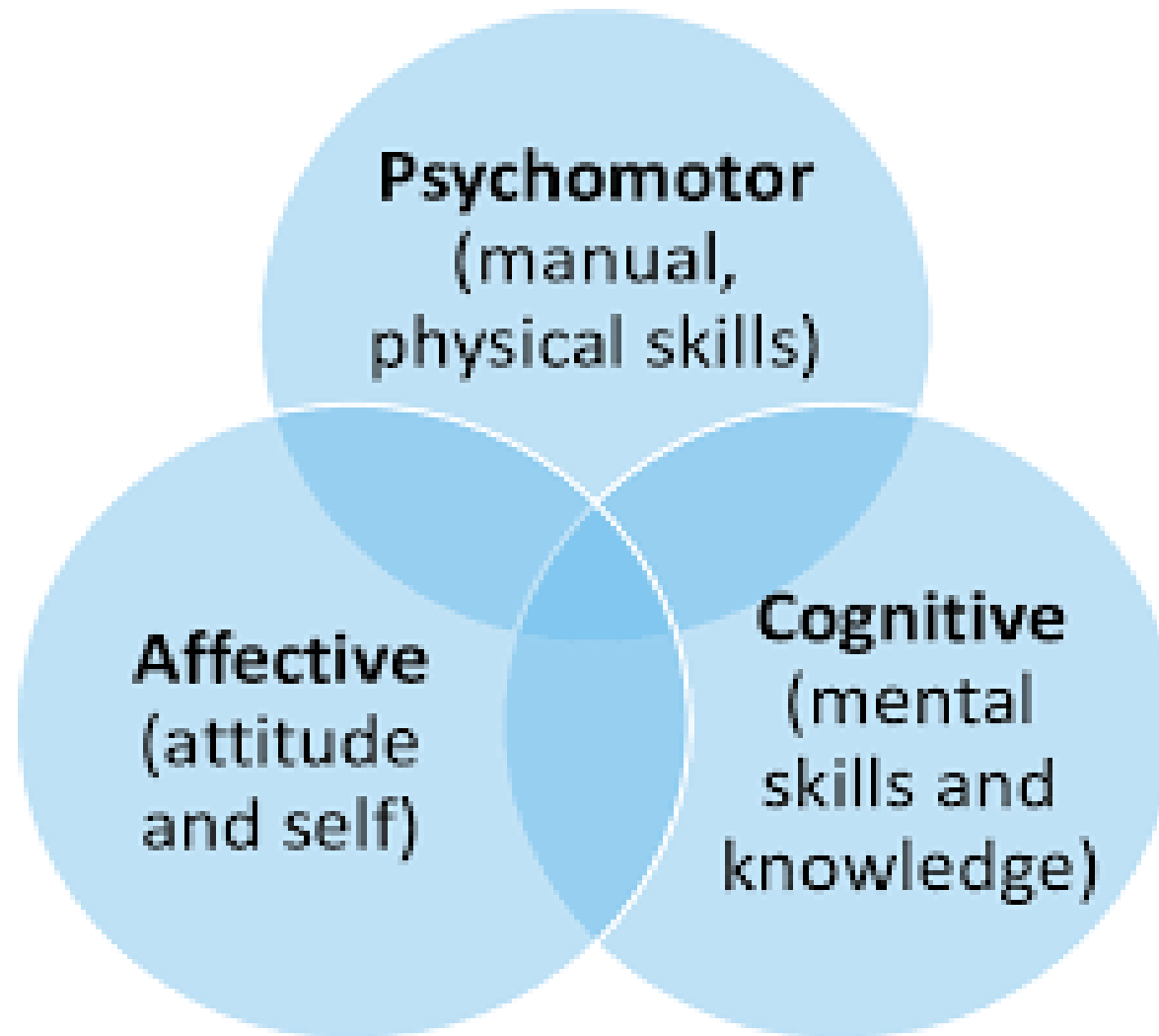
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### Domains of learning according to Blooms Taxonomy

Sr. #	Abbreviation	Domains of learning
1.	C	<b>Cognitive Domain:</b> knowledge and mental skills.
	• C1	Remembering
	• C2	Understanding
	• C3	Applying
	• C4	Analyzing
	• C5	Evaluating
	• C6	Creating
2.	P	<b>Psychomotor Domain:</b> motor skills.
	• P1	Imitation
	• P2	Manipulation
	• P3	Precision
	• P4	Articulation
	• P5	Naturalization
3.	A	<b>Affective Domain:</b> feelings, values, dispositions, attitudes, etc
	• A1	Receive
	• A2	Respond
	• A3	Value
	• A4	Organize
	• A5	Internalize

## Section – II : Educational Strategies

### Otorhinolaryngology-Block-X

**Block Name** : Otorhinolaryngology Block-1 (Module I-II)  
**Duration of module** : 03 Weeks each module

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## Large Group Interactive Session (LGIS)

The large group interactive session is structured format of Prof Umar Model of Integrated lecture. It will be followed for delivery of all LGIS. Lecturer will introduce a topic or common clinical condition and explain the underlying phenomena through questions, pictures, videos of patients, interviews and exercises, etc. Students are actively involved in the learning process.

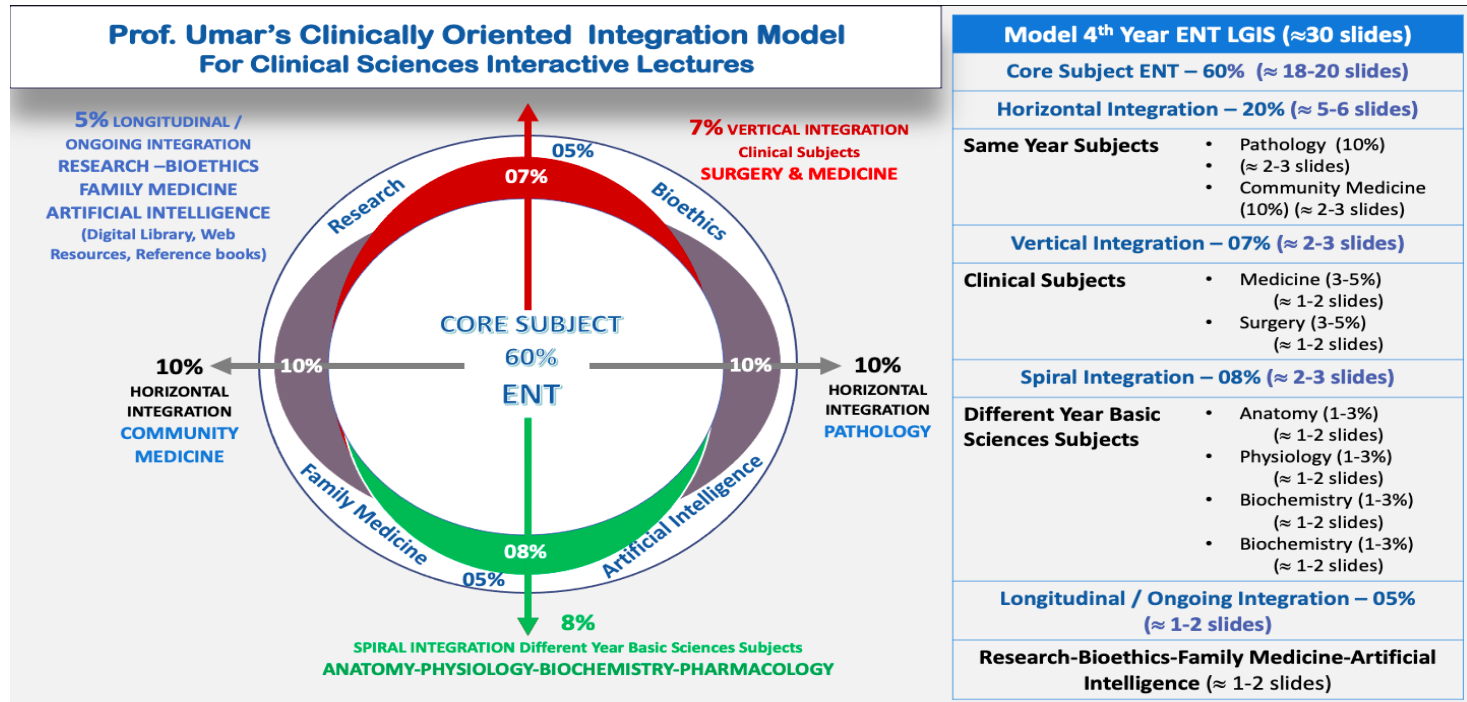


Figure 21 – Prof Umar Model of Integrated

### 1. Small Group Discussion (SGD)

This format helps students to clarify concepts acquire skills and attitudes. Sessions are structured with the help of specific exercises such as patient case, interviews or discussion topics or power point presentations. Students exchange opinions and apply knowledge gained from lectures, SGDs and self-study. The facilitator role is to ask probing questions, summarize and helps to clarify the concepts.

Step 1	Sharing of Learning objectives by using students Study guides	First 5 minutes
Step 2	Asking students pre-planned questions from previous teaching session to develop co-relation (these questions will be standardized)	5minutes
Step 3	Students divided into groups of three and allocation of learning Objectives	5minutes
Step 4	ACTIVITY: Students will discuss the learning objectives among Themselves	15 minutes
Step 5	Each group of students will present its learning objectives	20 min
Step 6	Discussion of learning content in the main group	30min
Step 7	Clarification of concept by the facilitator by asking structured questions from learning content	15 min
Step 8	Questions on core concepts	
Step 9	Questions on horizontal integration	
Step 10	Questions on vertical integration	
Step 11	Questions on related research article	
Step 12	Questions on related ethics content	
Step 13	Students Assessment on online MS teams (5 MCQs)	5 min
Step 14	Summarization of main points by the facilitator	5 min
Step 15	Students feedback on the SGD and entry into logbook	5 min
Step 16	Ending remarks	

S.No	Topics	Approximate %
1	Title Of SGD	
2	Learning Objectives from Study Guides	
3	Horizontal Integration	5%+5% = 10%
4	Core Concepts of the Topic	70%
5	Vertical Integration	10%
6	Related Advance Research points	3%
7	Biomedical Ethical points	2%
8	Spiral integration	5%

**Table 2 – Standardization of teaching content in small group discussion**

## 1. Self-Directed Learning (SDL)

Self- directed learning is a process where students take primary charge of planning, continuing and evaluating their learning experiences.

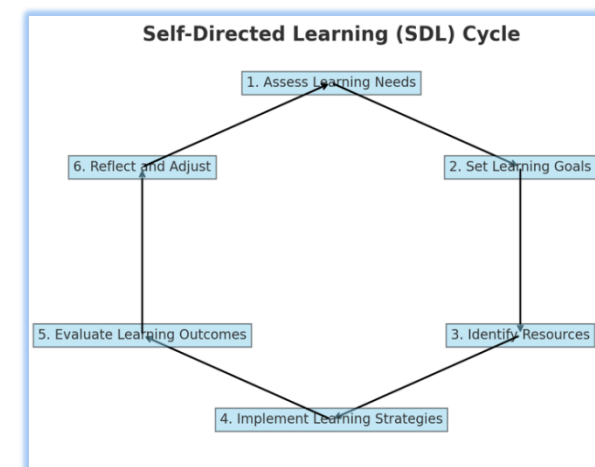
Time home assignment

Learning objectives will be defined

Learning resources will be given to students = Text book (page no), web site

Assessment:

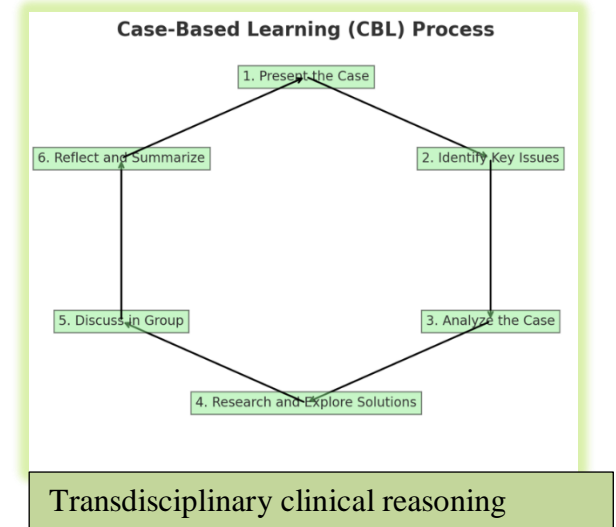
- i. online on LMS (Mid module/ end of Module)
- ii. OSPE station



## 6. Transdisciplinary Clinical Reasoning Forum (TCRF)

It's a learner centered model which engages students in discussion of specific scenarios that resemble typically are real world examples.

- Case scenario will be given to the students
- Will engage students in discussion of specific scenarios that resemble or typically are real-world examples.
- Learning objectives will be given to the students and will be based on:
  - i. To provide students with a relevant opportunity to see theory in practice
  - ii. Require students to analyze data in order to reach a conclusion.
  - iii. Develop analytic, communicative and collaborative skills along with content knowledge.



## Section – III

## Themes, Learning Objectives, Teaching Strategies and Tools of Assessment

## Themes For ENT

Week	Theme No.	Topics
Week 1	Theme 1	Otalgia, otorrhea, dizziness, Hearing loss
Week 2	Theme 2	Rhinorrhoea, nasal obstruction
Week 3	Theme 3	Sore throat
Week 4	Theme 4	Hoarseness, dysphagia
Week 5	Theme 5	Neck masses
Week 6	Assessment	

## Theme 1: Otolgia, Otorrhea, Dizziness , Hearing loss

Theme	Rationale	General learning objectives (SMART)
Otalgia Otorrhea Dizziness Hearing loss	<p>Diseases of the ear constitute a major proportion of clinical workload in both primary care and specialist practice, making their understanding essential for undergraduate medical students. The ear plays a critical role in hearing and balance, functions that are fundamental to communication, learning, and quality of life. Disorders affecting the ear can lead to significant morbidity, including hearing impairment, speech delay in children, vertigo, chronic infection, intracranial complications, and permanent disability if not diagnosed and managed appropriately.</p> <p>In the clinical years, particularly in the 4th year MBBS, students transition from theoretical learning to patient-centered care. Teaching ear-related disorders at this stage enables students to integrate anatomy, physiology, pathology, microbiology, pharmacology, and clinical medicine into real-world clinical decision-making. Common conditions such as otitis externa, otitis media, hearing loss, tinnitus, vertigo, and tympanic membrane perforations provide excellent models for developing diagnostic reasoning, history-taking, physical examination skills (especially otoscopy), and interpretation of basic investigations such as audiometry.</p>	<p>By the end of the ENT ear-related disorders module, the 4th-year MBBS student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Describe the applied anatomy and physiology of the external, middle, and inner ear with at least 80% accuracy in written or viva examinations.</li> <li>● Explain the etiology, pathophysiology, and clinical features of common ear disorders including otitis externa, otitis media, chronic suppurative otitis media, hearing loss, tinnitus, and vertigo during structured assessments and case discussions.</li> <li>● Elicit a focused history and perform a complete ear examination, including otoscopy, correctly in at least 3 out of 4 observed clinical encounters by the end of the clinical rotation.</li> <li>● Demonstrate tuning fork tests (Rinne, Weber, and Absolute Bone Conduction) accurately in an OSCE station within the allocated time.</li> <li>● Interpret basic audiological investigations, including pure tone audiograms, with a minimum of 75% accuracy in formative or summative assessments.</li> <li>● Identify red-flag signs, symptoms, and complications of ear diseases (e.g., facial nerve palsy, intracranial spread) and initiate appropriate</li> </ul>

	<p>Early recognition of serious and life-threatening complications of ear disease—such as mastoiditis, facial nerve palsy, intracranial abscess, meningitis, and lateral sinus thrombosis—is crucial for future doctors, even those not specializing in ENT. This ensures timely referral, appropriate initial management, and prevention of morbidity and mortality.</p> <p>Furthermore, ear disorders are highly prevalent in the community, especially in developing countries, where chronic suppurative otitis media and preventable hearing loss remain major public health concerns. Teaching these conditions fosters awareness of preventive strategies, health education, vaccination, early screening, and community-based interventions.</p> <p>Inclusion of ear-related disorders in the 4th year ENT curriculum therefore equips medical students with essential competencies in:</p> <p>Clinical examination and procedural skills  Diagnostic reasoning  Emergency recognition and referral  Preventive and community health perspectives  Multidisciplinary patient management</p> <p>This foundation is vital for producing competent, safe, and socially responsible physicians capable of managing common ENT problems and recognizing serious pathology in both hospital and community settings.</p>	<p>referral decisions in simulated or real clinical scenarios.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Outline appropriate first-line medical management and indications for surgical referral for common ear conditions according to undergraduate-level guidelines.</li> <li>● Apply principles of infection prevention, hearing conservation, and patient education during ward rounds and outpatient encounters.</li> <li>● Demonstrate professional behavior, effective communication, and ethical practice while interacting with patients suffering from ear disorders, as assessed by faculty feedback.</li> </ul>
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Code	Topic	Learning objectives At the end of the lecture the student should be able to	Learning domain	Teaching strategy	Assessment tool
M1-ENT-001	Endoscopic anatomy of middle ear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define middle ear cleft</li> <li>Elaborate parts of middle ear</li> <li>Discuss physiology of middle ear</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-002	Anatomy and physiology of ear and vestibular system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe parts of ear and vestibular system</li> <li>Discuss functions of cochlea and vestibular system</li> <li>Understand biochemical processes of cochlea and vestibular system</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-003	Acute otitis externa Malignant otitis externa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define acute otitis externa and malignant otitis externa</li> <li>Describe clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Pen down management plan</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-004	Acute otitis media Otitis Media with effusion Eustachian tube catarrh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define acute otitis media and otitis media with effusion</li> <li>Describe Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Pen down Management plan</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-005	Chronic otitis media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define chronic otitis media</li> <li>Describe Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Pen down Management plan</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-006	Complications of chronic otitis media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain different types of complications of chronic otitis media</li> <li>Describe Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Pen down Management plan</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-007	Facial nerve palsy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe Anatomy of facial nerve, types of facial nerve palsy</li> <li>Explain Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Pen down Management plan</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-008	Otosclerosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define otosclerosis, types, pathophysiology</li> <li>Describe clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Pen down Management plan</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE

M1-ENT-009	Sensorineural hearing loss Noise induced hearing loss Meniere's disease Drug induced hearing loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define sensorineural, noise induced, drug induced hearing loss, Meniere's disease</li> <li>Describe Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Pen down Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0010	Types of mastoidectomies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe Canal wall up, canal wall down mastoidectomies</li> <li>Explain Investigations before mastoid exploration</li> <li>Enlist steps of Post operative care</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0011	Pure tone audiometry Tympanometry BERA test ASSR test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain Hearing assessment methods and tests</li> <li>Interpret Types of graphs</li> <li>Explain Clinical implications and diagnoses</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0012	Hearing aids Cochlear implant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enlist Types of hearing aids</li> <li>Enumerate Parts of cochlear implant</li> <li>Explain Indication of hearing aids and cochlear implant</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE

### Community Medicine: Theme-1

Code	Topic	Contents Outlines (Major Topics & Sub- Topics)	Learning objectives After the Session Students Will Be Able To:	Learning domain	Teaching strategy	Assessment tool
M1-CM-0001	<b>Introductory lecture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intro to the subject of community medicine &amp; public Health.</li> <li>• Intro to IUGRC Scheme of learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehend the definitions explaining the subjects.</li> <li>• Identify applications of practices of Public Health.</li> <li>• Follow the scheme of learning &amp; assessment CM over the year.</li> <li>• Follow scheme of learning IUGRC.</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C2 C2	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE Viva
M1-CM-0002	<b>Fundamental concepts of Preventive medicine- I</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health &amp; Disease</li> <li>• Wellbeing &amp; Positive Health</li> <li>• Dimensions of health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe public health aspects of Health &amp; disease.</li> <li>• Explain health wellbeing and positive Health with examples</li> <li>• Explain dimensions of health</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C1	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE Viva
M1-CM-0003	<b>Fundamental concepts of Preventive medicine- II</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Assessment (Indicators)</li> <li>• Quality of life indicators</li> <li>• Health indicators</li> <li>• Approaches to disease prevention &amp; control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explains attributes of good statistical indicators of health &amp; disease</li> <li>• Describe health indicators</li> <li>• Comprehend &amp; calculate health indicators &amp; Indexes</li> <li>• Explains public health approaches to diseases prevention</li> </ul>	C2 C1 C3 C2	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE Viva
M1-CM-0004	<b>Levels of disease prevention Intervention</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Models of Disease causation</li> <li>• Natural History of disease</li> <li>• Models of Disease causation</li> <li>• Levels of prevention</li> <li>• Prevention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explains natural history disease concepts in context of prevention.</li> <li>• Explains models of disease causation with examples.</li> <li>• Apply levels of prevention and modes of intervention</li> </ul>	C2 C2 C3	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE Viva

<b>M1-CM-0005</b>	<b>Hearing loss due to noise pollution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Properties of noise</li> <li>• Effect of noise exposure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define noise and explain its sources</li> <li>• Describe properties of noise</li> <li>• Apprehend auditory &amp; non auditory effects of noise exposure</li> <li>• Recommend approaches of noise control</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3 C3	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE, Viva
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### Peer assisted learning (PAL)\* IUGRC Contact Session

Indicators of accomplishment Prior readings / assigned work	Learning objectives/ competencies	Learning outcomes	Assessment strategy
SESSION 1* Understand importance of Health Research for medical students	Review to Health Research Methodology	Students will be able to 2. Define 'health research' 3. Prioritize and select a research topic 4. Understand FINER Criteria for research question 5. Describe steps of conducting health research 6. Outline summary of a health research proposal 7. Describe the main components of a research report	1. MCQ in end of block exam 2. Viva exam at the end of the session

### Thematic Integrated Large Group Session (TILGS) -Aligned to ENT Theme 1

Community Medicine	Alignment with ENT Theme 1	Type of Integration	Integrated Learning Objective (Students will be able to...)
<b>Introduction to Public Health</b>	Indirect alignment	Conceptual background	Explain the public health significance of hearing disorders and ear infections in the community.
<b>Preventive medicine (health &amp; disease)</b>	Aligns with otitis prevention	Primary prevention	Identify primary preventive measures to reduce incidence of otitis media in children.

<b>Health indicators</b>	Indirect	Population burden of hearing loss	Interpret basic health indicators related to hearing impairment and discuss their implications for service planning.
<b>Concept of prevention &amp; mode of intervention</b>	Strong alignment with otitis media and noise-induced hearing loss	Primary + Secondary prevention	Differentiate levels of prevention (primary, secondary, tertiary) in the context of ear infections and hearing loss.
<b>Hearing loss due to noise pollution</b>	<b>Direct alignment with SNHL topic</b>	Strong horizontal integration	Correlate occupational and environmental noise exposure with sensorineural hearing loss and propose community-level preventive strategies.

<b>Pharmacology</b>	<b>Alignment with ENT Theme 1</b>	<b>Type of Integration</b>	<b>Integrated Learning Objective (Students will be able to...)</b>
<b>Antihistamines in ENT</b>	Aligns with allergic rhinitis, Eustachian catarrh, OME	Symptom control / Adjunct therapy	Explain the role of antihistamines in Eustachian tube dysfunction and otitis media with effusion.
<b>Effect of histamine &amp; antihistamine (experimental basis)</b>	Indirect mechanistic understanding of inflammation	Mechanistic integration	Describe the pharmacodynamic action of histamine and antihistamines in inflammatory conditions affecting the ear.
<b>Antibiotic therapy in otitis media/externa (implicit within ENT discussions)</b>	Direct alignment with acute otitis media, malignant otitis externa	Therapeutic integration	Select appropriate first-line antibiotics for acute otitis media and justify duration of therapy.
<b>Ototoxic drugs (drug-induced hearing loss)</b>	Direct alignment with SNHL topic	Risk-awareness integration	Identify commonly used ototoxic drugs and correlate their mechanism of action with sensorineural hearing loss.
<b>Analgesics &amp; anti-inflammatory drugs</b>	Aligns with otalgia management	Symptom-based integration	Outline rational use of analgesics in management of acute ear pain.
<b>Vestibular suppressants (e.g., antihistaminics, betahistine)</b>	Aligns with vertigo management	Therapeutic integration	Explain pharmacologic principles in symptomatic management of vertigo.

### Transdisciplinary Clinical Reasoning Forums (TCRF) Theme 1

Theme	Week	Topics	Clinical Case Scenario
Theme 1	Week 1	Otalgia, otorrhea, dizziness, Hearing loss	A female diabetic with otalgia, ear discharge

## “Managing a Severe Ear Infection in a Patient with Uncontrolled Diabetes

### **Clinical Scenario:**

A 28-year-old woman presents with severe, persistent left-sided ear pain for three weeks. The pain is deep, worse at night, and not relieved by routine analgesics. She reports foul-smelling discharge from the same ear.

She has longstanding diabetes mellitus and admits irregular medication use. Her recent laboratory results show poor glycemic control.

On examination, she appears distressed. The ear canal is swollen and tender with unhealthy granulation tissue. Facial movement on the left appears slightly weak.

Inflammatory markers are elevated. Imaging demonstrates bony involvement of the external ear canal extending toward the skull base. Microbiological analysis identifies a bacterial pathogen.

She requires hospital admission for intensive medical management.

### **Student Task (Problem-Based Trigger)**

Students are asked to:

1. Identify the key clinical concerns in this patient.
2. Explain why this infection has become severe.
3. Interpret the imaging findings in relation to symptoms.
4. Develop a comprehensive management plan.
5. Anticipate potential complications.
6. Counsel the patient regarding long-term disease control.
7. Suggest preventive strategies at community level.

## What Makes This RMU-12

- No subject headings.
- Knowledge domains are embedded within clinical reasoning.
- The organizing principle is the **patient problem**, not disciplines.
- Learning mimics authentic clinical decision-making.

### Students integrate:

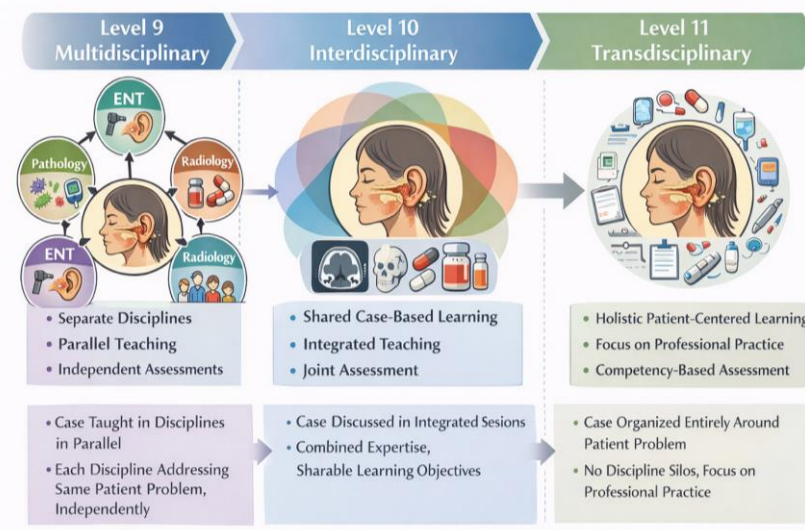
- Anatomy (implicitly)
  - Pathophysiology (implicitly)
  - Pharmacotherapy (within management)
  - Radiological Imaging interpretation (within reasoning)
  - Internal Medicine (within management)
  - Public health (within prevention)
- But none are taught separately.

### Teaching Format

- Small group facilitated learning
- Faculty from different backgrounds present but not teaching in silos
- Students build the care pathway themselves
- Assessment based on competence and clinical reasoning

### Academic Justification Statement

**“The case has been designed to reflect RMU-12, where learning is structured around authentic patient problems rather than disciplinary categories. Knowledge from biomedical, clinical, and public health domains is integrated seamlessly within professional practice.”**



**Figure 22 – Progression in Integration Approaches in Medical Education**

### Subject Contribution In TCRF Session -1

Subject / Discipline	Nature of Contribution	Approximate Integration Weight (%)	Rationale for Weight
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Core diagnostic reasoning, examination, management pathway	<b>30%</b>	Organizing clinical discipline; primary decision-making domain
Medicine (Diabetes)	Glycemic control, systemic risk factor modulation	<b>20%</b>	Infection severity strongly linked to metabolic status
Pathophysiology	Mechanism of invasive infection & osteomyelitis	<b>10%</b>	Explains disease progression in diabetic milieu
Microbiology	Pathogen identification & antimicrobial targeting	<b>10%</b>	Directly influences therapeutic decisions
Pharmacology	Antibiotic selection, IV therapy principles	<b>10%</b>	Essential for management planning
Radiology	Imaging interpretation & skull base involvement	<b>8%</b>	Guides severity assessment & monitoring
Anatomy (Applied)	Spread to skull base, facial nerve involvement	<b>7%</b>	Supports clinical interpretation of symptoms
Public Health / Preventive Medicine	Community diabetes control strategies	<b>5%</b>	Preventive extension beyond acute care

### Subject-Wise Specific Learning Objectives-1

Subject	Domain	Specific Learning Objectives (Students will be able to...)	Bloom's Level	Integration Role
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Clinical Skills & Reasoning	Recognize clinical features suggestive of malignant otitis externa	Analyze	Core organizing discipline
		Differentiate simple otitis externa from invasive infection	Analyze	
		Perform otoscopic examination and describe abnormal findings	Apply	
		Formulate comprehensive ENT management plan	Evaluate	
		Identify indications for hospital admission	Evaluate	
Medicine (Diabetes)	Clinical Integration	Explain how uncontrolled diabetes predisposes to severe infection	Understand	Systemic driver
		Interpret laboratory indicators of poor glycemic control	Analyze	
		Outline inpatient glycemic optimization strategies	Apply	
Pathophysiology	Mechanistic Understanding	Describe mechanisms of impaired immunity in diabetes	Understand	Explains severity
		Explain progression from soft tissue infection to osteomyelitis	Analyze	
Microbiology	Diagnostic Reasoning	Identify common pathogens in malignant otitis externa	Remember/Understand	Guides therapy
		Interpret culture and sensitivity report	Analyze	
		Justify choice of targeted antimicrobial therapy	Evaluate	
Pharmacology	Therapeutics	Outline appropriate IV antibiotic regimen	Apply	Management planning
		Explain rationale for prolonged antibiotic duration	Analyze	
		Identify potential drug interactions in diabetic	Analyze	

		patients		
Radiology	Investigation Interpretation	Interpret CT findings showing bony erosion	Analyze	Confirms severity
		Correlate imaging findings with clinical symptoms	Analyze	
Anatomy (Applied)	Structural Correlation	Describe anatomical spread of infection to skull base	Understand	Supports reasoning
		Explain facial nerve course relevant to this case	Understand	
Public Health	Prevention	Propose preventive strategies for diabetic patients	Apply	Community extension
		Suggest community-level interventions for glycemic control	Create	

## Theme 2: Rhinorrhoea, Nasal Obstruction

Theme	Rationale	General learning objectives (SMART)
<p>Rhinorrhoea Nasal obstruction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nose-related disorders are among the most common conditions encountered in clinical practice, particularly in outpatient and emergency settings. Diseases such as rhinitis, sinusitis, epistaxis, nasal trauma, deviated nasal septum, nasal polyps, and sinonasal tumors significantly affect patient comfort, respiratory function, olfaction, and overall quality of life. In developing countries, allergic rhinitis, infective sinus disease, and epistaxis remain highly prevalent and contribute substantially to morbidity.</li> <li>• The nose plays a critical role in respiration, olfaction, phonation, and defense of the lower airway. Its close anatomical relationship with the orbit, cranial cavity, and paranasal sinuses makes nasal diseases potentially life-threatening if complications such as orbital cellulitis, cavernous sinus thrombosis, or intracranial spread are not recognized early.</li> <li>• Inclusion of nose-related disorders in the ENT theme curriculum enables 4th-year MBBS students to acquire essential knowledge and clinical skills required for</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of the ENT nose-related disorders module, the 4th-year MBBS student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the applied anatomy and physiology of the nose and paranasal sinuses with at least 80% accuracy in written or viva examinations.</li> <li>• Explain the etiology, pathophysiology, and clinical features of common nasal disorders including rhinitis, sinusitis, epistaxis, deviated nasal septum, nasal polyps, and nasal trauma during structured case-based discussions.</li> <li>• Elicit a focused nasal history and perform a complete nasal examination, including anterior rhinoscopy, correctly in at least 3 out of 4 supervised clinical encounters by the end of the rotation.</li> <li>• Demonstrate initial management of epistaxis, including first-aid measures and nasal packing principles, accurately in an OSCE or simulated clinical station.</li> <li>• Interpret basic radiological investigations relevant to nasal and sinus diseases (e.g., X-ray PNS, CT scan of paranasal sinuses) with a minimum of 75% accuracy in assessments.</li> <li>• Identify red-flag symptoms and signs suggestive of complications or malignancy (e.g., unilateral nasal obstruction, recurrent epistaxis, orbital symptoms) and initiate timely referral in clinical scenarios.</li> </ul>

	<p>accurate diagnosis, initial management, and timely referral. Emphasis is placed on developing competencies in nasal examination, management of epistaxis, interpretation of radiological investigations, and recognition of red-flag symptoms. This training prepares future medical graduates to manage common nasal conditions safely, contribute to preventive care, and reduce complications associated with delayed or inappropriate treatment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Outline principles of medical management and indications for surgical intervention for common nose-related disorders at the undergraduate competency level.</li> <li>● Apply preventive strategies and patient education related to allergic rhinitis, sinusitis, and nasal hygiene during outpatient and ward-based interactions.</li> <li>● Demonstrate professional behavior, effective communication, and ethical practice while managing patients with nasal complaints, as assessed through faculty feedback.</li> </ul>
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Code	Topic	Learning Objectives At the end of one hour lecture students should be able to	Learning domain	Teaching strategy	Assessment tool
M1-ENT-0013	Anatomy and physiology of nose and paranasal sinuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Anatomy of nasal septum, nasal cavity, paranasal sinuses</li> <li>● Physiology of nasal septum, nasal cavity, paranasal sinuses</li> <li>● Clinical aspects of anatomical variations</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0014	Snoring and sleep apnoea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Definition of snoring and sleep apnoea</li> <li>● Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>● Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0015	Nasopharyngeal angiofibroma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Origin of nasopharyngeal angiofibroma</li> <li>● Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>● Management plan</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0016	FESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Definition of FESS</li> <li>● Steps of FESS</li> <li>● Complications of FESS</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE

M1-ENT-0017	Deviated Nasal Septum Rhinoplasty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of deviated nasal septum, rhinoplasty</li> <li>• Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>• Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
<b>M1-ENT-0018</b>	Acute and chronic rhinosinusitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of acute and chronic sinusitis</li> <li>• Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>• Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0019	Nasal polyps Allergic Infective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types and pathophysiology of nasal polyps</li> <li>• Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>• Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0020	Complications of rhinosinusitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enumerate complications of rhinosinusitis</li> <li>• Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>• Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGI S	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0021	Allergic rhinitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of Allergic Rhinitis</li> <li>• Pathophysiology</li> <li>• Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>• Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGI S	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0022	Radiology of nose and PNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important investigations done for nose and PNS</li> <li>• Indications and findings</li> <li>• Recent advances</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGI S	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0023	Septal hematoma Septal abscess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Septal hematoma, septal abscess</li> <li>• Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>• Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0024	Basal cell carcinoma Squamous cell carcinoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is BCC, SCC nose</li> <li>• Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>• Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE

## Community Medicine Theme 2

CODE	TOPIC	Contents Outlines (Sub- Topics)	Learning objectives After the Session Students Will Be Able to:	Learning domain	Teaching strategy	Assessment tool
M1-CM-0006	Fundamental Concepts & Uses of Epidemiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definition of epidemiology</li> <li>• Explanation of concepts of Time-place-Person</li> <li>• Epidemiologic approach to health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explains epidemiology as a fundamental science of public health.</li> <li>• Explain major concepts embodied in definition.</li> <li>• Comprehend &amp; explains epidemiologic approach to health problems</li> <li>• Enumerate uses of epidemiology</li> </ul>	C2 C2 C2 C1	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE Viva
M1-CM-0007	Introduction to Epidemiologic Methods descriptive studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epidemiologic Methods / studies</li> <li>• Descriptive epidemiology- types &amp; steps of descriptive studies</li> <li>• Steps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classify epidemiological study designs</li> <li>• Explain two methods of undertaking descriptive studies.</li> <li>• Explain steps of undertaking a descriptive study</li> <li>• Construct 2x2 contingency table for cross-sectional comparative studies</li> <li>• Perform cross-tabulation</li> <li>• Interpret the findings of 2x2 table</li> <li>• Construct etiological hypothesis</li> </ul>	C2 C2 C2 C3 C3 C3 C1	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE Viva
M1-CM-0008	Droplet infections- I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smallpox</li> <li>• Chicken Pox</li> <li>• measles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand important concepts &amp; definitions of droplet infections</li> <li>• Explain the strategy adopted for eradication of smallpox.</li> <li>• Describe the WHO response in case of any bioterrorism.</li> <li>• Describe the epidemiology determinants of chicken pox &amp; measles.</li> <li>• Explain modes of transmission and incubation period of chicken pox &amp; measles.</li> </ul>	C2 C3 C2 C2 C2 C3 C3	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, Viva Voce and OSPE

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend prevention and control measures of chicken pox &amp; measles in community &amp; institutional outbreaks</li> <li>• Appraise the steps of WHO Measles Elimination Strategy in the community.</li> </ul>			
M1-CM-0009	Droplet infections- II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rubella</li> <li>• Pertussis</li> <li>• Mumps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe epidemiology determinants of mumps, rubella, and pertussis.</li> <li>• Explain the modes of transmission and incubation period of mumps, rubella, and pertussis.</li> <li>• Identify the high-risk individuals to get rubella, pertussis, mumps.</li> <li>• Diagnose the cases based on signs/ symptoms &amp; complications</li> <li>• Apply prevention and control measures of mumps, rubella, and pertussis in community.</li> <li>• Explain Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS) as public health issue.</li> </ul>	C2 C1 C2 C3 C3 C3	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE and Viva Voce
M1-CM-0010	Droplet infections- III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuberculosis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the public health importance of Tuberculosis in global and local context.</li> <li>• Describe the epidemiological determinants of Tuberculosis.</li> <li>• Identify the risk factors and high-risk population of the disease.</li> <li>• Explain significance, procedure &amp; incubation period of Montoux test</li> <li>• Recommend prevention and control of Tuberculosis in community.</li> <li>• Appraise components of End TB Strategy. Including TB-DOTs strategy.</li> <li>• Differentiate primary, secondary drug resistance and MDR-TB and XDR-TB.</li> </ul>	C2 C2 C2 C2 C3 C3 C2	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE and Viva Voce

### Peer assisted learning (PAL)\* IUGRC Contact Session

Indicators of accomplishment Prior readings / assigned work	Learning objectives/ competencies	Learning outcomes	Assessment strategy
SESSION II* 1. Able to reflect on Elements of proposal writings. 2. Reflect on relevant literature search and on some articles close to topic of interest. 3. Reflect on point to research topic selection.	Interactive discussion on how to; 1. How to and what literature / sources reviewed for topic selection. 2. To perform advanced search option to modify, refine the topic & search for new ideas/perspectives 3. organize research idea or general thought into a topic that can be configured into research problem / formulating research question 4. brief outline of study proposal in chronological order 5. develop data collection tool 6. do reflective learning	Each student be able to; 1. Develop the list of useful keywords for relevant literature search 2. Perform review of relevant Literature to refine how to approach selected topic and finding a way to analyze it. 3. review community health profile data bases, EMBASE, MEDLINE, PubMed, Google scholar Ovid, ProQuest Psych INFO, Cochrane Database, Scopus ) etc. 4. identify knowledge gaps 5. formulate appropriate research questioning the form of a study proposal 6. Attempt “reflective writing.	2. MCQ in end of block exam 3. Viva exam at the end of the session

\*Session II will be taken by All Faculty

### Thematic Integrated Large Group Session (TILGS) -Aligned to ENT Theme 2

Community Medicine	Alignment with ENT Theme 2	Type of Integration	Integrated Learning Objective (Students will be able to...)
<b>Fundamental Concepts &amp; Uses of Epidemiology</b>	Indirect but relevant to disease burden of sinusitis & nasal infections	Conceptual / Population health	Explain the epidemiological patterns of upper respiratory tract infections and their relevance to ENT practice.
<b>Introduction to Epidemiologic Methods (Descriptive studies)</b>	Supports understanding of prevalence of allergic rhinitis & sinusitis	Analytical integration	Interpret descriptive epidemiologic data related to nasal and sinus diseases.
<b>Droplet Infections I (Measles, Chickenpox, Smallpox)</b>	Moderate alignment via infectious nasal symptoms	Infectious disease linkage	Correlate droplet transmission mechanisms with acute nasal and upper respiratory infections.
<b>Droplet Infection II (Rubella, Pertussis, Mumps)</b>	Moderate alignment (URTI presentations affecting nose & nasopharynx)	Infectious disease linkage	Identify droplet-borne diseases presenting with nasal symptoms and outline preventive strategies.
<b>Droplet Infection III (Tuberculosis)</b>	Strong alignment (nasopharyngeal TB, chronic sinus involvement)	Strong horizontal integration	Recognize tuberculosis as a differential diagnosis in chronic nasal obstruction or nasopharyngeal masses.
<b>Concept of Prevention &amp; Mode of Intervention</b>	Strong alignment with allergic rhinitis, sinusitis prevention	Primary + Secondary prevention	Differentiate primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention in context of rhinosinusitis and allergic rhinitis.
<b>Noise pollution (indirect this week)</b>	Minimal alignment	Weak	—

<b>Pathology</b>	<b>Alignment with ENT Theme 2</b>	<b>Type of Integration</b>	<b>Integrated Learning Objective (Students will be able to...)</b>
<b>Neoplastic lesions of oral cavity &amp; tonsils</b>	Aligns with nasopharyngeal mass differentials	Mechanistic vertical integration	Differentiate benign from malignant nasopharyngeal masses based on pathological features.
<b>Inflammatory lesions</b>	Aligns with rhinosinusitis & nasal polyps	Inflammatory mechanism linkage	Explain the pathological basis of chronic rhinosinusitis and nasal polyp formation.
<b>Pathologies of tonsils</b>	Aligns with nasopharyngeal region	Structural-disease correlation	Correlate pathological changes with clinical nasal obstruction symptoms.
<b>Tumor Biology (Implicit in JNA discussion)</b>	Strong alignment with Nasopharyngeal Angiofibroma	Neoplastic mechanism integration	Describe vascular tumor characteristics and correlate with recurrent epistaxis.
<b>Chronic Inflammation</b>	Aligns with chronic sinusitis	Mechanistic understanding	Explain tissue remodeling and mucosal changes in chronic rhinosinusitis.

<b>Family Medicine</b>	<b>Alignment with ENT Theme 2</b>	<b>Type of Integration</b>	<b>Integrated Learning Objective (Students will be able to...)</b>
<b>ENT Problems in Primary Care</b>	Direct alignment with allergic rhinitis, sinusitis, epistaxis	Primary care integration	Identify common nasal complaints that can be managed at primary care level and initiate first-line treatment appropriately.
<b>Early Recognition &amp; Referral</b>	Aligns with JNA, unilateral obstruction, recurrent epistaxis	Gatekeeping role	Recognize red-flag features (e.g., unilateral obstruction, recurrent severe epistaxis) requiring urgent ENT referral.
<b>Follow-up of Chronic Nasal Conditions</b>	Aligns with chronic rhinosinusitis	Continuity of care	Plan follow-up strategy for chronic rhinosinusitis and determine failure of medical management.
<b>Community-Level Management of Allergic Rhinitis</b>	Direct alignment	Preventive + Therapeutic	Develop a primary care management plan for allergic rhinitis including pharmacologic and lifestyle advice.
<b>Initial Management of Epistaxis</b>	Direct alignment	Emergency triage integration	Outline initial stabilization measures for epistaxis in a primary care setting before referral.

## Transdisciplinary Clinical Reasoning Forum (TCRF) Theme 2

Theme	Week	Topics	Clinical Case Scenario
Theme 2	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Rhinorrhea, nasal obstruction</b>	<b>A young male patient with profuse nose bleed</b>

### “Managing a Young Patient with Profuse Epistaxis and Progressive Nasal Obstruction”

#### Clinical Scenario

A 16-year-old male presents to the emergency department with sudden onset, profuse right-sided epistaxis for the past 2 hours. The bleeding is bright red, continuous, and not controlled by initial nasal compression and anterior packing at a local clinic. He reports recurrent spontaneous nosebleeds over the past 6 months, increasing in frequency and severity. He also describes progressive right-sided nasal obstruction, mouth breathing, and occasional hyponasal speech. On examination, he appears pale and anxious with tachycardia and borderline hypotension. Anterior rhinoscopy reveals blood filling the nasal cavity without a clear anterior bleeding point. Once stabilized, nasal endoscopy shows a smooth, lobulated reddish mass in the nasopharynx extending into the posterior nasal cavity that bleeds on minimal contact. Imaging reveals a highly vascular mass arising from the posterolateral wall of the nasopharynx with anterior bowing of the posterior maxillary wall. Laboratory findings show anemia. He is planned for pre-operative embolization followed by surgical excision.

#### Student Task (Problem-Based Trigger)

Students are asked to:

1. Identify immediate life-threatening concerns.
2. Differentiate simple epistaxis from a structural vascular cause.
3. Interpret imaging findings in relation to symptoms.
4. Develop a comprehensive stabilization and management plan.
5. Anticipate complications (shock, recurrence, intracranial extension).
6. Counsel patient and family regarding prognosis and follow-up.
7. Suggest preventive and early-recognition strategies at community level.

## What Makes This RMU-12

- No subject headings
- Knowledge embedded within clinical reasoning
- Patient problem is organizing principle
- Learning mirrors authentic emergency decision-making

### Students Integrate (Implicitly)

- Anatomy (nasal cavity, nasopharynx, vascular supply)
- Pathophysiology (vascular tumour behaviour)
- Imaging interpretation (CT/MRI findings)
- Pharmacologic principles (resuscitation, embolization rationale)
- Surgical planning (timing and safety)
- Public health (early referral, awareness of red flags)

None are taught in isolation.

### Teaching Format

- Small group facilitated learning
- Emergency stabilization simulation
- Imaging interpretation in clinical context
- Students construct care pathway
- Competency-based assessment (clinical reasoning + decision making)

### Academic Justification Statement

“This case reflects RMU-12, where learning is structured around an authentic patient emergency rather than disciplinary categories. Biomedical, radiological, surgical, and public health knowledge is integrated seamlessly within professional clinical practice.



Figure 23 – Progression in Integration Approaches in Medical Education

### Subject Contribution in TCRF Session -2

Subject / Discipline	Nature of Contribution	Approx. Integration Weight (%)	Rationale
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Core diagnosis, emergency control, surgical planning	<b>30%</b>	Organizing discipline; primary clinical reasoning
Radiology	CT/MRI interpretation, vascular mass identification	<b>15%</b>	Confirms diagnosis & surgical planning
Anatomy (Applied)	Nasopharynx, pterygopalatine fossa, vascular supply	<b>10%</b>	Explains spread & imaging signs
Pathophysiology	Behavior of vascular tumors	<b>10%</b>	Explains bleeding tendency
Hematology	Anemia, blood loss assessment	<b>9%</b>	Guides transfusion decisions
Pharmacology	Resuscitation drugs, embolization rationale	<b>8%</b>	Therapeutic reasoning
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Timing, embolization strategy, operative planning	<b>10%</b>	Procedural planning
Public Health	Early referral & awareness of red flags	<b>8%</b>	Preventive aspect

### Subject-Wise Specific Learning Objectives-2

Subject	Domain	Specific Learning Objectives (Students will be able to...)	Bloom's Level	Integration Role
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Clinical Reasoning	Differentiate anterior epistaxis from posterior/structural causes	Analyze	Core discipline
		Recognize clinical features of juvenile nasopharyngeal angiofibroma	Analyze	
		Formulate stepwise management plan for profuse epistaxis	Evaluate	
		Identify indications for embolization and surgery	Evaluate	
Radiology	Imaging Interpretation	Interpret CT findings of highly vascular nasopharyngeal mass	Analyze	Diagnostic confirmation
		Correlate anterior bowing of posterior maxillary wall with tumor origin	Analyze	
Anatomy (Applied)	Structural Correlation	Describe vascular supply of nasopharynx	Understand	Explains bleeding
		Explain anatomical basis of tumor extension pathways	Analyze	
Pathophysiology	Mechanistic Understanding	Explain why vascular tumors bleed profusely	Understand	Explains severity
		Describe biological behavior of angiofibroma	Understand	
Hematology	Clinical Integration	Interpret laboratory indicators of anemia	Analyze	Guides transfusion
		Outline indications for blood transfusion	Apply	
Pharmacology	Therapeutics	Explain rationale of vasoconstrictors in epistaxis	Understand	Acute control
		Describe principle of pre-operative embolization	Analyze	
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Procedural Planning	Outline surgical principles in vascular tumor excision	Apply	Definitive care
		Identify intraoperative risks	Analyze	
Public Health	Prevention	Identify red flags requiring early ENT referral	Apply	Community awareness
		Propose awareness strategies for recurrent epistaxis	Create	

### Theme 3: Throat

Theme	Rationale	General learning objectives (SMART)
Sore throat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throat-related disorders constitute a major proportion of complaints encountered in primary care, emergency departments, and otolaryngology practice. Conditions such as acute and chronic pharyngitis, tonsillitis, peritonsillar abscess, laryngitis, dysphagia, hoarseness of voice, upper airway obstruction, and malignancies of the pharynx and larynx are common and potentially life-threatening if not promptly recognized and managed.</li> <li>• The throat plays a vital role in swallowing, phonation, respiration, and airway protection. Its close anatomical relationship with the larynx, esophagus, cervical spine, and major neurovascular structures makes throat pathology clinically significant. Delay in diagnosis may lead to serious complications such as airway compromise, deep neck space infections, aspiration, and advanced head and neck cancers.</li> <li>• Inclusion of throat-related disorders in the ENT theme curriculum ensures that 4th-year MBBS students acquire essential knowledge, clinical examination skills, and professional competencies required for early diagnosis, initial management, and appropriate referral. Emphasis is placed on recognizing red-flag symptoms such as stridor, dysphagia, hoarseness, neck swelling, and constitutional symptoms, enabling future physicians to act decisively in emergency and routine clinical settings.</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of the ENT throat-related disorders module, the 4th-year MBBS student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the applied anatomy and physiology of the pharynx and larynx with at least 80% accuracy in written or viva examinations.</li> <li>• Explain the etiology, pathophysiology, and clinical features of common throat disorders including acute and chronic pharyngitis, tonsillitis, peritonsillar abscess, laryngitis, dysphagia, and hoarseness of voice during structured case-based discussions.</li> <li>• Elicit a focused history and perform a systematic examination of the throat, including oral cavity and neck examination, correctly in at least 3 out of 4 observed clinical encounters by the end of the clinical rotation.</li> <li>• Identify signs of upper airway obstruction and initiate appropriate first-line management and urgent referral accurately in OSCE or simulated emergency scenarios.</li> <li>• Differentiate between benign and malignant causes of dysphagia and hoarseness with a minimum of 75% accuracy in formative or summative assessments.</li> <li>• Interpret basic investigations relevant to throat disorders, including indirect laryngoscopy findings and imaging studies, at an undergraduate competency level.</li> <li>• Outline principles of medical and surgical management of common throat conditions, including indications for tonsillectomy and referral for suspected malignancy.</li> <li>• Recognize red-flag symptoms suggestive of head and neck malignancies (e.g., persistent hoarseness, progressive dysphagia, neck mass, weight loss) and ensure timely referral in clinical scenarios.</li> </ul> <p>Demonstrate effective communication, professional conduct, and ethical practice while managing patients with throat complaints, as assessed through faculty observation and feedback.</p>

Code	Topic	Learning Objectives At the end of one hour lecture students should be able to	Learning domain	Teaching strategy	Assessment tool
M1-ENT-0025	Acute Chronic tonsillitis Peritonsillar abscess Retropharyngeal abscess Parapharyngeal abscess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anatomy of tonsils, retropharyngeal, parapharyngeal spaces</li> <li>Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0026	Chronic tonsillitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anatomy of tonsils, retropharyngeal, parapharyngeal spaces</li> <li>Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	
M1-ENT-0027	Retropharyngeal abscess Parapharyngeal abscess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anatomy of tonsils, retropharyngeal, parapharyngeal spaces</li> <li>Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	
M1-ENT-0028	Adenoiditis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is adenoiditis</li> <li>Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0029	Diseases of salivary glands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anatomy and physiology of salivary glands</li> <li>Diseases of salivary glands</li> <li>Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0030	Vocal nodules Vocal polyps Reinke's edema	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is vocal nodule, vocal polyp, Reinke's edema</li> <li>Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0031	Ludwigs angina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is Ludwigs angina</li> <li>Causative organism</li> <li>Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE

### Community Medicine Theme 3:

CODE	TOPIC	Contents Outlines (Sub- Topics)	Learning objectives After the Session Students Will Be Able to:	Learning domain	Teaching strategy	Assessment tool
M1-CM-0011	Droplet infections- IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meningitis</li> <li>• Diphtheria</li> </ul>	• Describe public health importance of Meningitis, diphtheria in global and local context.	C2	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE and Viva Voce
			• Describe the epidemiological determinants of Meningitis, diphtheria.	C2		
			• Enlist the modes of transmission and incubation period of Meningitis, diphtheria.	C1		
			• Identify the high-risk individuals to get these diseases.	C2		
			• Diagnose the cases based on signs/symptoms.	C3		
• Enlist the complications of Meningitis, diphtheria	C2					
• Recommend prevention and control measures of Meningitis, diphtheria in community.	C3					

### Small Group Discussions (SGDs)

Demonstration	Contents Outlines (Major Topics & Sub- Topics)	Learning objectives	Learning domain	Teaching strategy	Assessment tool
An exercise of tools of measurement in epidemiology- Measurement of Morbidity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concepts &amp; formulae of Epidemiologic tools used for measurements of diseases in the community.</li> <li>• Various types of morbidity rates</li> <li>• Incidence Rate Prevalence Rate</li> <li>• Relation b/w Incidence and Prevalence</li> </ul>	• Comprehend statistical tools used for measurement of disease in the population.	C2	SGD	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE and Viva Voce
		• Calculate incidence rate and prevalence rates in various scenarios	C3		
		• Derive relationship in incidence rates and prevalence Rates.	C3		
		• Interpret relationship in incidence rates and prevalence Rates.	C3		
		• Identify uses of morbidity data	C2		

### Thematic Integrated Large Group Session (TILGS) -Aligned to ENT Theme 3

<b>Community Medicine</b>	<b>Alignment with ENT Theme 3</b>	<b>Type of Integration</b>	<b>Integrated Learning Objective (Students will be able to...)</b>
<b>Measures of Morbidity</b>	Direct alignment with recurrent tonsillitis & pharyngitis burden	Epidemiological integration	Define and calculate morbidity indicators (incidence, prevalence) for recurrent sore throat in school-aged children.
<b>Measures of Morbidity in Chronic Conditions</b>	Aligns with chronic tonsillitis & adenoid hypertrophy	Population health correlation	Interpret morbidity data to assess disease burden of chronic tonsillar disease.
<b>Morbidity &amp; Health Service Utilization</b>	Aligns with school absenteeism due to sore throat	Health systems integration	Analyze impact of recurrent sore throat on school attendance and healthcare utilization.
<b>Epidemiologic Assessment of Infectious Diseases</b>	Aligns with streptococcal tonsillitis	Infectious disease surveillance	Explain epidemiologic patterns of Group A Streptococcal infections in pediatric populations.
<b>Community-Level Disease Burden</b>	Aligns with adenoid hypertrophy and pharyngitis prevalence	Preventive integration	Propose community-level preventive strategies to reduce recurrent throat infections.
<b>Monitoring of Communicable Diseases</b>	Aligns with droplet spread of pharyngitis	Public health control	Describe surveillance and reporting mechanisms for communicable throat infections.

### Transdisciplinary Clinical Reasoning Forums (TCRF) Theme 3

Theme	Week	Topic	Clinical Case Scenario
Theme 3	Week 3	Sore throat	A child with recurrent sore throat and fever

#### “Managing a Child with Recurrent Sore Throat and Fever”

##### Clinical Scenario

A 9-year-old child is brought to the ENT outpatient clinic by his parents with a history of recurrent episodes of sore throat and fever over the past 2 years. The parents report 5–6 episodes per year, each associated with throat pain, high-grade fever, painful swallowing, and malaise. Most episodes required oral antibiotics and resulted in school absenteeism. Between acute episodes, the child complains of persistent throat discomfort, halitosis, and occasional difficulty swallowing. There is no history of voice change, breathing difficulty, or weight loss.

On examination, the child is afebrile. Bilateral tonsils are enlarged (Grade III), with irregular surfaces and deep crypts containing cheesy debris. Anterior pillars are congested. Jugulodigastric lymph nodes are palpable, firm, and mildly tender.

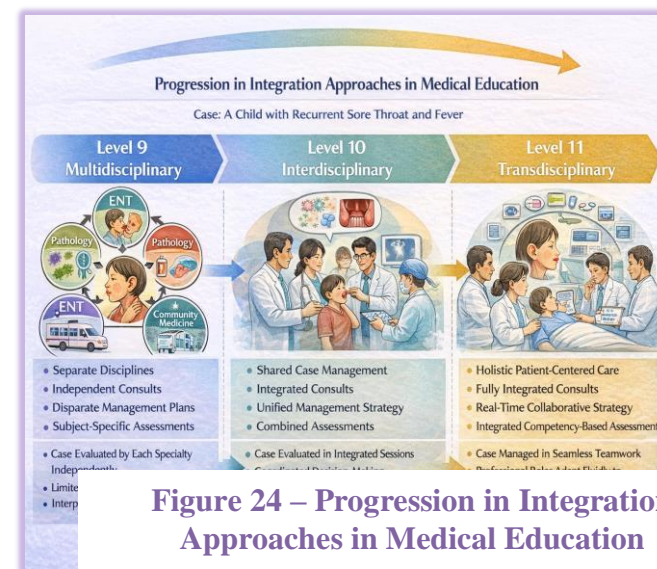
Previous throat swabs during acute episodes grew Group A  $\beta$ -hemolytic Streptococcus. Laboratory investigations are largely unremarkable except for mildly raised inflammatory markers.

The child and parents are counseled regarding continued conservative management versus tonsillectomy based on frequency and severity of episodes.

##### Student Task (Problem-Based Trigger)

Students are asked to:

1. Identify key clinical concerns and impact on quality of life.
2. Differentiate recurrent acute tonsillitis from chronic tonsillitis.
3. Interpret examination findings in relation to symptoms.



4. Develop a comprehensive management plan.
5. Determine indications for surgical intervention.
6. Counsel parents regarding risks, benefits, and prognosis.
7. Suggest preventive strategies at community and school level.

### What Makes This RMU-12

- No subject headings
- Knowledge embedded within clinical reasoning
- Organizing principle is the patient problem
- Learning mirrors authentic outpatient decision-making
- Emphasis on competence rather than disciplines

#### Students Integrate (Implicitly)

- Pharyngeal anatomy (within examination reasoning)
- Microbiological understanding (streptococcal infection)
- Pharmacologic principles (antibiotics, analgesics)
- Surgical decision-making (tonsillectomy criteria)
- Public health (school attendance, infection control)

None are taught separately.

#### Teaching Format

- Small group facilitated learning
- Case discussion with shared decision-making simulation
- Parent-counselling role play
- Competency-based assessment (clinical reasoning + communication + referral decisions)

#### Academic Justification Statement

**“This case reflects RMU-12, where learning is structured around an authentic paediatric outpatient problem rather than disciplinary silos. Biomedical, clinical, surgical, and public health knowledge is integrated seamlessly within professional decision-making.”**

### Subject Contribution in TCRF Session -3

Subject / Discipline	Nature of Contribution	Approx. Integration Weight (%)	Rationale
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Diagnosis, differentiation, surgical decision-making	40%	Core organizing clinical discipline
Microbiology	Group A Streptococcus, infection patterns	12%	Etiological understanding
Pathophysiology	Recurrent infection mechanisms, lymphoid tissue response	10%	Explains chronicity
Pharmacology	Antibiotic selection, resistance considerations	10%	Rational therapy
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Indications, risks, post-op care	8%	Decision threshold
Public Health	School absenteeism, infection control	10%	Community dimension
Anatomy (Applied)	Tonsillar anatomy, lymphatic drainage	10%	Supports examination reasoning

### Subject-Wise Specific Learning Objectives-3

Subject	Domain	Specific Learning Objectives (Students will be able to...)	Bloom's Level	Integration Role
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Clinical Reasoning	Differentiate recurrent acute tonsillitis from chronic tonsillitis	Analyze	Core discipline
		Identify clinical features suggesting surgical need	Evaluate	
		Grade tonsillar enlargement accurately	Apply	
		Develop comprehensive management plan	Evaluate	
Microbiology	Diagnostic Reasoning	Identify characteristics of Group A $\beta$ -hemolytic Streptococcus	Understand	Guides therapy
		Interpret throat swab results	Analyze	
		Explain risk of rheumatic fever	Understand	
Immunology / Pathophysiology	Mechanistic Understanding	Explain immune response in recurrent tonsillar infection	Understand	Explains recurrence
		Describe lymphoid hyperplasia mechanism	Understand	
Pharmacology	Therapeutics	Outline appropriate antibiotic regimens	Apply	Management
		Discuss risks of repeated antibiotic exposure	Analyze	
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Procedural Planning	State evidence-based indications for tonsillectomy	Apply	Surgical threshold
		Identify risks and complications of tonsillectomy	Analyze	
Public Health	Community Health	Assess impact on school attendance and social functioning	Analyze	Community relevance
		Suggest infection prevention strategies in school setting	Create	
Anatomy (Applied)	Structural Correlation	Describe tonsillar anatomy relevant to examination	Understand	Supports reasoning
		Explain jugulodigastric lymph node involvement	Understand	

### Theme 4: Hoarseness, Dysphagia

Theme	Rationale	General learning objectives (SMART)
Hoarseness Dysphagia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoarseness of voice and dysphagia are common yet clinically significant presenting complaints encountered in outpatient clinics, emergency departments, and inpatient settings. These symptoms may arise from a wide spectrum of conditions ranging from benign inflammatory disorders to life-threatening pathologies such as laryngeal carcinoma, hypopharyngeal tumors, neuromuscular diseases, and upper aerodigestive tract obstruction.</li> <li>• The larynx and pharynx play a critical role in phonation, swallowing, and airway protection. Disorders affecting these structures can lead to serious complications including aspiration, airway compromise, malnutrition, and delayed diagnosis of malignancy. Persistent hoarseness and progressive dysphagia are key red-flag symptoms that require early recognition and prompt referral.</li> <li>• Inclusion of hoarseness and dysphagia-related disorders in the ENT theme curriculum equips 4th-year MBBS students with essential knowledge and clinical skills to evaluate these symptoms systematically, initiate appropriate initial management, and identify cases requiring urgent specialist care. This training enhances patient safety, promotes early cancer detection, and prepares future physicians to manage common yet potentially serious throat-related presentations effectively.</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of the ENT hoarseness and dysphagia module, the 4th-year MBBS student will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the applied anatomy and physiology of the larynx, pharynx, and upper esophagus relevant to voice and swallowing with at least 80% accuracy in written or viva examinations.</li> <li>2. Explain the etiology, pathophysiology, and clinical features of common causes of hoarseness and dysphagia, including inflammatory, neurological, structural, and neoplastic conditions, during structured case-based discussions.</li> <li>3. Elicit a focused history for hoarseness and dysphagia and perform a relevant clinical examination of the oral cavity, neck, and larynx correctly in at least 3 out of 4 observed clinical encounters by the end of the rotation.</li> <li>4. Differentiate between benign and malignant causes of persistent hoarseness and dysphagia with a minimum of 75% accuracy in formative or summative assessments.</li> <li>5. Identify red-flag features such as hoarseness lasting more than three weeks, progressive dysphagia, aspiration, weight loss, or neck mass and initiate timely referral in clinical scenarios.</li> <li>6. Interpret basic investigations related to hoarseness and dysphagia, including indirect laryngoscopy findings and relevant imaging studies, at an undergraduate competency level.</li> <li>7. Outline principles of initial medical management and indications for surgical or oncological referral in patients presenting with hoarseness or dysphagia.</li> <li>8. Recognize airway compromise and demonstrate appropriate first-line emergency measures in simulated or OSCE-based scenarios.</li> <li>9. Demonstrate effective communication, professional behavior, and ethical practice while counseling patients with voice and swallowing disorders, as assessed through faculty observation and feedback.</li> </ol>

Code	Topic	Learning Objectives At the end of one hour lecture students should be able to	Learning domain	Teaching strategy	Assessment tool
M1-ENT-0032	Anatomy and physiology of oral cavity and pharynx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anatomy of oral cavity, pharynx</li> <li>• Blood supply of oral cavity, pharynx</li> <li>• Physiology of oral cavity and pharynx</li> <li>• Clinical implications</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0033	Anatomy and physiology of Larynx, Trachea, bronchi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anatomy of larynx, trachea, bronchi</li> <li>• Physiology of larynx, trachea, bronchi</li> <li>• Nerve supply of larynx</li> <li>• Clinical implications</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0034	Acute epiglottitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is acute epiglottitis</li> <li>• Causative organism</li> <li>• Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>• Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0035	Acute laryngo tracheo bronchitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is laryngotracheobronchitis</li> <li>• Causative organism</li> <li>• Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>• Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0036	Carcinoma larynx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of carcinoma of larynx</li> <li>• Etiological factors</li> <li>• Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations</li> <li>• Management plans</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE

### Community Medicine Theme 4

ODE	TOPIC	Contents Outlines (Major Topics & Sub- Topics)	Learning objectives After the Session Students Will Be Able To:	Learning domain	Teaching strategy	Assessment tool
M2-CM-0012	<b>Analytical studies (case-control studies)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamental concept of case- control study designs</li> <li>Steps of case control studies</li> <li>Bias &amp; Matching</li> <li>Odds ratio</li> <li>Limitations of case-control studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define Case-Control study designs</li> <li>Describe &amp; apply steps for undertaking a Case-Control study</li> <li>Comprehend Bias/confounding &amp; matching</li> <li>Calculate the analytical outcome of case control study &amp; interpret Odds Ratio</li> <li>Explain uses &amp; limitations of Case-Control studies</li> </ul>	C2 C2 C3 C3 C2	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE, Viva
M2-CM-0013	<b>Analytical studies (cohort studies)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamental concept of cohort study designs</li> <li>Steps of cohort studies</li> <li>Relative risk ratio</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehend cohort study &amp; its types.</li> <li>Explain steps of cohort studies</li> <li>Derive &amp; interpret analytical outcomes of cohort studies (Relative risk, Attribute-able risk, Population attribute-able Risk)</li> <li>Describe differences b/w case-control and cohort studies</li> </ul>	C2 C2 C3 C2	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE, Viva
M2-CM-0014	<b>Experimental Epidemiologic study designs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamental concept of Experimental Epidemiologic designs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define &amp; classify experimental study designs</li> <li>Apply general Steps of undertaking a Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT)</li> </ul>	C2 C3 C3	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE and Viva Voce

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steps of undertaking a Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT)</li> <li>Randomization &amp; Blinding</li> <li>Types Experimental Epidemiologic study designs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply Randomization &amp; Blinding in required situation</li> <li>Explain Types of randomized control study</li> </ul>	C2		
<b>M2-CM-0015</b>	<b>Association &amp; Causation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statistical significance &amp; clinical significance</li> <li>Hill's criterion for judging causality of association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describes Types of association</li> <li>Explains requirements for disease causation</li> <li>Explain difference b/w statistical significance and clinical significance</li> <li>Apply Hill's criterion for judging causality of association.</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C2 C3	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, Viva Voce and OSPE
<b>M2-CM-0016</b>	<b>Air &amp; Ventilation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thermal comfort &amp; Air Pollution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enlist indices of thermal comfort</li> <li>Describe the factors responsible for ventilation of air</li> <li>Define air pollution</li> <li>Identify sources of air pollution and air pollutants</li> <li>Demonstrate selection of air sample for analysis</li> <li>Enumerate the methods to prevent &amp; control of air pollution</li> <li>Describe standards and types of ventilation</li> </ul>	C1 C1 C1 C2 C2 C2 C2	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE and Viva Voce

### Peer assisted learning (PAL)\* IUGRC Contact Session

Topic	Contents Outlines (Major Topics & Sub- Topics)	Learning objectives At end of session Students will be able to ...	Assessment tool LMS
<p>SESSION 3 Finalization of questionnaire and layout of work plan (Gantt chart) Development &amp; finalizing of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Study variables</li> <li>● data analysis plan</li> <li>● use of relevant statistical measures</li> <li>● data collection tool development</li> <li>● addressing ethical aspects of SGRP and preparing Gantt chart</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify relevant and statistically appropriate study variables.</li> <li>● Develop appropriate data analysis plan,</li> <li>● Decide use of relevant statistical tests</li> <li>● Decide sampling method &amp; calculate sample size</li> <li>● Develop data collection tool &amp; decide data collection technique</li> <li>● Apply principles of research ethics in SGRP specifically informed consent, confidentiality of information e</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Finalize study variables, data analysis plan, application of relevant statistical tests</li> <li>● Appreciate relevant sampling and data collection technique</li> <li>● Finalize data collection tool / questionnaire according to study objectives and variables and in accordance to information required from target respondents</li> <li>● Develop Gantt chart for study timeline</li> <li>● Develop informed consent form for the SGRP study</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MCQ in each block exam</li> <li>2. Viva exam at the end of the session</li> </ol>

### Thematic Integrated Large Group Session (TILGS) -Aligned to ENT Theme 4

Community Medicine	Alignment with ENT Theme 4	Type of Integration	Integrated Learning Objective (Students will be able to...)
<b>Measures of Morbidity (Incidence &amp; Prevalence)</b>	Acute & chronic tonsillitis burden	Epidemiological integration	Calculate and interpret incidence and prevalence of tonsillitis and pharyngitis in community populations.
<b>Morbidity in Communicable Diseases</b>	Streptococcal pharyngitis & abscess formation	Infectious disease surveillance	Analyze trends in communicable throat infections and their complications.
<b>Morbidity Indicators in Chronic Conditions</b>	Chronic tonsillitis & oral premalignant lesions	Population disease burden	Assess population burden of chronic throat and oral cavity disorders.
<b>Disease Burden &amp; Health Service Utilization</b>	Recurrent sore throat & abscess requiring admission	Health systems integration	Evaluate impact of recurrent pharyngeal infections on healthcare utilization.
<b>Morbidity in Neoplastic Conditions</b>	Oral cavity tumors	Cancer epidemiology linkage	Interpret basic morbidity patterns of oral cancers in high-risk populations.
<b>Prevention Strategies</b>	Prevention of communicable throat infections & tobacco-related oral cancer	Primary & secondary prevention	Propose preventive strategies to reduce incidence of throat infections and oral malignancy at community level.

### Transdisciplinary Clinical Reasoning Forums (TCRF) Theme 4

Theme	Week	Topics	Clinical Case Scenario
Theme 4	Week 4	Hoarseness, dysphagia	An old age man with hoarseness of voice and difficulty in breathing

#### “Managing an Elderly Patient with Progressive Hoarseness and Airway Compromise”

##### **Clinical Scenario**

A 55-year-old man presents to the ENT outpatient clinic with progressive hoarseness of voice for 4 months. Initially intermittent, the hoarseness has become persistent. Over the last 6 weeks, he has developed difficulty swallowing, initially solids and later liquids, associated with painful swallowing.

He has a 30-year history of cigarette smoking and regular alcohol consumption. He reports unintentional weight loss, reduced appetite, and occasional referred ear pain.

On examination, he appears cachectic. A firm, non-tender lymph node is palpable in the left upper deep cervical region. Indirect laryngoscopy reveals an irregular growth involving the left vocal cord with restricted mobility and narrowing of the glottic airway. Imaging confirms a laryngeal mass with ipsilateral cervical lymphadenopathy. Biopsy establishes squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx.

He is referred to a multidisciplinary tumor board for definitive management.

##### **Student Task (Problem-Based Trigger)**

Students are asked to:

1. Identify red-flag features in hoarseness.
2. Correlate symptoms with anatomical involvement.
3. Interpret imaging findings in clinical context.
4. Develop a comprehensive management plan.
5. Discuss airway safety and urgency of referral.
6. Counsel patient regarding prognosis and lifestyle modification.
7. Suggest preventive strategies at community level (tobacco cessation).

## What Makes This RMU-12

- No disciplinary headings
- Knowledge embedded within clinical reasoning
- Organizing principle is the patient problem
- Emphasis on professional decision-making
- Competency-based focus

### Students Integrate (Implicitly)

- Laryngeal anatomy and nerve supply
- Pathophysiology of malignancy
- Imaging interpretation (CT findings)
- Pharmacologic aspects (chemotherapy/radiotherapy)
- Surgical considerations
- Communication and breaking bad news
- Public health (tobacco control, early screening)

None are taught separately.

### Teaching Format

- Small-group facilitated discussion
- Airway emergency scenario
- Counselling role-play
- Competency-based assessment (clinical reasoning + communication + referral decisions)

### Academic Justification Statement

“This case reflects RMU-12, where learning is structured around an authentic oncologic patient problem rather than disciplinary silos. Biomedical, radiologic, surgical, pharmacologic, and public health knowledge is integrated seamlessly within professional clinical practice.”



**Figure 25 – Progression in Integration Approaches in Medical Education**

### Subject Contribution In TCRF Session -4

Subject / Discipline	Nature of Contribution	Approx. Integration Weight (%)	Rationale
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Primary diagnosis, airway evaluation, management pathway	40%	Core organizing discipline
Radiology	CT interpretation, tumor extent evaluation	12%	Staging and surgical planning
Anatomy (Applied)	Vocal cord anatomy, nerve supply, lymphatic drainage	10%	Symptom correlation
Pathophysiology (Malignancy)	Tumor growth, metastasis mechanisms	8%	Explains progression
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Airway management, laryngectomy considerations	15%	Definitive management
Pharmacology (Oncology)	Chemotherapy, radiotherapy principles	6%	Adjunct treatment reasoning
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Airway compromise assessment	6%	Urgent safety dimension
Public Health	Tobacco cessation, cancer prevention	3%	Preventive strategy

### Subject-Wise Specific Learning Objectives-4

Subject	Domain	Specific Learning Objectives (Students will be able to...)	Bloom's Level	Integration Role
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Clinical Reasoning	Identify red-flag features in hoarseness lasting >2 weeks	Analyze	Core discipline
		Correlate referred otalgia with laryngeal pathology	Analyze	
		Perform focused neck examination for cervical nodes	Apply	
		Develop stepwise management plan	Evaluate	
		Recognize airway compromise requiring urgent intervention	Evaluate	
		Explain tumor board decision-making	Understand	
Radiology	Imaging Interpretation	Interpret CT findings of laryngeal mass	Analyze	Staging confirmation
		Correlate imaging with vocal cord mobility restriction	Analyze	
Anatomy (Applied)	Structural Correlation	Describe vocal cord anatomy and nerve supply	Understand	Explains symptoms
		Explain lymphatic drainage pathways of larynx	Understand	
Pathophysiology (Malignancy)	Mechanistic Understanding	Explain progression from dysplasia to carcinoma	Understand	Explains risk
		Describe mechanisms of metastasis to cervical nodes	Understand	
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Procedural Planning	Outline principles of partial vs total laryngectomy	Apply	Definitive care
		Identify surgical risks and airway considerations	Analyze	
Pharmacology (Oncology)	Therapeutics	Explain principles of chemoradiotherapy	Understand	Adjunct therapy
		Discuss side effects of radiotherapy	Analyze	
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Acute Safety	Identify signs of impending airway obstruction	Apply	Urgent care

		Outline initial airway stabilization steps	Apply	
Public Health	Prevention	Explain relationship between tobacco and laryngeal cancer	Understand	Community awareness
		Propose tobacco cessation strategies	Create	

## Theme 5 Neck Masses

Theme	Rationale	General learning objectives (SMART)
Neck Masses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Neck masses, cysts, and swellings are common clinical presentations encountered in outpatient clinics, emergency departments, and inpatient settings. These conditions may represent a wide spectrum of pathologies ranging from benign congenital lesions and inflammatory swellings to serious malignant diseases of the head and neck region. Early and accurate evaluation of neck swellings is crucial, as delayed diagnosis may lead to advanced-stage malignancy, airway compromise, or spread of infection to deep neck spaces.</li> <li>2. The neck contains vital anatomical structures including major blood vessels, cranial nerves, lymphatic chains, thyroid and salivary glands, and the aerodigestive tract. Disorders affecting these structures require a systematic and anatomical approach to diagnosis. In adults, a neck mass should be considered malignant until proven otherwise, making early recognition and referral a critical responsibility of the primary care physician.</li> <li>3. Inclusion of neck mass–related disorders in the ENT theme curriculum enables 4th-year MBBS students to develop competencies in anatomical localization, clinical examination, differential diagnosis, and initial management. This training prepares future medical graduates to recognize red-flag features, initiate appropriate investigations, and ensure timely referral, thereby improving patient outcomes and safety.</li> </ol>	<p>By the end of the ENT neck masses, cysts, and swellings module, the 4th-year MBBS student will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the applied anatomy of the neck, including lymph node levels and major structures, with at least 80% accuracy in written or viva examinations.</li> <li>2. Classify neck masses based on age, anatomical location, and etiology (congenital, inflammatory, neoplastic) during structured assessments and case discussions.</li> <li>3. Explain the etiology, pathophysiology, and clinical features of common neck swellings, including lymphadenitis, thyroid swellings, salivary gland swellings, branchial cysts, thyroglossal cysts, and metastatic lymph nodes.</li> <li>4. Elicit a focused history and perform a systematic examination of the neck, including lymph node examination, correctly in at least 3 out of 4 observed clinical encounters by the end of the clinical rotation.</li> <li>5. Differentiate between benign and malignant neck masses with a minimum of 75% accuracy in formative or summative assessments.</li> <li>6. Identify red-flag features such as rapidly enlarging mass, hard or fixed nodes, associated weight loss, hoarseness, or dysphagia and initiate timely referral in clinical scenarios.</li> <li>7. Interpret basic investigations relevant to neck swellings, including ultrasound neck, FNAC reports, and basic imaging findings, at an undergraduate competency level.</li> <li>8. Outline principles of initial medical management and indications for surgical or oncological referral for patients with neck masses and cysts.</li> <li>9. Demonstrate effective communication, professional conduct, and ethical practice while counseling patients with neck swellings, as assessed through faculty observation and feedback.</li> </ol>

Code	Topic	Learning objectives At the end of one hour lecture students should be able to	Learning domain	Teaching strategy	Assessment tool
M1-ENT-0037	Anatomy and physiology of neck and thyroid gland Level of neck lymph nodes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anatomy of neck, thyroid gland</li> <li>• Blood supply of neck, thyroid gland</li> <li>• Physiology of thyroid gland</li> <li>• Clinical implications</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0038	Branchial cyst	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anatomy of branchial cyst</li> <li>• Clinical implications</li> <li>• Investigations</li> <li>• Treatment</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0039	Branchial fistula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anatomy of branchial cyst</li> <li>• Clinical implications</li> <li>• Investigations</li> <li>• Treatment</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE
M1-ENT-0040	Cervical lymphadenopathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Levels of neck nodes</li> <li>• Differential diagnosis</li> <li>• Investigations</li> <li>• Treatment</li> </ul>	C1 C2 C3	LGIS	SAQ MCQ OSCE

### Community Medicine Theme 5:

CODE	TOPIC	Contents Outlines ( Sub- Topics)	Learning objectives After the Session Students Will Be Able to:	Learning domain	Teaching strategy	Assessment tool
M2-CM-0017	Sampling-I	Non probability sampling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define and comprehend the definition &amp; rationale of sampling.</li> <li>Understand the Concept of non-probability sampling technique</li> <li>Enlist the types of non-probability sampling</li> <li>Appraise different scenarios to apply different non -probability technique</li> </ul>	C2 C3 C1 C3	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, Viva Voce and OSPE
M2-CM-0018	Sampling-II	Probability sampling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss significance of sampling frame</li> <li>Enlist the types of probability sampling.</li> <li>Appraise different real life scenarios to apply different probability technique</li> <li>Consider ethical issues in sampling for health research</li> </ul>	C2 C1 C3 C3	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, Viva Voce and OSPE
M2-CM-0019	Environment and health (Air Purification Global Warming )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methods of air purification</li> <li>Global Warming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enlist natural and Artificial methods of air purification</li> <li>Describe Greenhouse effect and greenhouse gases</li> <li>Identify greenhouse gases source</li> <li>Define ozone hole and its importance</li> <li>Explain link between global warming and climate change</li> </ul>	C1 C1 C1 C2 C3	LGIS	MCQs, SEQs, OSPE and Viva Voce

**Thematic Integrated Large Group Session (TILGS) -Aligned to ENT Theme 5**

Community Medicine	Alignment with ENT Theme 5	Type of Integration	Integrated Learning Objective (Students will be able to...)
<b>Probability &amp; Non-Probability Sampling</b>	Aligns with epidemiologic study of neck masses & malignancy patterns	Research-methodology integration	Differentiate probability and non-probability sampling methods in studies assessing prevalence of cervical lymphadenopathy or head & neck cancers.
<b>Association &amp; Causation</b>	Strong alignment with risk factors for neck masses (TB, malignancy, smoking)	Analytical epidemiology	Explain criteria for causation and apply them to risk factors associated with cervical lymphadenopathy and head & neck tumors.
<b>Air and Ventilation</b>	Aligns with airway compromise in Ludwig's angina & neck space infections	Environmental health integration	Describe the impact of ventilation and air quality on transmission of upper respiratory and neck infections.
<b>Measurement of Mortality</b>	Aligns with mortality risk in deep neck space infections & malignancy	Outcome measurement integration	Interpret mortality indicators (e.g., case fatality rate) in severe neck infections and head & neck cancers.
<b>Mortality in Communicable Diseases</b>	Aligns with pediatric infectious neck swelling (e.g., diphtheria-like cases)	Public health surveillance	Analyze mortality trends in communicable infections affecting the upper airway.
<b>Epidemiologic Study Design (Implicit via sampling &amp; causation)</b>	Aligns with risk factor analysis of thyroid swelling & malignancy	Research application	Apply basic epidemiologic principles to design a study investigating risk factors for neck masses.

## Transdisciplinary Clinical Reasoning Forums (TCRF) Theme 5

Theme	Week	Topic	Clinical Case Scenario
Theme 5	Week 5	Neck masses	A child with fever, neck swelling, difficulty in breathing

### “Managing a Child with Fever, Neck Swelling, and Impending Airway Obstruction”

#### Clinical Scenario

A 6-year-old child is brought to the emergency department with fever, sore throat, and progressive difficulty in swallowing for 3 days. Parents report lethargy, reduced oral intake, and increasing neck swelling. The child is partially immunized, having missed booster doses.

On examination, the child appears toxic and ill. Vital signs show low-grade fever and mild tachycardia. Oropharyngeal examination reveals a thick, grayish-white adherent membrane over the tonsils and posterior pharyngeal wall. Attempts to remove it cause bleeding. The neck appears swollen with bilateral cervical lymphadenopathy and soft tissue edema, producing a “bull neck” appearance. Hoarseness and mild stridor are present, suggesting laryngeal involvement.

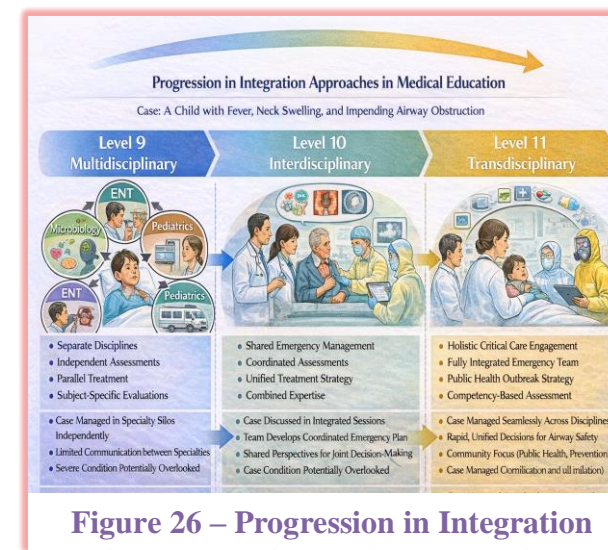
Laboratory investigations reveal leukocytosis. Culture confirms *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*. Early ECG changes suggest possible myocardial involvement.

The child is immediately started on diphtheria antitoxin, intravenous antibiotics, strict airway monitoring, and isolation precautions.

#### Student Task (Problem-Based Trigger)

Students are asked to:

1. Identify life-threatening features and prioritize airway safety.
2. Differentiate infectious neck swelling from other causes.
3. Correlate systemic complications with toxin-mediated disease.
4. Develop an emergency management plan.
5. Anticipate complications (myocarditis, neuropathy, airway obstruction).
6. Counsel parents regarding immunization and prognosis.
7. Propose community-level prevention strategies.



**Figure 26 – Progression in Integration Approaches in Medical Education**

### What Makes This RMU-12?

- No subject silos
- Knowledge embedded within emergency reasoning
- Organizing principle is the patient problem
- Learning mirrors authentic paediatric emergency care
- Competency-driven focus

#### Students Integrate (Implicitly)

- Pharyngeal and airway anatomy
- Microbial pathogenesis and toxin effects
- Pharmacologic principles (antitoxin, antibiotics)
- Airway management strategy
- Cardiology
- Communication and parental counseling
- Public health (immunization programs, outbreak control)

None are taught separately.

#### Teaching Format

- Small-group emergency simulation
- Airway management drill
- Isolation protocol discussion
- Public health outbreak planning exercise
- Competency-based assessment (clinical reasoning + emergency prioritization + counselling)

#### Academic Justification Statement

“This case reflects RMU-12 where learning is structured around an authentic pediatric infectious emergency rather than disciplinary categories. Clinical, microbiological, pharmacologic, and public health knowledge is integrated seamlessly within professional decision-making.”

### Subject Contribution In Transdisciplinary Clinical Reasoning Forums (TCRF)

Subject / Discipline	Nature of Contribution	Approx. Integration Weight (%)	Rationale
<b>Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)</b>	Airway assessment, neck examination, emergency planning	<b>40%</b>	Core clinical stabilizing discipline
<b>Microbiology</b>	Corynebacterium diphtheriae, toxin production	<b>14%</b>	Etiological driver
<b>Pathophysiology</b>	Toxin-mediated systemic effects	<b>12%</b>	Explains complications
<b>Pharmacology</b>	Antitoxin rationale, antibiotic therapy	<b>15%</b>	Definitive treatment
<b>Cardiology</b>	Myocarditis monitoring & ECG interpretation	<b>10%</b>	Systemic complication
<b>Public Health</b>	Immunization programs, outbreak control	<b>7%</b>	Prevention dimension
	Pharyngeal & laryngeal anatomy	<b>2%</b>	Supports reasoning

### Subject-Wise Specific Learning Objectives-5

Subject	Domain	Specific Learning Objectives (Students will be able to...)	Bloom's Level	Integration Role
Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)	Clinical Reasoning	Identify "bull neck" appearance and airway compromise signs	Analyze	Core stabilizing role
		Perform focused neck and oropharyngeal examination safely	Apply	
		Develop airway monitoring strategy	Evaluate	
Microbiology	Etiology	Describe characteristics of Corynebacterium diphtheriae	Understand	Disease causation
		Explain toxin production mechanism	Understand	
		Interpret culture confirmation	Analyze	
Pathophysiology	Mechanistic Understanding	Explain mechanism of pseudomembrane formation	Understand	Explains airway risk
		Correlate toxin spread with myocarditis & neuropathy	Analyze	
Pharmacology	Therapeutics	Explain mechanism of diphtheria antitoxin	Understand	Definitive therapy
		Outline antibiotic regimen and duration	Apply	
		Discuss importance of early antitoxin administration	Analyze	
Cardiology	Systemic Monitoring	Identify ECG changes suggestive of myocarditis	Analyze	Complication detection
		Outline monitoring protocol	Apply	
Public Health	Prevention	Explain role of immunization in diphtheria prevention	Understand	Community relevance
		Propose outbreak control measures	Create	
		Counsel regarding booster schedules	Apply	

### Self-Directed Learning (SDL) Otorhinolaryngology Module 1

WEEK	THEME	Topics Of SDL	Learning Objectives	Learning resources
WEEK 1	Otalgia, Otorrhoea, Dizziness, Hearing loss	Anatomy / Radiology of Temporal bone and Mastoid,Xray Mastoid,CT Scan Temporal bone,MRI Temporal bone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Radiological investigations done for ear and mastoid</li> <li>● X ray mastoid oblique view, CT scan temporal bone (axial, coronal views)</li> <li>● Indications of radiological investigations</li> <li>● Findings on radiological investigations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat &amp; Head and Neck Surgery, 8<sup>th</sup> edition PL Dhingra</li> </ul>
WEEK 2	Rhinorrhoea, Nasal obstruction	Anatomy and Physiology of nose and PNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss basic anatomy and Physiology</li> <li>● Development of PNS</li> <li>● Functions of nose &amp; PNS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat &amp; Head and Neck Surgery, 8<sup>th</sup> edition PL Dhingra</li> </ul>
WEEK 3	Sore throat	Adenoiditis  Salivary gland diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Definition</li> <li>● Etiology</li> <li>● Investigations</li> <li>● Treatment options</li> <li>● Surgical options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat &amp; Head and Neck Surgery, 8<sup>th</sup> edition PL Dhingra</li> </ul>

### Self-Directed Learning (SDL)

WEEK	THEME	Topics Of SDL	Learning Objectives	Learning resources
WEEK 4.	Hoarseness, Dysphagia	Dysphagia Vocal cord paralysis Vocal nodules Radiology of neck and aerodigestive tract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss Clinical features</li> <li>● Describe Investigations</li> <li>● Discuss Management options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ear, Nose and Throat, Self-Assessment and Self Evaluation Manual, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, PL Dhingra</li> </ul>
WEEK 5.	Neck masses	Anatomy & Physiology of Neck Cystic Hygroma Carotid body tumor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss Anatomy of Neck</li> <li>● Discuss Clinical features</li> <li>● Describe Investigations</li> <li>● Discuss Management options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat &amp; Head and Neck Surgery, 8<sup>th</sup> edition PL Dhingra</li> </ul>

## Otorhinolaryngology Module 2 Community Medicine Self Directed Learning (SDL)

### SDL Theme 1:

Topic	Contents Outlines (Major Topics & Sub- Topics)	Learning objectives At end of session Students will be able to ...	Assessment Tool LMS	Learning resource
<b>Basic Concepts of Infectious Disease Epidemiology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic definitions of epidemiological significance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definition of epidemiology</li> <li>Define important terms related to infectious disease epidemiology.</li> <li>Understand Dynamics of disease transmission (chain of infection)</li> <li>Appraise different Modes of transmission</li> <li>Differentiate between epidemic, endemic and pandemic</li> <li>Explain the concept of incubation period and its importance.</li> </ul>	MCQS	K Park Ed. 27 <sup>th</sup>

### SDL Theme 2:

Topic	Contents Outlines (Major Topics & Sub- Topics)	Learning objectives	Assessment tool LMS	Learning resource
<b>Droplet infections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID 19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe public health importance of COVID in global and local context.</li> <li>Describe the epidemiology of COVID</li> <li>Enlist the modes of transmission and incubation period of COVID</li> <li>Identify the high-risk individuals</li> <li>Diagnose the cases based on signs and symptoms.</li> <li>Enlist the complications of COVID</li> <li>Recommend prevention and control measures of COVID in community.</li> </ul>	MCQS	K. Park Ed. 27 <sup>th</sup> page177

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### Theme 3:

Topic	Contents Outlines (Major Topics & Sub- Topics)	Learning objectives	Assessment tool LMS	Learning resource
<b>Droplet infections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Influenza</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe public health importance of influenza in global and local context.</li> <li>Describe the epidemiology of influenza</li> <li>Enlist the modes of transmission and incubation period of influenza</li> <li>Identify the high-risk individuals</li> <li>Diagnose the cases based on signs and symptoms.</li> <li>Enlist the complications of influenza</li> <li>Recommend prevention and control measures of influenza in community.</li> <li>Differentiate between antigenic drift and antigenic shift with reference to Influenza</li> </ul>	MCQs	K. Park Ed. 27 <sup>th</sup> Page 163

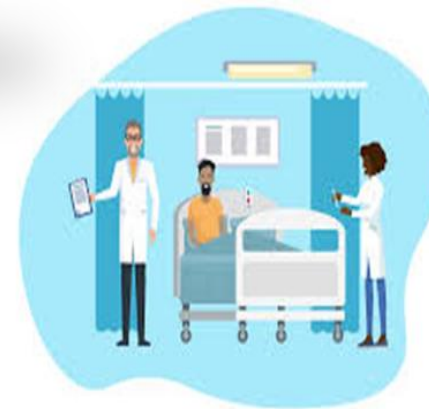
### SDL Theme 4:

Topic	Contents Outlines (Major Topics & Sub- Topics)	Learning objectives At end of session Students will be able to ...	Assessment tool LMS	Learning resource
<b>Epidemiologic Investigation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disease outbreak &amp; epidemic – review (epidemic, endemic &amp; pandemic)</li> <li>Types of epidemics</li> <li>Steps of an epidemiologic investigation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describes public approach to deal with disease outbreaks &amp; epidemics.</li> <li>Classify types and levels disease epidemics or outbreaks.</li> <li>Explain steps of investigating a disease outbreak situation.</li> </ul>	MCQs	K. Park Ed. 27 <sup>th</sup> Page no. 146

**SDL Theme 5:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Contents Outlines (Major Topics &amp; Sub- Topics)</b>	<b>Learning objectives</b> At end of session Students will be able to ...	<b>Assessment tool LMS</b>	<b>Learning resource</b>
<b>Exercise on Epidemiologic Investigation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid-19 a case study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delineates epidemiologic investigation levels involved in Covid-19</li> </ul>	MCQs	K. Park Ed. 27 <sup>th</sup> Page no. 146

## Section – IV      Symptom Based Integrated Clinical Clerkship



## Introduction

### RMU-12 Integrated Modular Curriculum 2026 – Isolation to Beyond Boundaries

The **Otorhinolaryngology (ENT) clerkship** provides an integrated clinical learning experience designed to bridge foundational biomedical sciences with real-world clinical practice. The clerkship focuses on developing students' competencies in recognizing, evaluating, and managing common disorders of the **ear, nose, throat, and head & neck region**. Through supervised clinical exposure and structured learning activities, students develop clinical reasoning, diagnostic skills, communication abilities, and patient-centered management approaches.

The clerkship spans **six weeks of mandatory clinical rotation** across the three affiliated teaching hospitals of **Rawalpindi Medical University: Holy Family Hospital (HFH), Benazir Bhutto Hospital (BBH), and Rawalpindi Teaching Hospital (RTH)**. Clinical exposure includes a minimum of **84 hours of supervised training**, where students attend ENT outpatient departments, wards, and procedure areas for approximately **three and a half hours daily, four days per week**.

To ensure progressive learning and exposure to the spectrum of ENT conditions, the clerkship is organized into **six weekly clinical themes**:

#### **Week 1 – Ear Disorders (HFH)**

Students learn the clinical evaluation and management of common ear conditions such as **hearing loss, otitis media, chronic suppurative otitis media, vertigo, tinnitus, and impacted cerumen**. Emphasis is placed on ear examination techniques, interpretation of audiological investigations, and preventive care.

#### **Week 2 – Nose and Paranasal Sinus Disorders (HFH)**

This week focuses on conditions causing **nasal obstruction, epistaxis, allergic rhinitis, and sinusitis**. Students learn anterior rhinoscopy, recognition of nasal pathologies, and principles of medical and surgical management.

#### **Week 3 – Throat Disorders (BBH)**

Students explore diseases of the **pharynx and tonsils**, including **tonsillitis, adenoid hypertrophy, pharyngitis, and infections of the upper aerodigestive tract**, emphasizing clinical examination and appropriate management strategies.

#### **Week 4 – Hoarseness and Dysphagia (BBH)**

This theme focuses on disorders affecting **voice and swallowing**, including **laryngeal diseases, vocal cord pathology, reflux-related**

**disorders, and neurological causes of dysphagia.** Students learn clinical assessment of the larynx and recognition of red-flag symptoms requiring urgent referral.

#### **Week 5 – Neck Masses (RTH)**

Students are introduced to the systematic evaluation of **neck swellings**, including **lymphadenopathy, thyroid disorders, congenital neck masses, and head & neck tumors**. Emphasis is placed on clinical examination, differential diagnosis, and appropriate investigation pathways.

#### **Week 6 – Surgical Aspects of ENT (RTH)**

The final week focuses on **surgical principles and operative procedures in ENT**, including observation of **common surgeries such as tonsillectomy, septoplasty, mastoid surgery, and endoscopic sinus surgery**. Students gain insight into **preoperative assessment, intraoperative techniques, and postoperative care**.

The clerkship employs **active and experiential learning strategies**, including **bedside teaching, supervised clinical examination, outpatient clinic participation, ward rounds, observation of diagnostic procedures (endoscopy and audiology), and exposure to ENT surgical procedures**. Learning is further reinforced through **small-group discussions, case-based learning, guided pre-reading, simulated patient communication exercises, and structured clinical demonstrations**.

Assessment within the clerkship integrates **formative and summative approaches** to ensure continuous learning and competency development. These include **ward-based assessments, logbook documentation of clinical exposure and procedural skills, MCQs and SAQs to assess conceptual understanding, OSCE stations to evaluate examination and communication skills, faculty feedback sessions, structured case presentations, and reflective portfolio assessments**.

Through this structured thematic approach and multi-hospital clinical exposure, the ENT clerkship supports the **RMU-12 vision of integrated, competency-based medical education**, preparing students to competently identify and manage common ENT conditions while fostering professionalism, teamwork, and lifelong learning.



**Figure 25 – Clinical Symptom Based Integrated Clinical Clerkship (CSB-ICC) ENT**

## Transdisciplinary Clinical Connect Session (TCCS)

Rationale Of The ENT Clinical Clerkship Program	General Learning Objectives
<p>The 4th Year MBBS ENT Clinical Clerkship is structured around five high-frequency presenting complaints: Otolgia/Otorrhea/Hearing loss/Dizziness, Rhinorrhoea/Nasal obstruction, Sore throat, Hoarseness/Dysphagia, and Neck masses, rather than traditional anatomical subdivisions. This thematic, symptom-oriented design reflects authentic clinical practice, where patients present with complaints rather than organ-based categories. This model promotes development of clinical reasoning by encouraging students to construct illness scripts based on presenting symptoms, differentiate common from serious conditions, and identify red-flag features requiring urgent referral. The structure supports hypothesis-driven diagnostic thinking rather than rote memorization. The clerkship operates within a workplace-based, competency-driven framework. Students progressively advance from foundational examination skills to integrated clinical decision-making across three hospital settings. The spiral progression ensures increasing complexity, contextual exposure, and refinement of skills in real patient environments.</p> <p>Educationally, the program aligns with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Harden’s Integration Ladder (Levels 9–11)</b> by integrating basic sciences with clinical disciplines and encouraging interdisciplinary reasoning.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ENT Integrated Clinical Clerkship (4th Year MBBS)</b></p> <p>By the end of the 6-week clerkship, students will be able to:</p> <p><b>Clinical Assessment Competencies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Take a focused, symptom-oriented ENT history for patients presenting with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ear pain, discharge, hearing loss, vertigo</li> <li>○ Nasal obstruction and rhinorrhoea</li> <li>○ Sore throat</li> <li>○ Hoarseness and dysphagia</li> <li>○ Neck swelling</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Perform systematic ENT examination including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Otoscopic examination</li> <li>○ Tuning fork tests</li> <li>○ Anterior rhinoscopy</li> <li>○ Throat examination</li> <li>○ Indirect laryngoscopy observation</li> <li>○ Cervical lymph node examination</li> <li>○ Thyroid and parotid assessment</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>Clinical Reasoning Competencies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Generate appropriate differential diagnoses based on presenting complaints.</li> <li>4. Differentiate common benign conditions from red-flag or malignant presentations.</li> <li>5. Recognize emergencies including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sudden sensorineural hearing loss</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

- **Miller’s Pyramid**, progressing from “Knows How” to “Shows How” and approaching “Does” under supervision.
- **Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME)** through observable, measurable clinical competencies.
- **Patient-centered care principles**, emphasizing communication, professionalism, and ethical responsibility.

Furthermore, the selected themes reflect local disease burden and public health relevance, including tuberculosis-related lymphadenopathy, allergic rhinitis prevalence, diabetic complications such as malignant otitis externa, and tobacco-related head and neck malignancies. The clerkship therefore ensures contextual relevance, integration, progressive skill acquisition, and safe clinical practice readiness.

- Peritonsillar abscess
  - Airway compromise
  - Epistaxis requiring urgent management
6. Plan initial investigations and interpret basic findings (audiogram, X-ray PNS, FNAC basics).

### **Management & Safety Competencies**

7. Outline initial management strategies for common ENT conditions.
8. Identify cases requiring urgent referral to higher-level care.
9. Demonstrate understanding of antibiotic stewardship and rational prescribing.
10. Participate in ward rounds and observe minor procedures safely.

### **Communication & Professionalism**

11. Counsel patients regarding:
  - Disease condition and prognosis
  - Treatment compliance
  - Warning signs
  - Preventive strategies
12. Communicate sensitively in cases of suspected malignancy.
13. Maintain patient confidentiality and professional conduct in clinical settings.

### **Integration & Systems-Based Competencies**

14. Integrate basic sciences (anatomy, physiology, pathology, microbiology, pharmacology) with clinical findings.
15. Collaborate effectively within multidisciplinary teams including radiology, pathology, oncology, pediatrics, medicine, and anesthesia.

## Transdisciplinary Clinical Connect Session (TCCS)

Theme	Core Competency Emphasis
<b>Theme 1 – Otolgia, Otorrhea, Dizziness, Hearing Loss</b>	Examination skills + red flags
<b>Theme 2 – Rhinorrhoea, Nasal obstruction</b>	Differential diagnosis + emergency management
<b>Theme 3 – Sore throat</b>	Infection vs surgical decision-making
<b>Theme 4 – Hoarseness, dysphagia</b>	Malignancy suspicion + airway awareness
<b>Theme 5 – Neck mass</b>	Diagnostic reasoning + systemic disease integration
<b>Theme 6 – Surgical aspects of ENT</b>	Ear suction cleaning Myringotomy Mastoidectomy Septoplasty Tonsillectomy Adenoidectomy Direct Laryngoscopy Rigid Bronchoscopy Rigid Esophagoscopy

Duration:	6 Weeks (24 Days)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21 Clinical Days</li> <li>• 3 Assessment Days</li> </ul> <p><b>Model:</b> Symptom-Based Integrated Clinical Clerkship  <b>Integration Level:</b> Harden Level 9–11</p>

### Theme – 1 Ootalgia, Otorrhea, Hearing Loss, Dizziness

Day	Clinical Case	Core Teaching Points	Harden Integration Level	Multidisciplinary (Level 11)	Skills	Attitude
<b>Day 1</b>	25-year-old swimmer with severe otalgia & discharge	Acute otitis externa, AOM with perforation, malignant otitis externa, external vs middle ear differentiation, red flags	Steps 1–4: Applied anatomy & microbiology; Steps 7–9: Clinical correlation; Step 10: Integrated otoscopy	ENT, Pathology,	History, Otoscopy	Hygiene counselling, danger sign awareness
<b>Day 2</b>	Elderly patient with gradual hearing loss	Conductive vs SNHL, presbycusis, sudden SNHL emergency	Level 9–10 (Clinical integration & reasoning)	ENT, Audiology	Tuning fork tests, PTA interpretation	Empathy in elderly care
<b>Day 3</b>	Patient with vertigo	BPPV, Meniere’s disease, peripheral vs central differentiation	Level 9–11 (ENT + Neurology integration)	ENT, Medicine	Dix-Hallpike, focused neuro exam	Reassurance, fall prevention
<b>Day 4</b>	Integrated ear cases	Differential formulation, investigation selection	Level 10–11 (Interdisciplinary reasoning)	ENT + Radiology	Case presentation	Professional communication

Specialty	Skill-Based Clerkship Learning Outcomes (LOs)
ENT (Primary Discipline)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform focused ENT history for ear pain, discharge, hearing loss and dizziness</li> <li>• Conduct safe, systematic otoscopy identifying normal landmarks and pathology</li> <li>• Perform and interpret Rinne and Weber tests</li> <li>• Perform Dix–Hallpike manoeuvre correctly</li> <li>• Conduct focused cranial nerve exam in vertigo cases</li> <li>• Present structured ear case with differential diagnosis</li> <li>• Identify and escalate red flag findings appropriately</li> <li>• Counsel patients on ear hygiene and hearing protection</li> </ul>
Audiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpret basic PTA results and correlate with bedside findings</li> <li>• Differentiate conductive vs sensorineural hearing loss using audiogram patterns</li> <li>• Correlate tuning fork findings with audiological results</li> <li>• Explain vestibular physiology during clinical discussion</li> </ul>
Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform focused neurological examination in dizzy patient</li> <li>• Differentiate peripheral vs central vertigo using bedside findings</li> <li>• Identify cerebellar and central red flag signs</li> <li>• Integrate neurological findings with ENT assessment during case discussion</li> </ul>
Pathology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select appropriate ear swab sample under supervision</li> <li>• Correlate clinical presentation with likely pathogens</li> <li>• Interpret culture &amp; sensitivity reports</li> <li>• Justify empirical antibiotic selection during ward discussion</li> </ul>
Radiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify indications for CT temporal bone and MRI brain</li> <li>• Correlate imaging findings with clinical suspicion</li> <li>• Justify investigation selection during case-based discussion</li> </ul>

## Theme – 2 Rhinorrhoea & Nasal Obstruction

Day	Clinical Case	Core Teaching Points	Harden Integration Level	Multidisciplinary	Skills	Attitude
<b>Day 5</b>	Young adult with nasal obstruction	DNS, allergic rhinitis, turbinate hypertrophy	Level 9	ENT	Anterior rhinoscopy	Allergen avoidance education
<b>Day 6</b>	Child with recurrent rhinorrhoea	Infective vs allergic rhinitis, sinusitis	Level 9–10	ENT, Pathology	Sinus exam, X-ray PNS	Rational antibiotic use
<b>Day 7</b>	Elderly with epistaxis	Little's area, systemic causes, emergency management	Level 10–11	ENT, Medicine	Nasal packing demo	Emergency composure
<b>Day 8</b>	Assessment of Theme 1 + 2					

Specialty	Skill-Based Clerkship Learning Outcomes (LOs)
ENT (Primary Discipline)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform focused history in nasal obstruction and rhinorrhoea</li> <li>• Perform anterior rhinoscopy systematically and identify DNS, turbinate hypertrophy, discharge type</li> <li>• Perform sinus tenderness examination</li> <li>• Demonstrate safe initial steps in epistaxis management</li> <li>• Assist in anterior nasal packing (demonstration level)</li> <li>• Present structured nasal case with differential diagnosis</li> <li>• Identify red flag nasal symptoms requiring urgent referral</li> </ul>
ENT (Allergic Rhinitis Focus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differentiate allergic vs infective rhinitis clinically</li> <li>• Identify trigger history suggestive of allergy</li> <li>• Counsel patients on allergen avoidance strategies</li> <li>• Correlate clinical findings with immunological mechanisms during discussion</li> </ul>
Pathology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correlate nasal discharge characteristics with likely pathogens</li> <li>• Interpret basic lab findings in sinus infection</li> <li>• Justify empirical antibiotic choice during ward discussion</li> <li>• Apply principles of antibiotic stewardship</li> </ul>
Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate systemic causes of epistaxis (HTN, bleeding disorders)</li> <li>• Assess comorbidities contributing to nasal symptoms</li> <li>• Identify high-risk patients requiring admission</li> <li>• Integrate systemic and ENT findings in case presentation</li> </ul>
Radiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify indications for X-ray PNS and CT PNS</li> <li>• Correlate imaging findings with sinusitis and structural pathology</li> <li>• Justify investigation selection in integrated case discussion</li> </ul>

### Theme – 3 Sore Throat

Day	Clinical Case	Core Teaching Points	Harden Level	Multidisciplinary	Skills	Attitude
Day 9	Acute tonsillitis	Viral vs bacterial differentiation, antibiotic stewardship	Level 9	ENT, Pathology	Throat examination	Judicious prescribing
Day 10	Peritonsillar abscess	Quinsy features, airway risk	Level 10	ENT	Red flag recognition	Urgency awareness
Day 11	Paediatric Adeno tonsillar hypertrophy	OSA, indications for tonsillectomy	Level 10	ENT, Medicine	Paediatric exam	Child-friendly communication
Day 12	Recurrent sore throat	Surgical decision making	Level 11	ENT	Case presentation	Ethical surgical counselling

Specialty	Skill-Based Clerkship Learning Outcomes (LOs)
ENT (Primary Discipline)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform focused throat history in acute and recurrent sore throat</li> <li>• Conduct systematic oropharyngeal examination</li> <li>• Identify signs of acute tonsillitis and peritonsillar abscess</li> <li>• Recognize airway compromise features</li> <li>• Present structured sore throat case with differential diagnosis</li> <li>• Identify indications for tonsillectomy</li> <li>• Counsel patients regarding recurrence and surgical options</li> </ul>
Pathology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpret throat swab and culture reports</li> <li>• Justify antibiotic selection based on likely pathogens</li> <li>• Apply principles of antibiotic stewardship during ward discussion</li> </ul>
ENT (Primary Discipline)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize red flag signs of quinsy</li> <li>• Assess airway risk in peritonsillar abscess</li> <li>• Demonstrate calm communication during emergency scenario simulation</li> </ul>
Medicine (Systemic Context)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify systemic complications (e.g., rheumatic fever suspicion)</li> <li>• Recognize immunocompromised patients requiring modified management</li> <li>• Integrate systemic assessment in recurrent sore throat cases</li> </ul>

### Theme – 4 Hoarseness & Dysphagia

Day	Clinical Case	Core Teaching Points	Harden Level	Multidisciplinary	Skills	Attitude
Day 13	Smoker with hoarseness	Laryngeal carcinoma suspicion, red flags	Level 10–11	ENT	Indirect laryngoscopy observation	Cancer sensitivity
Day 14	Progressive dysphagia	Mechanical vs neurological causes	Level 11	ENT, Medicine, GI	Focused dysphagia history	Empathetic counselling
Day 15	Tracheostomy patient	Airway management principles	Level 11	ENT	Tracheostomy care observation	Professional conduct
Day 16	Assessment of Theme 3 + 4					

Specialty	Skill-Based Clerkship Learning Outcomes (LOs)
ENT (Primary Discipline)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take focused history in hoarseness and dysphagia</li> <li>• Identify red flag symptoms suggestive of laryngeal malignancy</li> <li>• Observe and interpret indirect laryngoscopy findings</li> <li>• Differentiate inflammatory vs neoplastic causes clinically</li> <li>• Present integrated laryngeal case with differential diagnosis</li> <li>• Recognize airway compromise risk</li> </ul>
ENT (Oncology)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify high-risk features for head &amp; neck cancer</li> <li>• Explain need for biopsy in suspected malignancy</li> <li>• Demonstrate sensitivity when discussing cancer suspicion</li> <li>• Understand basics of multidisciplinary tumor board discussion</li> </ul>
Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differentiate mechanical vs neurological dysphagia clinically</li> <li>• Identify systemic causes contributing to hoarseness/dysphagia</li> <li>• Recognize aspiration risk</li> <li>• Integrate medical comorbidities in management discussion</li> </ul>
Gastroenterology (GI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify indications for Jejunostomy</li> <li>• Correlate symptoms with possible reflux-related laryngeal disease</li> </ul>
Radiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify indications for CT neck in suspected malignancy</li> <li>• Correlate imaging findings with clinical suspicion</li> <li>• Justify imaging selection in integrated case discussion</li> </ul>
Pathology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand basics of biopsy interpretation (benign vs malignant features – overview level)</li> <li>• Correlate histopathology report with clinical case discussion</li> </ul>

### Theme – 5 Neck Masses

Day	Clinical Case	Core Teaching Points	Harden Level	Multidisciplinary	Skills	Attitude
Day 17	Young adult with neck swelling	TB vs reactive vs lymphoma	Level 10	ENT, Pathology, Medicine	Lymph node examination	TB stigma sensitivity
Day 18	Benign Neck swellings	Solitary nodule vs MNG	Level 11	ENT	Neck examination	Approach to patient
Day 19	Parotid swelling	Facial nerve	Level 11	ENT	Facial nerve exam	Respectful communication
Day 20	Integrated head & neck case	Diagnostic pathway planning	Level 11	ENT + Radiology + Pathology	Clinical reasoning	Professional presentation

Specialty	Skill-Based Clerkship Learning Outcomes (LOs)
ENT (Primary Discipline)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take focused history in patients with neck swelling</li> <li>• Perform systematic lymph node examination</li> <li>• Perform thyroid examination correctly</li> <li>• Assess facial nerve function in parotid swelling</li> <li>• Identify red flag features suggestive of malignancy</li> <li>• Present structured head &amp; neck case with prioritized differential diagnosis</li> </ul>
Pathology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpret FNAC reports at basic level</li> <li>• Correlate clinical findings with cytology results</li> <li>• Recognize when biopsy is indicated</li> <li>• Participate in clinicopathological case discussion</li> </ul>
Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify systemic features suggestive of TB, lymphoma, or systemic disease</li> <li>• Evaluate constitutional symptoms (fever, weight loss, night sweats)</li> <li>• Integrate systemic assessment into diagnostic reasoning</li> </ul>
Radiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify indications for ultrasound neck</li> <li>• Interpret basic imaging findings in thyroid and lymph node enlargement</li> <li>• Justify further imaging (CT/MRI) when malignancy is suspected</li> </ul>

### Theme - 6 Surgical aspects of ENT

Day	Clinical Case	Core Teaching Points	Harden Level	Multidisciplinary	Skills	Attitude
Day 21	Ear blockage, ear discharge, foreign body ear, decreased hearing	Indication, steps, complications of surgeries	Level 11	ENT	Perform suction of ear in OT	Ethical considerations
Day 22	Nasal obstruction, post nasal drip, decreased olfaction	Indication, steps, complications of surgeries	Level 11	ENT	Performing anterior rhinoscopy	Ethical considerations
Day 23	Recurrent sore throat, foreign body ingestion	Indication, steps, complications of surgeries	Level 11	ENT	Assist procedure in OT	Ethical considerations
Day 24	Assessment of Theme 5 + 6					

Specialty	Skill-Based Clerkship Learning Outcomes (LOs)
ENT (Primary Discipline)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform suction of ear</li> <li>• Perform nasal patency test</li> <li>• Perform anterior rhinoscopy</li> <li>• Perform anterior nasal packing</li> <li>• Observe tonsillectomy, adenoidectomy in OT</li> <li>• Observe rigid bronchoscopy, rigid esophagoscopy</li> </ul>

## Community Oriented Clerkship Module 4<sup>th</sup> Year MBBS (Rev-2026) Department Of Community Medicine & Public Health RMU

### Theme (aim):

*The primary purpose of this module is to educate students in those areas of the subject of CM&PH which are learnt better by onsite presence of the students at certain sites, processes, agencies which have public health relevance and in general community setting. Moreover some, areas of the subject which demands close interactive teachings in small group like HHS data analysis & report writing skills, contraceptive use skills, vaccination skills, etc are also covered during this rotation. All opportunities available within and outside the institution within affordable logistics, time, are focused for this purpose. A short time of this batch rotation is dedicated for health education communication practices as Health awareness work and other social work.*

### Learning outcomes (LOs):

*at the end of this learning module students are expected to achieve following Public health Competencies as will be able to:*

1. *Undertake a population based health survey (HHS)*
2. *Appreciate working of First level Care Facility (Public Sector)*
3. *Perform Community Immunization / EPI vaccinations.*
4. *Develop Hospital waste management plans.*
5. *Develop Community based health awareness message.*
6. *Communicate for Health awareness in community settings.*
7. *Commemorate International public health days.*
8. *Develop Hospital administration Plans.*
9. *Undertake Preventive healthcare inquiries and NCDs Risk Factors Surveillance*
10. *Counsel for the contraceptive devices to the community*

### Module outline:

- *A batch comprising 20-22 students is posted in the department of CM & PH for a period of 2weeks (Monday to Thursday-04 hrs. /day & for 32hrs in total). This schedule is run over the whole academic year, till all students of 4<sup>th</sup> year MBBS class passes through this rotation.*
- *Batch formation and schedules of rotation for whole class as notified by the DME / Student's section will be followed accordingly.*
- *At commencement of the academic year overall batch learning module coordinator, nomination of batch in-charges, senior faculty in charges and calendar schedule of batch rotation for all batches over the whole academic year will be notified by the Department of CM & PH.*

Day	Activity -I 10.30 – 11.00	Activity – II 11.00- 11.30am	Activity -III 11.30- 01.00pm	Act-V 01.00 – 2.00pm	Sites of teaching- learning	Assessment	Session outcome <sup>[31]</sup> (level of learning)
	Session topic	Session topic	Session topic	Session topic			
1 <sup>st</sup> day	instructing / demonstration on Practical Manual based Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to CHC</li> <li>SGIS on Health days commemoration work, Display material, PPT.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SGIS on HM-DTD practicum. Topic finalization, CHC- Message draft outlines finalization.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PPT based Demo on How to conduct &amp; report HHS.</li> <li>Guidelines on PHI work to be done during clinical rotations / ward duties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration / lec - Hall 3</li> <li>CHC -Dept CM NTB RMU.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-2 OSPE in end of clerkship exam (credit will part of IA)</li> <li>Assessment of HHS -Report (Max marks:5 part practical /viva exam 4<sup>th</sup> Prof MBBS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a health message. (C6)</li> <li>Prepare Health days commemoration stuff, Display material, PPT, (P)</li> <li>Undertake a health survey. (HHS) (C3)</li> </ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> day	Follow up session on. - HM-DTD work - HHS work - health days commemoration work	SGIS/ Briefing / PPT based guidelines on field visit of the day ( EPI services center HFH)	FV to the EPI center HFH	Health awareness work (HAW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demo Room,</li> <li>EPI Center HFH</li> <li>OPD, hospital shelters sites for health awareness work (HAW)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-2 OSPE in end of clerkship exam (credit will part of IA)</li> <li>Grade of performance in EPI visit reporting.</li> <li>Credit of HAW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain cold chain component at EPI center</li> <li>Vaccinate (EPI) vaccines to the clients .</li> <li>Comprehend EPI system</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> day	Follow up session on HM-DTD work & HHS	SGIS / Briefing / PPT based	FV to the MCH services & FP center HFH	Health awareness work (HAW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FP Center HFH</li> <li>OPD, hospital</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-2 OSPE in end of clerkship exam (credit will part of IA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify CP devices available at MHC FP center</li> </ul>

		guidelines on FV to MCH & FP Services Center HFH			shelters sites for HAW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grade of performance in EPI visit reporting.</li> <li>● Credit of HAW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Counsel clients for use of a contraception method</li> <li>● Place CP devices to client (P)</li> </ul>
4 <sup>th</sup> day	Follow up session on HM-DTD work & HHS	Briefing / guidelines on FV Hospital waste disposal system in hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FV to the hospital waste disposal system &amp; relevant sites / Incinerator</li> </ul>	Health awareness work (HAW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FP Center HFH OPD, hospital shelters sites for HAW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● End of module OSPE</li> <li>● Grade of performance in visits to sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain hospital waste disposal system</li> <li>● Develop a hospital waste management plan</li> <li>● Explains various domains of hospital management (C2)</li> </ul>
5 <sup>th</sup> day (week 2)	SGIS / PPT based briefing on Hospital management & administration	Visit to Hospital management & administration (HFH) office		Health awareness work (HAW)	HHF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● End of module OSPE</li> <li>● Grade of performance in visits to sites</li> </ul>	
6 <sup>th</sup> day	SGIS / PPT based briefing on visit to First level of health care facility (FLCF) BHU/RHC	Field visit to RHC Khyaban Sir-Syed (RHC) or BHU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demo room / lec Hall 3 NTB / CPC-Hall .</li> <li>● RHC / BHU</li> </ul>	Health awareness work (HAW) at site visited		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● End of module OSPE</li> <li>● Report credit in PJ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explain working of FLCF</li> <li>● Appreciate PHC elements at FLCF. (C2)</li> </ul>
7 <sup>th</sup> day	Health days commemoration ( walk/ seminar/ presentation/ CHC-message dissemination work (10.30 – 12.00pm)	12.00 – 2.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Completion &amp; assessment of relevant Practical Journal work,</li> <li>● HHS-report book,</li> <li>● Logbook etc.</li> <li>● Feedback discussion on PHI</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Communication skills</li> <li>● Comprehend frequency Preventable RFs of NCDs in the real population (RF surveillance)</li> <li>● Undertake a preventive Healthcare inquiry</li> </ul>	

8 <sup>th</sup> day	Museum learning module (MLM) / visit to departmental Museum 10.30- 12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Endo of module OSPE (12.30 – 2.00pm)</li> <li>● OPSE conduction (10 stations video assisted OPSE / OSPE) for 40 total marks .</li> </ul>	Plus Completion of any remaining work journal assessment HHS report assessment Students feedback etc
<p><b>Community based / Field Visits</b>            Each batch will be perform at least 02 filed visits of sites of Public health importance outside the institutions under available opportunities and logistics. Following sites may be considered for the purpose.</p>			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. RHC Khiaban-e-Sir-Syed Rawalpindi / DHO</li> <li>II. Sewerage Treatment Plant I-8 Islamabad</li> <li>III. Water purification plant Rawal Dame Islamabad</li> <li>IV. Child protection Bureau Rawalpindi</li> <li>V. Community Livings / urban slums - US-15 Rawalpindi</li> <li>VI. National Vaccination production unit– Chuk Shahzad Islamabad</li> <li>VII. Vaccines &amp; Venom Production Unit, NIH, Islamabad</li> <li>VIII. Clinical Trail Unit, NIH- Islamabad</li> <li>IX. Diseases Surveillance &amp; control / SAAL office. NIH Islamabad</li> <li>X. WHO-Office, Chuk Shahzad, Islamabad</li> <li>XI. National Command &amp; Operation Control Office (NCOC) / System. Disaster Control &amp; Management office Islamabad</li> <li>XII. Office of Punjab Food Control Authority – Rawalpindi</li> <li>XIII. Drug intoxication &amp; Rehabilitation center Dept of Psychiatry BBH Rawalpindi</li> <li>XIV. Any site appropriate &amp; feasible for the purpose.</li> </ol>	<p><b>LOs:</b>            Students will better comprehend the System, Mechanism, or Processes (visited) of community health or public health relevance in regional practices context. <b>(Practice based Learning)</b></p> <p><b>Feasibility, opportunity, and logistics:</b> every visit will be planned subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval of competent authority (RMU) in given conditions.</li> <li>2. Time space available (total 8 days rotation &amp; with max 04 hrs. a day)</li> <li>3. Availability of Transport</li> <li>4. Consent / approval of f remote sites</li> <li>5. Another justified pre-visit approval/favor or fulfillment of need.</li> </ol>	

**Domains of learning:**                    *learning will occur in all the three domains C, A & P*

***SOPs of Learning & Assessments:***

- *Active participation will be graded by the batch in charge (**under a check list**) during the activity / session and grades/marks will be entered in the practical manual as out of 05 (Max marks 05) by the batch in charge. 05 Max Marks are reserved for CHC (HMDTD and Health awareness work.*
- *Assessment will be done by **OSPE / MCQs Exam / Viva voce** at the end of each module and credit will be objectively recorded for the purpose of internal assessment. (Max mark 10)*
- *General assessment of the subject learning will be through MCQs, SEQs & OSPE on the relevant subjects in the relevant end of modules, block exams and Send up Exams.*
- ***Students are required to report / write the relevant work in Practical Journal, House Hold Survey Report Book and log all the clerkship activities in the Logbook on daily basis.***

**Core Planner of Community Oriented Clerkship (2 weeks batch rotation) [Calendar schedule as notified by DME will be followed accordingly]**

**Note:**

1. Calendar schedule of each batch will be noticed by the Department of community Medicine prior to the commencement of the batch rotation.
2. Students will have to record all activities of the clerkship in the relevant Logbook accordingly. Students will keep logbook updated and duly signed by faculties & departments.

## 16. Research

Cultivating the culture of Research has always been envisioned as one of the main pillars of Rawalpindi Medical University, as a means to develop healthcare professionals capable of contributing to the development of their country and the world. For the purpose thereof, right from the inception of Rawalpindi Medical University, efforts were concentrated to establish a comprehensive framework for research in Rawalpindi Medical University, as a matter of prime importance. With team efforts of specialists in the field of research, framework was made during the first year of the RMU, for the development and promotion of Research activities in RMU, called the Research Model of RMU, giving clear scheme and plan for establishment of required components for not only promoting, facilitating and monitoring the research activities but also to promote entrepreneurship through research for future development of RMU itself

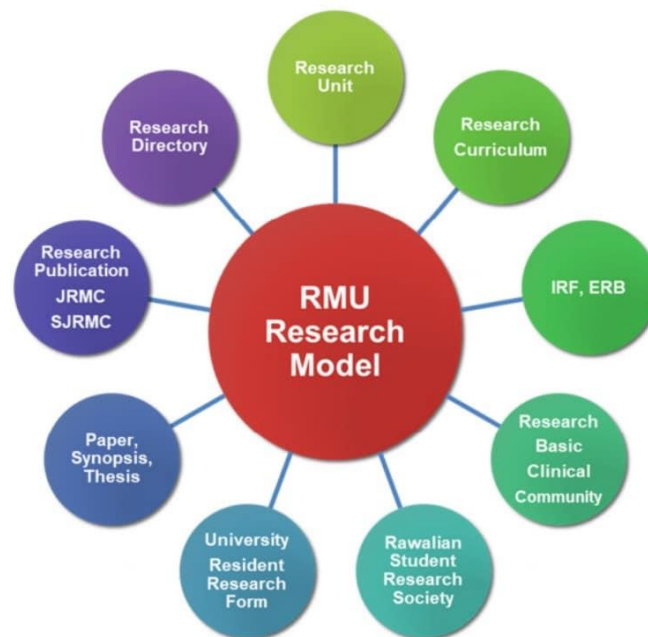


Figure 30 – RMU Research Model

## 17. Biomedical Ethics

Ethical choices, both minor and major, confront us everyday in the provision of health care for persons with diverse values living in a pluralistic and multicultural society.

Four commonly accepted principles of health care ethics, excerpted from Beauchamp and Childress (2008), include the:

1. Principle of respect for autonomy,
2. Principle of nonmaleficence,
3. Principle of beneficence, and
4. Principle of justice.

## 18. Family Medicine

Family Medicine is the primary care medical specialty concerned with provision of comprehensive health care to the individual and the family regardless of sex, age or type of problem. It is the specialty of breadth that integrates the biological, clinical and behavioural sciences. Family physicians can themselves provide care for the majority of conditions encountered in the ambulatory setting and integrate all necessary health care services.

## 19. Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence in medicine is the use of machine learning models to search medical data and uncover insights to help improve health outcomes and patient experiences. Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming an integral part of modern healthcare. AI algorithms and other applications powered by AI are being used to support medical professionals in clinical settings and in ongoing research. Currently, the most common roles for AI in medical settings are clinical decision support and imaging analysis.

**Section – V      Learning Management System (LMS)**



**Theme Based LMS Assessment  
4th year MBBS 2026  
ENT Block-X Module-1**

**Vision**

To enhance competency-based learning and clinical reasoning skills among Fourth-year medical students by leveraging a robust Learning Management System (LMS) to implement weekly, clinically-oriented assessments in Medicine and Allied specialties.

**Introduction:**

A Learning Management System (LMS) is a software application or platform used to deliver, manage, and track educational content and training programs. It helps organizations, institutions, or businesses deliver learning experiences to learners in an organized, scalable, and accessible way.

**1.Course Creation & Management:**

- Allows instructors or administrators to create and organize courses, modules, lessons, and assessments.
- Supports multimedia content such as videos, quizzes, PDFs, and presentations.

**2.User Management:**

Facilitates the creation of user profiles for learners, instructors, and administrators. Allowstracking of individual progress, achievements, and performance.

**3.Assessment & Testing:**

Includes features for creating and administering quizzes, assignments, and exams. Provides automated grading and feedback to learners.

**4.Reporting & Analytics:**

- Tracks learner performance, course completion rates, and engagement levels.
- Provides insights to instructors and administrators for informed decision-making.

**5.Communication Tools:**

- Integrates discussion boards, chat features, and email to facilitate communication between learners and instructors.
- Supports notifications and announcements.

### 6. Scalability & Flexibility:

- Can accommodate a growing number of learners or users.
- Supports a variety of learning styles, including synchronous (live) and asynchronous (self-paced) learning.

### 7. Mobile Access:

Many LMS platforms are mobile-friendly or offer mobile apps to support learning on the go.

An effective Learning Management System (LMS) assessment framework for undergraduate medical students should be structured to evaluate knowledge, skills, and attitudes systematically. It should also align with educational objectives, regulatory standards, and the specific needs of medical education. Below is a comprehensive framework:

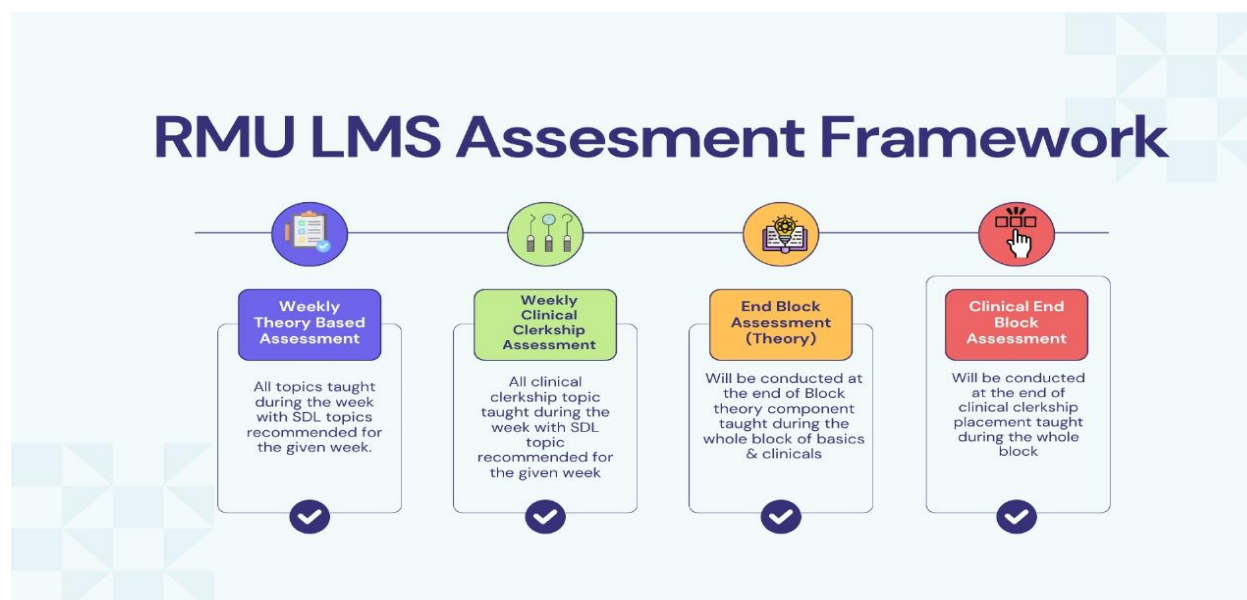


Figure 27: Framework for LMS Assessment for Undergraduate Medical Students

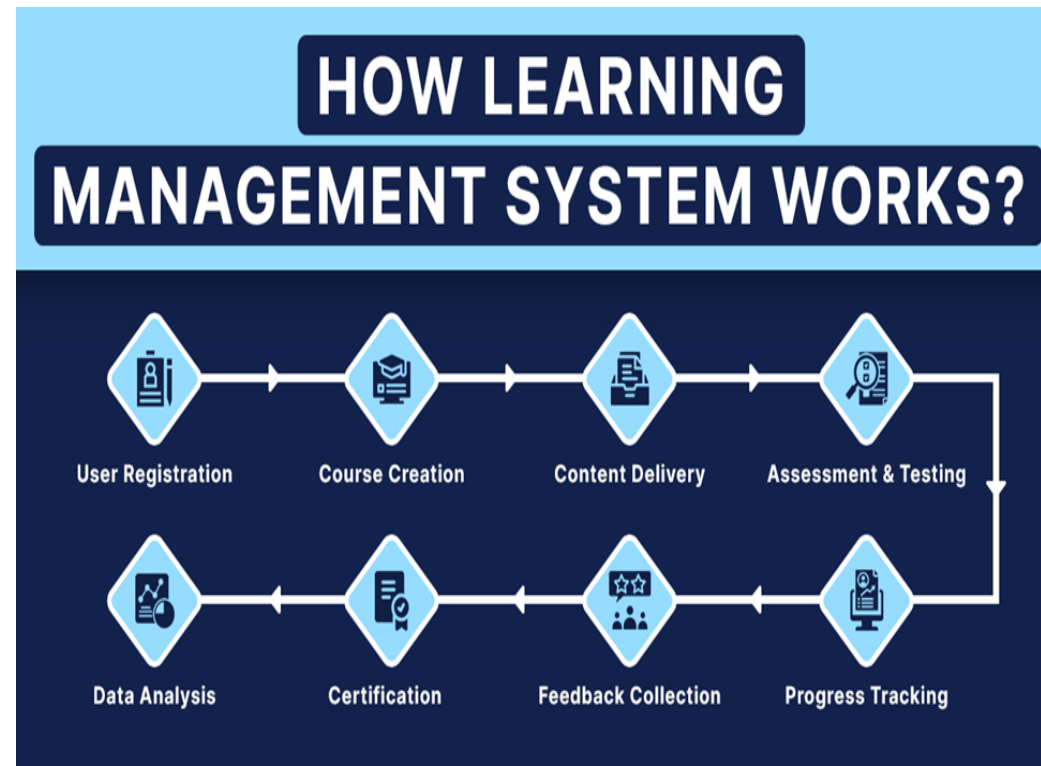


Figure 28: How learning management system works

## Implementation of LMS

### Table of Specification of weekly LMS of 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> & Final Year MBBS

**Table 1: Frequency of Assessments & Distribution of MCQs in LMS For 4<sup>th</sup> year:**

Sr. #.	Nomenclature of Exam			Time	Type of Assessment	No of MCQs
1.	During module (Weekly)	LMS Test	Every Tuesday evening	8:00 to 10:00 pm	Summative	100

**Table 2: Distribution of Questions According to Level of Cognition:**

Sr.#	Level of Cognition	%age Distribution of Questions	Type of Integration
1.	C1(Recall)	20%	Horizontal
2.	C2(Interpretation)	60%	Core Concept & Vertical
3.	C3(Problem Solving)	20%	Vertical(Purely Clinical Concepts)

**Table 3: Implementation of Calgary Model of Categorization of Questions for LMS assessments:**

Sr. No	Type of Assessment	Calgary Model		
		Must Know (A)	Should know (B)	Nice to know (C) (C)
1.	Summative	50%		50%
2.	Summative	100%		-----

### Implementation of LMS

To ensure the effective implementation of the Learning Management System (LMS), the following steps will be undertaken:

#### **1. Infrastructure Setup:**

The LMS will be hosted on a well-equipped platform capable of handling multiple users simultaneously, ensuring reliability and performance during peak usage times.

#### **2. IT Department Support:**

A dedicated IT department will be responsible for managing the system, providing technical support, and ensuring smooth operation.

#### **3. User Credentials:**

Unique IDs and passwords will be issued to each student by the IT department, granting secure access to the LMS. Students will be guided on how to use the platform effectively.

#### **4. Exam Scheduling:**

Dates and times for exams will be pre-set within the LMS, allowing students to prepare accordingly. The scheduling system will ensure timely availability of test materials and instructions.

### 5. Automated Notifications:

Automated messages will be sent to students to inform them of upcoming exams, deadlines, or important updates. These notifications will ensure students remain informed and prepared.

### 6. Test Notices:

Detailed test notices, including exam guidelines, formats, and schedules, will be shared with students through the LMS to ensure clarity and readiness.

This structured implementation plan will enable the LMS to function effectively, fostering a productive and organized learning environment for both students and faculty.

### Learning Management System RMU

- A campus management system is being utilized as a learning resource.
- Faculty members from all disciplines, both basic and clinical, have been actively involved and trained in using these systems to deliver lectures effectively.
- The faculty is responsible for uploading lectures, assignments, and weekly assessments.
- Each student has been provided with a unique login to access the lectures and resources on the LMS.
- Attendance for each academic activity—lectures, interactive sessions, quizzes, and assignments—is recorded separately.
- Faculty members are required to mark attendance immediately after each lecture



### Objectives of a Learning Management System (LMS) for Undergraduate Medical Students

The primary objective of a Learning Management System (LMS) for undergraduate medical students is to enhance the quality of medical education by providing a comprehensive, interactive, and accessible digital platform that facilitates:

**Efficient Delivery of Educational Content:**

To enable faculty to upload and organize lectures, assignments, assessments, and other learning resources systematically.

**Student-Centered Learning:**

To promote self-paced, flexible learning by granting students 24/7 access to educational materials tailored to their curriculum.

**Interactive and Engaging Learning:**

To foster active engagement through features like discussion forums, quizzes, and virtual interactive sessions.

**Streamlined Academic Monitoring:**

To track student attendance, performance, and progress through automated attendance marking, assessments, and progress dashboards.

**Standardization and Quality Assurance:**

To ensure uniformity in educational delivery across various disciplines and compliance with institutional and accreditation standards.

**Feedback and Continuous Improvement:**

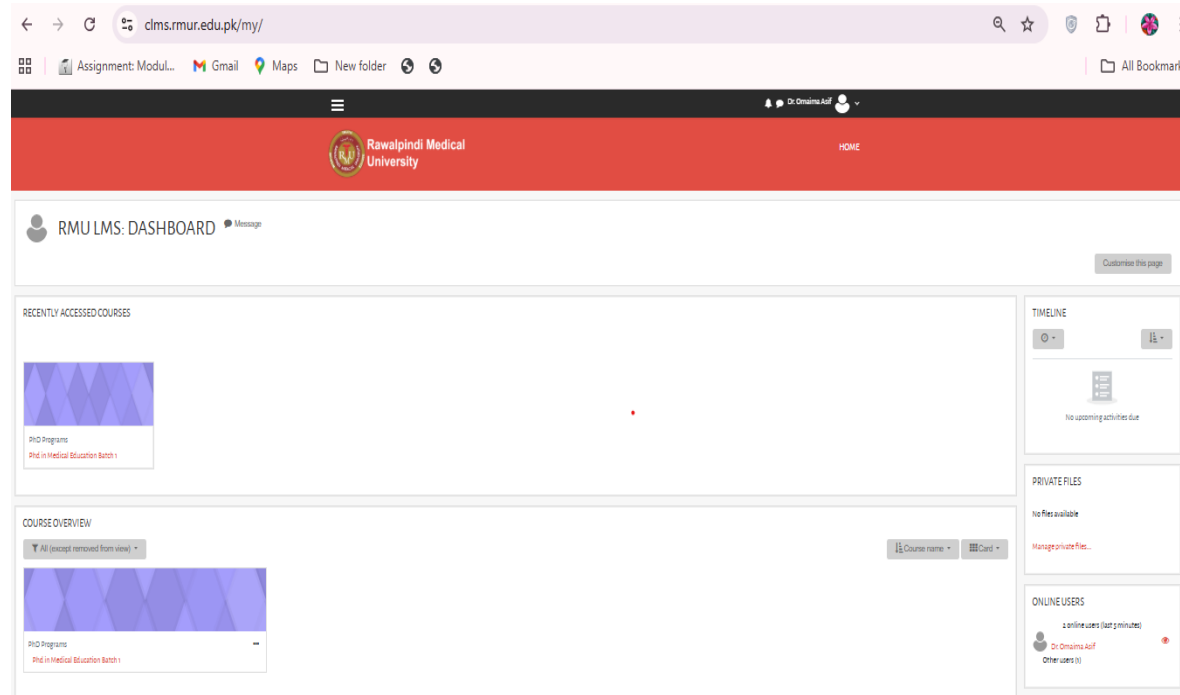
To integrate feedback mechanisms that involve students, faculty, and other stakeholders, driving continuous quality improvement.

**Integration of Technology in Medical Education:**

To familiarize students with digital tools and resources essential for modern medical practice and research.

By achieving these objectives, the LMS supports the holistic development of medical students, ensuring they are well-prepared for clinical practice and lifelong learning.

## RMU LMS Website



The screenshot displays the RMU LMS Dashboard in a web browser. The browser's address bar shows the URL [clms.rmur.edu.pk/my/](https://clms.rmur.edu.pk/my/). The dashboard header features the Rawalpindi Medical University logo and the text "Rawalpindi Medical University" and "HOME". The main content area is titled "RMU LMS: DASHBOARD" and includes a "Message" icon and a "Customize this page" button. The dashboard is divided into several sections: "RECENTLY ACCESSED COURSES" showing a course titled "PHD Programs" with a sub-item "Phd in Medical Education Batch 1"; "COURSE OVERVIEW" with a dropdown menu set to "All (except removed from view)" and a "Course name" filter; "TIMELINE" indicating "No upcoming activities due"; "PRIVATE FILES" showing "No files available" and a "Manage private files..." link; and "ONLINE USERS" showing "2 online users (last 5 minutes)" with a list including "Dr. Omama Asif" and "Other users (1)".

**Weblink: <https://clms.rmur.edu.pk/>**

## Goals and Objectives of Assessment

- **Knowledge:** Evaluate understanding of basic and clinical sciences.
- **Skills:** Assess critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and procedural skills.
- **Attitudes:** Foster professionalism, ethical decision-making, and communication skills.
- **Feedback:** Provide timely, constructive feedback to support learning and growth.

### 1. Components of LMS-Based Assessment

#### a. Formative Assessments

**Purpose:** Monitor ongoing learning and identify areas needing improvement. It includes

- Online quizzes (MCQs, EMQs)
- Short assignments or reflections
- Case-based discussions
- Interactive polls during live sessions

**Schedule:** Weekly or module-specific

#### b. Practical/Skill-Based Assessments

**Purpose:** Assess clinical skills, diagnostic reasoning, and procedural competence. Practical/skill based assessments can be taught through

- Virtual simulations (e.g., diagnostic procedures, patient management)
- Video submissions demonstrating skills (e.g., history-taking, physical examination)
- Peer assessment of clinical skills via uploaded videos

#### c. Attendance and Participation.

Its purpose is to encourage consistent engagement in academic activities. Student's attendance is actively monitored through LMS via

- Attendance tracking for lectures, discussions, and interactive sessions.
- Participation metrics (e.g., activity in discussion forums, live Q&A sessions).

#### d. Feedback Mechanisms:

Its purpose is to enhance learning and improve course delivery. Feedback monitoring can be done by following mechanisms:

- Embedded feedback forms after each session or activity.
- Peer and faculty reviews of assignments and projects.
- Self-assessment tools for reflection on progress.

## 2. Assessment Tools and Formats

- **MCQs/EMQs:** Test foundational knowledge and application.
- **OSCE Simulations:** Evaluate clinical reasoning and procedural skills.
- **Interactive Tools:** Use polls, chat, and breakout rooms for real-time engagement.
- **Assignments:** Assess understanding through essays, case reports, or reflections.
- **Group Projects:** Foster teamwork and problem-solving skills.

## 3. Implementation Strategies

- **Faculty Training:** Equip faculty with skills to design and deliver online assessments.
- **Student Orientation:** Familiarize students with LMS tools and expectations.
- **Tech Infrastructure:** Ensure robust LMS functionality and technical support.
- **Accessibility:** Provide accommodations for students with disabilities or limited resources

## 4. Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement

- **Evaluation Proformas:** Gather periodic feedback from students and faculty.
- **Data Analytics:** Use LMS analytics to track student performance and participation.
- **Audit Mechanisms:** Regularly review and update the assessment framework.
- **Stakeholder Input:** Incorporate suggestions from students, faculty, and external reviewers.

## 6. Compliance with Regulatory Standards

Launching of LMS in RMU is in alignment with regulatory bodies . Digital learning at RMU aims at

- Alignment assessments with accreditation and medical council guidelines (e.g., HEC, WFME).
- Ensure assessments address core competencies, including knowledge, skills, and professionalism.

This LMS assessment framework integrates diverse evaluation methods to ensure holistic learning and competency development in undergraduate medical students. It fosters an interactive, adaptive, and equitable learning environment, preparing students for the demands of modern medical practice.

## Importance of LMS

### *A Central Pillar of Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA)*

In today's rapidly evolving educational landscape, digital learning isn't just an add-on it's the new backbone of academic progress. Our Learning Management System (LMS) stands at the heart of this transformation, bringing structure, consistency, and accessibility to the way students learn and the way faculty deliver content.

By integrating LMS into the Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) framework, our institution takes a major step forward in aligning with global best practices. LMS-based assessments now officially hold **10% weightage** in the overall evaluation, making regular participation not just beneficial but essential for every student.

### *Why LMS Matters*

#### *1. Streamlined Access to Learning*

The LMS gives students a single, organized digital space where lectures, notes, assignments, quizzes, and announcements are available anytime, anywhere. No missed updates, no lost handouts everything stays just a click away.

#### *2. Consistent, Transparent Assessment*

With weekly formative and summative assessments conducted through LMS, students get a clear picture of their academic standing. The system ensures fairness, automated scoring where appropriate, and immediate feedback so learners can identify strengths and areas needing improvement.

### ***3. Builds Stronger Learning Habits***

Regular LMS assessments encourage students to stay engaged throughout the semester instead of relying on last-minute preparation. This continuous learning approach improves retention, confidence, and performance in final exams.

### ***4. Enhances Interaction and Engagement***

Through discussion forums, digital assignments, and interactive features, the LMS promotes active learning. Students participate more, collaborate more, and take greater responsibility for their progress.

### ***5. Professional Readiness***

Modern healthcare requires tech-savvy professionals who can adapt to digital tools. Using LMS throughout their training prepares students for the technologically advanced clinical and administrative environments they will soon enter.

### ***LMS as Part of CIA: What It Means for Students***

With LMS contributing **10% to the CIA**, students are encouraged to take weekly assessments seriously. Consistent participation directly boosts overall grades while also strengthening core concepts. This system rewards discipline, regular study habits, and active involvement qualities that are essential in medical education.

### ***A Collective Step Toward Better Learning***

The adoption of LMS-based CIA reflects our institution's commitment to innovation and excellence. We're not just keeping up with global standards; we're moving ahead of the curve by ensuring that every student gets a modern, interactive, and meaningful learning experience.

### LMS Assessment Papers Hierarchy of conducting LMS

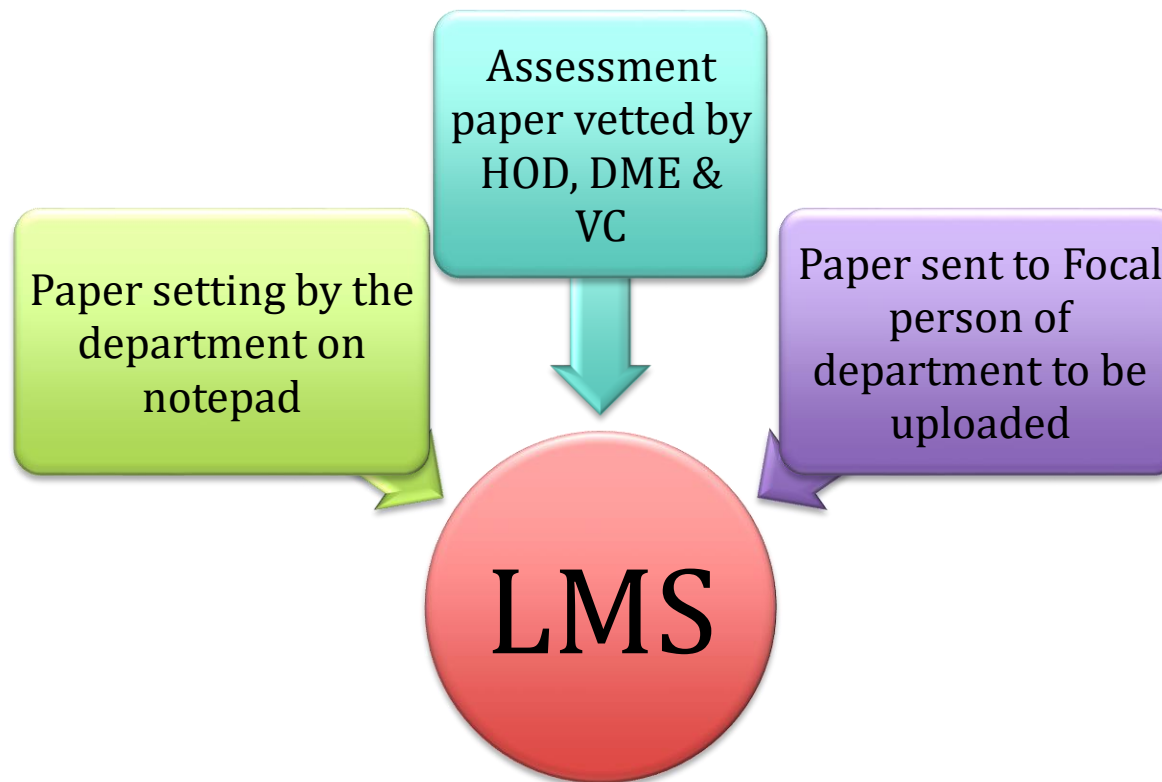


Figure 29: LMS Assessment paper setting, vetting, uploading

## Sample paper Papers attached as Annexure

### PATHOLOGY

Q: A 7-year-old child develops fever and a vesicular rash that starts on the trunk and spreads to the face and limbs. What is the most likely causative agent?

- A. Herpes Simplex Virus-1
- B. Epstein-Barr Virus
- C. Cytomegalovirus
- D. Varicella-Zoster Virus
- E. Parvovirus B19

ANSWER: D

Q: In immunocompromised patients, CMV most commonly causes which of the following complications?

- A. Hemorrhagic cystitis
- B. Retinitis and colitis
- C. Meningitis
- D. Skin rash and arthralgia
- E. Hepatic abscess

ANSWER: B

Q: What is the characteristic histologic finding in tissues infected by cytomegalovirus?

- A. Multinucleated giant cells with Cowdry type A inclusions
- B. Intracytoplasmic eosinophilic inclusions
- C. Owl's eye intranuclear inclusions
- D. Councilman bodies
- E. Granulomas with caseation

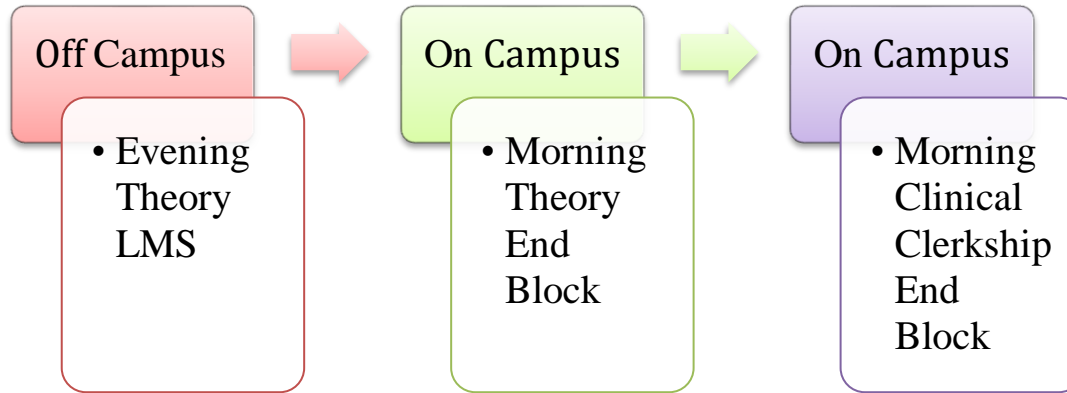
ANSWER: C

Q: A 68-year-old man presents with a painful vesicular rash in a dermatomal distribution. What is the most likely diagnosis?

- A. Primary varicella infection
- B. Herpes labialis
- C. Cytomegalovirus infection
- D. Herpes zoster (shingles)
- E. Kaposi's sarcoma

ANSWER: D

### Assessment Results of LMS MBBS



### Theory Based Off Campus Module wise weekly LMS results

3rd Year MBBS (Off Campus Evening) LMS Assessment Results (Theory Based)

Roll No.	Name	FM-II 1 (90)	% age	FM-II 2 (90)	% age	FM-II 3 (90)	% age	FM-III 1 (90)	% age	FM-III wk 2	% age	FM-III WK 3	% age	GIT wk 1	% age	GIT week 2	% age	GIT wk 3	% age	GIT week 4	% age	GIT wk 5	% age	microbes wk 1	% age
1	Aaira Amin	50	56%	81	90%	79	88%	87	97%	81	90%	77	86%	84	93%	90	90%	97	97%	94	94%	82	82%	80	80%
2	Albeera Asad	75	83%	79	88%	71	79%	84	93%	88	98%	77	86%	88	88%	94	94%	97	97%	97	97%	80	80%	85	85%
3	Adan Farukh	80	89%	83	92%	0	0%	88	98%	90	100%	80	89%	86	86%	96	96%	96	96%	94	94%	82	82%	90	90%
4	Addan Fatima	78	87%	81	90%	85	94%	89	99%	89	99%	74	82%	87	87%	95	95%	97	97%	97	97%	85	85%	87	87%
5	Adden Fatima	77	86%	77	86%	78	87%	81	90%	79	88%	60	67%	83	83%	97	97%	95	95%	93	93%	77	77%	93	93%
6	Aena Rehman	21	23%	0	0%	79	88%	85	94%	86	96%	45	50%	86	86%	0	0%	96	96%	96	96%	53	53%	88	88%
7	Hafsa Sarveen	77	86%	84	93%	78	87%	73	81%	87	97%	72	80%	90	90%	96	96%	95	95%	95	95%	84	84%	86	86%
8	Aima Ali	76	84%	82	91%	81	90%	88	98%	86	96%	78	87%	83	83%	96	96%	95	95%	96	96%	87	87%	91	91%
9	Aiman Imran	72	80%	85	94%	65	72%	0	0%	86	96%	0	0%	70	78%	83	83%	96	96%	94	94%	97	97%	84	84%
10	Aiman Sarfraz	21	23%	82	91%	77	86%	85	94%	89	99%	79	88%	85	85%	96	96%	95	95%	96	96%	87	87%	90	90%
11	Aimen Asif	76	84%	72	80%	82	91%	88	98%	85	95%	94%	74	82%	88	88%	95	95%	97	97%	99	99%	83	83%	
12	Aimen Jamil	0	0%	85	94%	75	83%	89	99%	0	0%	77	86%	90	90%	98	98%	75	75%	95	95%	78	78%	89	89%
13	Aleena Abid	77	86%	81	90%	78	87%	89	99%	0	0%	88	98%	81	90%	89	89%	93	93%	95	95%	97	97%	84	84%
14	Aleesha Zafar	80	89%	81	90%	82	91%	0	0%	89	99%	76	84%	89	89%	96	96%	98	98%	96	96%	68	68%	90	90%
15	Aina Batoal	76	84%	78	87%	81	90%	91	101%	86	96%	79	88%	88	88%	95	95%	95	95%	95	95%	82	82%	90	90%
16	Alisha Zeeshan	22	24%	83	92%	80	89%	87	97%	88	98%	71	79%	90	90%	93	93%	94	94%	99	99%	82	82%	88	88%
17	Alishba Naveed	75	83%	85	94%	83	92%	90	100%	92	102%	79	88%	88	88%	99	99%	96	96%	96	96%	84	84%	87	87%
18	Alishbaq Sikanar	77	86%	79	88%	78	87%	88	98%	86	96%	75	83%	86	86%	95	95%	95	95%	96	96%	84	84%	91	91%
19	Aliza Tariq	76	84%	84	93%	80	89%	84	93%	90	100%	80	89%	84	84%	97	97%	97	97%	98	98%	84	84%	89	89%
20	Amal Abbas	77	86%	82	91%	80	89%	88	98%	85	94%	77	86%	91	91%	95	95%	95	95%	96	96%	84	84%	88	88%
21	Arreema Waheed	76	84%	66	73%	0	0%	84	93%	83	92%	76	84%	86	86%	74	74%	97	97%	98	98%	84	84%	86	86%
22	Arma .	81	90%	81	90%	79	88%	89	99%	86	96%	78	87%	82	82%	94	94%	95	95%	94	94%	82	82%	90	90%
23	Arma Asghar	74	82%	85	94%	80	89%	88	98%	87	97%	77	86%	87	87%	95	95%	96	96%	95	95%	81	81%	84	84%
24	Arma Idrees	59	66%	68	76%	53	59%	61	68%	53	59%	74	82%	84	84%	98	98%	95	95%	96	96%	82	82%	88	88%
25	Arma Raza	76	84%	81	90%	82	91%	89	99%	91	101%	79	88%	89	89%	98	98%	98	98%	95	95%	83	83%	86	86%
26	Arma Zafar	77	86%	84	93%	83	92%	89	99%	0	0%	88	98%	72	80%	88	88%	69	69%	97	97%	62	62%	84	84%
27	Andisab Zahra	74	82%	81	90%	77	86%	88	98%	84	93%	76	84%	88	88%	96	96%	98	98%	96	96%	84	84%	84	84%
28	Anoshia Sehwar	27	30%	81	90%	81	90%	90	100%	87	97%	68	76%	85	85%	88	88%	94	94%	97	97%	78	78%	92	92%
29	Aqsa Faisal	78	87%	84	93%	73	81%	86	96%	88	98%	78	87%	87	87%	95	95%	99	99%	97	97%	84	84%	86	86%
30	Aqsa Mehfooz	76	84%	81	90%	80	89%	89	99%	83	92%	75	83%	86	86%	93	93%	95	95%	98	98%	81	81%	0	0%

## Analysis of results:

Total Students	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	365
Absent	3	4	12	12	5	0	1	3	2	1	0	2
Appeared	362	361	353	353	360	365	364	362	363	364	365	363
Failed	71	59	70	60	50	19	9	21	22	26	27	39
Passed	291	302	283	293	310	346	355	341	341	338	338	324
Passing %age	80%	84%	80%	83%	86%	95%	98%	94%	94%	93%	93%	89%

## Detailed analysis:

This data set represents the results of 365 students across 28 different theory-based assessments. The overall performance is **good to very good**, with a significant number of students consistently scoring high percentages. However, the data reveals patterns of inconsistent attendance/participation, with many students missing one or more assessments, and a few students showing signs of significant academic difficulty.

### 1. Overall Performance Overview

- **Total Students:** 365
- **Total Assessments:** 28
- **Assessment Format:** Most assessments are out of 90 marks, with an adjacent column calculating the percentage ( $\text{Score}/90$ ).
- **General Observation:** The majority of students are performing well. The distribution of scores is skewed towards the higher end, suggesting the cohort is generally diligent and/or the assessments are well within their grasp

## 2. Analysis of Performance by Subject/Module

The assessments are grouped into several modules. The average performance can be inferred by looking at the percentage columns.

### Top Performing Modules:

1. **CVS (Cardiovascular System):** Consistently high scores. A large number of students scored above 90% in CVS-3 and CVS-4. **This appears to be the strongest subject for the cohort.**
2. **Microbes (Microbiology):** Very strong performance across all 6 weeks, with a high frequency of scores in the 90-100% range.
3. **GIT (Gastrointestinal Tract):** Generally high performance, especially in GIT weeks 2, 3, and 4.

### Moderate Performing Modules:

- **FM-II & FM-III (Forensic Medicine):** Shows a wider spread of scores. While many students scored highly, there are also several instances of very low scores and zeros, indicating variability in preparation or attendance for these specific tests.
- **Heam (Haematology):** Performance is good, but slightly more varied than in CVS or Microbes.

## 3. Analysis of Individual Student Performance

Students can be broadly categorized into three groups:

- **Consistently High Achievers:**  
These students maintain a high percentage (typically >85%) across almost all assessments with very few, if any, zeros.
- **Examples:** Addan **Fatima (Roll #4)**, Alishba **Naveed (Roll #17)**, Amna **Raza (Roll #25)**, Mohammad **Ali Shayan (Roll #150)**. They demonstrate remarkable consistency and mastery of the material.
- **The Inconsistent Performers (Largest Group):**  
These students have a mix of high scores but also have several low scores, zeros, or missing assignments. This is the most common pattern and suggests issues with:

**Selective Preparation:** Excelling in some subjects but not others.

**Inconsistent Attendance:** The numerous "0" scores are more likely due to absence than a score of zero, as they are often paired with high scores in other tests.

**Example:** Aiman Imran (Roll #9) has several high scores but also zeros in FM-III 1 and CVS 1, pulling down their cumulative performance.

### **Students Needing Academic Support:**

These students have a high frequency of low scores (e.g., below 50%) and zeros across multiple modules.

#### **Examples:**

Ayesha Iqbal (Roll #45): Multiple zeros and low scores.

Abdullah Zeeshan (Roll #125): Multiple very low scores and zeros.

Fatima Saleem (Roll #85): Numerous zeros and missing data.

Maira Nasir (Roll #189): Has zeros in every single assessment, indicating a potential case of non-participation or withdrawal.

## **4. Critical Observations and Potential Issues**

### **Significant Non- Participation ("0" Scores):**

The dataset is filled with "0" scores. Given the context and the fact that these zeros are often adjacent to very high scores (e.g., 90/90), it is highly probable that a "0" represents **an absence or a non-attempt** rather than a score of zero. This is a major factor affecting the cumulative performance of many students.

### **Data Inconsistencies and Errors:**

**Formula Display:** Many percentage cells display the formula itself (e.g., =D6/90) instead of the calculated value. This makes automated analysis difficult and suggests the file was not saved properly after calculation or was exported incorrectly.

**Possible Grading Errors:** Some scores seem anomalous.

**Hina Fatima (Roll #107):** Has extremely low scores in FM-II-3 (36), FM-III-1 (26), and FM-III wk 2 (21), which are stark outliers compared to her other high scores. This warrants verification.

**Scores >90:** While most tests are out of 90, a few scores (e.g., 115, 116) appear in later columns (e.g., CVS-3). This suggests either those specific tests had a different total mark (e.g., 120) or there is a data entry error.

### Incomplete Records:

Many cells are entirely blank (e.g., in rows for Eman Safdar - Roll #66). It is unclear if this means the student was not enrolled for that test, the score is missing, or it was another absence.

### Conclusion

The 3rd Year MBBS (Evening) cohort demonstrates a strong grasp of the curriculum, particularly in CVS, Microbes, and GIT. The main challenge is not a lack of capability but rather **inconsistency in assessment participation and performance**. Addressing the issues of absences and providing targeted support to a small group of struggling students could significantly improve the overall academic outcomes of the batch. The reliability of these insights is contingent upon first cleaning and verifying the underlying data.

### Theory Based On Campus End of Block LMS results

3rd Year LMS Assessment Results (On Campus Morning) Theory					
Roll No.	Name	End Block VII	% age	End block VIII	% age
1	Aaira Amin	97	81%	92	92%
2	Abeera Asad	107	89%	95	95%
3	Adan Farrukh	107	89%	97	97%
4	Addan Fatima	106	88%	94	94%
5	Adden Fatima	102	85%	92	92%
6	Aena Rehman	107	89%	97	97%
7	Hafsa Sameen	105	88%	93	93%
8	Aima Ali	104	87%	97	97%
9	Aiman Imran	106	88%	96	96%
10	Aiman Sarfraz	103	86%	97	97%
11	Aimen Asif	99	83%	94	94%
12	Aimen Jamil	106	88%	95	95%
13	Aleena Abid	103	86%	95	95%
14	Aleesha Zafar	106	88%	92	92%
15	Alina Batool	104	87%	96	96%
16	Alisha Zeeshan	107	89%	92	92%
17	Alishba Naveed	104	87%	96	96%
18	Alishbaqq Sikandar	108	90%	92	92%
19	Aliza Tariq	106	88%	96	96%
20	Amal Abbas	108	90%	95	95%
21	Ameema Waheed	104	87%	92	92%
22	Amna .	103	86%	93	93%
23	Amna Asghar	103	86%	91	91%
24	Amna Idrees	102	85%	92	92%
25	Amna Raza	108	90%	95	95%
26	Amna Zafar	73	61%	65	65%

Complete result is attached as Annexure B

### Analysis:

Total Students	365	365
Absent	0	0
Appeared	365	365
Failed	11	14
Passed	354	351
Passing %age	97%	96%

### Detailed Analysis:

This spreadsheet contains the theoretical assessment results for a **3rd Year On-Campus Morning** program, spanning two examination blocks (Block VII and Block VIII). The data tracks the performance of 366 students, showing a cohort that is generally high-achieving. However, a detailed analysis reveals critical patterns, including a significant number of students with zero scores (likely absentees), a small group at risk of failing, and a noticeable, though not universal, drop in performance from Block VII to Block VIII.

- **Data Summary**
- **Total Students:** 366
- **Block VII:** 366 students listed.
- **Block VIII:** 366 students listed.

## 2. Key Findings & Detailed Analysis

### 2.1. Overall Performance & Pass/Fail Rates

The summary statistics at the bottom of the sheet are designed to calculate pass/fail rates, but the formulas are **partially incorrect**, leading to misleading results.

**Corrected Analysis (Manual Calculation based on full dataset):**

#### Block VII:

- **Absent/Zero:** 10 students (e.g., Roll #189, 232, 352, 3710R, etc.).
- **Appeared:** 356 students.
- **Failed (<70%):** 1 student (Roll #26, Amna Zafar, 61%).
- **Passed (≥70%):** 355 students.
- **Passing Percentage: ~99.7%** (355/356) - An exceptionally high pass rate.

#### Block VIII:

- **Absent/Zero:** 9 students (e.g., Roll #189, 352, 3710R, etc.).
- **Appeared:** 357 students.
- **Failed (<70%):** 8 students (e.g., Roll #84: 58%, #292: 50%, #321: 59%, #329: 63%, #270: 75%, etc.).
- **Passed (≥70%):** 349 students.
- **Passing Percentage: ~97.8%** (349/357) - Still very high, but a noticeable drop from Block VII.

### 2.2. Comparative Analysis: Block VII vs. Block VIII

**Performance Decline:** There is a clear trend of declining scores for a portion of the cohort. While many students maintained or improved their scores, a significant number saw a decrease. For example, Roll #292 dropped from 90% to 50%, and Roll #84 dropped from 81% to 58%.

**Increased Failure Rate:** The number of failing students increased from 1 in Block VII to 8 in Block VIII.

**Consistency at the Top:** High-performing students (e.g., those scoring above 90%) generally remained high performers, indicating the material or exam difficulty might have increased in a way that disproportionately affected mid-to-lower performing students.

### 2.3. Identification of At-Risk Students

Students can be categorized based on their performance across both blocks:

**Consistently High Performers:** A large group of students scoring above 85% in both blocks (e.g., Roll #100, #128, #207, #341).

**Significant Decliners:** Students whose performance dropped substantially (e.g., by more than 15 percentage points).

#### Examples:

- Roll #292: 90% → 50% (-40%)
- Roll #84: 81% → 58% (-23%)
- Roll #321: 89% → 59% (-30%)
- Roll #270: 88% → 75% (-13%)

**Consistently Low/At-Risk:** Students who passed but scored in the 70-75% range in both blocks, or who failed one block. These students may need support to prevent future failure.

**Absentees:** A group of ~10 students who scored zero in one or both blocks. This requires administrative follow-up to distinguish between absence, withdrawal, and data entry issues.

## 3. Recommendations

### Academic & Administrative Actions:

#### Intervene with At-Risk Students:

**Priority 1:** Contact the 8 students who failed Block VIII to offer remedial support.

**Priority 2:** Reach out to the "Significant Decliners" group to understand the reasons for their performance drop (e.g., personal issues, topic difficulty) and provide guidance.

**Follow-up on Absentees:** Determine the status of students with zero scores. Were they absent, have they withdrawn, or is this a data entry error?

## Theory Based On Campus End of Clinical Block LMS results Complete results attached as Annexure C

### Detailed Analysis:

This spreadsheet details the **clinical assessment results** for the same 3rd-year cohort from the theory analysis. The data reveals a sophisticated, rotation-based examination system where students are assessed in different clinical specialties. The overall performance is **strong**, with a high concentration of scores above 85%. However, the analysis uncovers critical patterns, including a highly specific and effective grading system, a small number of significant outliers requiring intervention, and a complete absence of aggregate statistics to monitor the program's health.

3rd Year LMS Assessment Results (On Campus Morning) Clinical End Blocks												
Roll No.	Name	Medicine EBE	% age	surgery EBE	% age	Sub Spec EBE	% age	Med EBE 2-10-25	% age	Surgery EBE 4-10-25	% age	
1	Aaira Amin	45	90%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	41	93%	
2	Abeera Asad	45	90%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	41	93%	
3	Adan Farrukh	41	82%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	42	95%	
4	Addan Fatima	NA	NA	NA	NA	41	98%	48	96%	NA	NA	
5	Adden Fatima	NA	NA	43	98%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
6	Aema Rehman	NA	NA	44	100%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
7	Hafsa Sameen	NA	NA	40	91%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
8	Airna Ali	NA	NA	39	89%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
9	Aiman Imran	47	94%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	40	91%	
10	Aiman Sarfraz	43	86%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	41	93%	
11	Aimen Asif	NA	NA	43	98%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
12	Aimen Jamil	44	88%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	44	100%	
13	Aleena Abid	NA	NA	NA	NA	37	88%	48	96%	NA	NA	
14	Aleesha Zafar	NA	NA	NA	NA	41	98%	48	96%	NA	NA	
15	Alina Batoool	NA	NA	42	95%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
16	Alisha Zeeshan	NA	NA	NA	NA	41	98%	48	96%	NA	NA	
17	Alishba Naveed	NA	NA	44	100%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
18	Alishbaqq Sikandar	46	92%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	42	95%	
19	Aliza Tariq	43	86%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	43	98%	
20	Amal Abbas	NA	NA	43	98%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
21	Arneema Waheed	43	86%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	41	93%	
22	Amna .	41	82%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	39	89%	
23	Amna Asghar	45	90%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	42	95%	
24	Amna Idrees	NA	NA	NA	NA	40	95%	48	96%	NA	NA	
25	Amna Raza	46	92%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	43	98%	
26	Amna Zafar	NA	NA	NA	NA	30	71%	28	56%	NA	NA	
27	Andleeb Zahra	NA	NA	NA	NA	38	90%	45	90%	NA	NA	
28	Anoshia Sehar	NA	NA	40	91%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
29	Aqsa Faisal	44	88%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	43	98%	
30	Aqsa Mehfooz	NA	NA	42	95%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
31	Aqsa Waseem	45	90%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	42	95%	

## 1. Data Structure & Examination System

**Purpose:** To record clinical exam scores for students rotating through different medical wards.

**Examination Model:** The data suggests a **Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)** or **ward-based clinical exam (EBE)** format, where students rotate through stations or postings.

### Key Columns & Interpretation:

**G. Medicine EBE / H. Surgery EBE / K. Sub Spec EBE:** These appear to be the **primary clinical rotations**. The "Sub Spec" likely refers to sub-specialties like Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, etc.

**M. Med EBE 2-10-25 / P. Surgery EBE 4-10-25:** These are **re-sit or repeat examinations** for the respective blocks. The naming convention (2-10-25, 4-10-25) likely refers to specific dates, indicating these were offered later for students who failed or missed the first attempt.

### Grading System:

The raw scores are out of **50 points** (e.g., a score of 45 equals 90%).

The **passing benchmark is 70%** (a raw score of 35/50). This is consistent with the theory sheet and standard medical education practices.

## 2. Key Findings & Detailed Analysis

### 2.1. Overall Performance & Pass/Fail Rates

Unlike the theory sheet, this clinical sheet **lacks any summary statistics**. Therefore, all analyses are derived from a manual review of the 366-student cohort.

**Overall Pass Rate:** Extremely high. The vast majority of students who attempted an exam passed it. The number of failing scores (<35/50) is minimal.

**Performance Distribution:** The data is heavily skewed towards high performance. It is common to see scores of 40+/50 (80%+), with a significant cluster at 44/50 (88%) and 45/50 (90%). This suggests the exams are well-aligned with the taught curriculum or the grading is competency-based, expecting high performance.

## 2.2. Analysis of the "Re-sit" Columns (Critical Insight)

The presence of the "Med EBE 2-10-25" and "Surgery EBE 4-10-25" columns is the most revealing aspect of this dataset.

**Purpose:** These columns exclusively contain scores for students who **failed or were absent** for the primary exam.

**Evidence:**

- **Roll #26 (Amna Zafar):** A consistent at-risk student. Scored 30/50 (60%) in Sub Spec, and a very low 28/50 (56%) in the primary Medicine EBE. She then re-attempted Medicine (Med EBE 2-10-25) and scored 48/50 (96%).
- **Roll #67 (Eman Fatima):** Scored 39/50 (78%) in Medicine but failed the Surgery re-sit with 28/50 (64%).
- **Roll #232 (Roumman Ashraf):** Failed Sub Spec with 27/50 (64%) but passed the other re-sits.

**Conclusion:** The system effectively identifies struggling students and gives them a second opportunity to demonstrate competence, which is a best practice in medical education.

## 2.3. Identification of At-Risk & Outstanding Students

**A. Consistently Outstanding Performers:** A large group of students scored highly ( $\geq 43/50$  or 86%) across all their attempted clinical exams. Examples include Roll #6, #17, #35, #36, #111.

**B. Students Requiring Immediate Intervention:** This is a critical category. These students have failing grades and may be in academic jeopardy.

**Roll #303 (Muhammad Umar Khalid):** Scored **1/50 (2%)** in "Surgery EBE 4-10-25". This is a massive outlier and suggests absence, a data entry error, or a serious issue that needs urgent investigation.

**Roll #194 (Manahil Amjad):** Scored **15/50 (30%)** in "Med EBE 2-10-25". A very low score on a re-sit exam is a significant concern.

**Roll #26 (Amna Zafar):** As noted, failed two primary clinical exams (Medicine and Sub Spec). While she passed the Medicine re-sit, her initial performance flags her as at-risk.

**Roll #67 (Eman Fatima):** Failed the Surgery re-sit (64%).

**Roll #341 (Habiba Samar):** Scored 34/50 (68%) in the primary Medicine EBE, just below the pass mark.

### C. Students with Significant Performance Gaps:

**Roll #162 (Javeria Irshad):** Scored 35/50 (80%) in Surgery, which is a pass but is notably lower than the cohort's average, potentially indicating a weakness in that discipline.

### 2.4. Data Quality and Logistical Notes

**"NA" Meaning:** The footnote explains "NA\* = Not Attempted as the student was not in that ward." This is crucial—it means "NA" is **not a missing data point, but a valid status** indicating the student was not scheduled for that rotation. This explains why most students have scores in only 2-3 columns.

**Missing Roll #s:** The sequence jumps from 139 to 141, and 350 to 352. This, combined with the "r" and "pending" codes, suggests a dynamic student list with additions, removals, or repeats, similar to the theory sheet.

**No Summary Statistics:** The lack of a summary table (Total, Appeared, Passed, Failed, %) is a major deficiency for administrative oversight.

## 3. Scientific & Educational Implications

**Competency-Based Education (CBE):** The high concentration of excellent scores suggests the program successfully brings most students to a high level of clinical competency. The assessment appears to be measuring essential skills that have been effectively taught.

**Effective Remediation System:** The existence and utilization of re-sit exams demonstrate a structured approach to remediation. This allows students a safety net and the program to ensure minimum competencies are met before progression.

**Reliability of Assessment:** The fact that most students perform consistently well across different clinical domains (e.g., a student who does well in Medicine also does well in Surgery) suggests the assessments are measuring a underlying general clinical aptitude reliably.

Theme	Topics of LGIS & SGD	Topics of SDL	Learning objectives of SDL	Learning resources	Mode of Assessment
Theme 1	Anatomy and physiology of ear / vestibular system Acute otitis media Otitis media with effusion Acoustic neuroma Sensorineural hearing loss, Noise-induced, Drug induced hearing loss Tympanometry ,Audiology Chronic otitis media Bell's palsy/Facial palsy Ramsay Hunt syndrome External ear inflammatory Conditions Malignant otitis externa Otosclerosis, Meniere's disease FB Ear Management Myringotomy, grommet insertion, Myringoplasty, Mastoidectomy	Anatomy/Radiology of temporal bone CT scan temporal bone X ray mastoid MRI temporal bone	Parts of ear and vestibular system Functions of cochlea and vestibular system Biochemical processes of cochlea and vestibular system Definition of acute otitis externa and malignant otitis externa Clinical features, diagnosis, investigations Management plan	Diseases of ear nose thar Dr Saleem Iqbal Bhutta Scott Brown Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, Eighth Edition Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat & Head and Neck Surgery, Seventh Edition, PL Dhingra Color Atlas of ENT diagnosis, Tony R. Bull, 5th Edition Ear, Nose and Throat, Self-Assessment and Self Evaluation Manual, Second Edition, PL Dhingra	LMS Based MCQs
Theme 2	Anatomy & Physiology of Nose and PNS Acute and chronic Rhinosinusitis with complications, Fungal rhinosinusitis Nasal polyps , FESS Allergic/Non-allergic rhinitis DNS, Septoplasty	Discuss granulomatous diseases of nose along with Xray PNS  CT Scan nose and PNS	By the end of this theme, students will be able to: 1. Correlate nasal and paranasal sinus anatomy with common symptoms such as rhinorrhea,	Diseases of ear nose thar Dr Saleem Iqbal Bhutta  • Scott Brown Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, Eighth Edition	LMS Based MCQs

	<p>Nasopharyngeal angiofibroma</p> <p>Epistaxis and management</p> <p>FB nose and Rhinolith</p> <p>Nasal trauma,Septal hematoma Septal abscess,Septal perforation</p> <p>Granulomatous diseases of nose,rhinoscleroma,SLE, Wegner's Sarcoidosis,tuberculosis,leprosy</p>		<p>obstruction, and epistaxis.</p> <p>2.Differentiate benign inflammatory conditions from structural ,neoplasticand granulomatous causes.</p> <p>3.Identify emergency presentations such as severe epistaxis and sinonasal masses.</p> <p>4.Interpret basic imaging findings in nasal and sinus pathology.</p> <p>5.Develop appropriate medical and surgical management strategies.</p> <p>6.Promote preventive strategies including allergy control and early referral of suspicious lesions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat &amp; Head and Neck Surgery, Seventh Edition, PL Dhingra</li> <li>• Color Atlas of ENT diagnosis, Tony R. Bull, 5th Edition</li> <li>• Ear, Nose and Throat, Self-Assessment and Self Evaluation Manual, Second Edition, PL Dhingra</li> </ul>	
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Theme 3	Anatomy and Physiology of oral cavity and pharynx Adenoiditis, Acute and chronic tonsillitis Adenoidectomy, tonsillectomy Premalignant lesions of oral cavity Quinsy, retropharyngeal abscess, parapharyngeal abscess Acute and chronic pharyngitis Salivary gland diseases and management Oral cavity tumors	Discuss clinical features, investigations and management of Adenoid hypertrophy and salivary gland diseases	By the end of this theme, students will be able to: 1. Apply knowledge of pharyngeal anatomy to evaluate sore throat and neck infections. 2. Differentiate acute infections from chronic and deep neck space infections. 3. Identify life-threatening airway complications. 4. Formulate rational antimicrobial and supportive management plans. 5. Recognize indications for surgical intervention (e.g., tonsillectomy, abscess drainage).  6. Educate patients and families regarding prevention and early warning signs.	Diseases of ear nose and throat Dr Saleem Iqbal Bhutta  • Scott Brown Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, Eighth Edition  • Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat & Head and Neck Surgery, Seventh Edition, PL Dhingra  • Color Atlas of ENT diagnosis, Tony R. Bull, 5th Edition  • Ear, Nose and Throat, Self-Assessment and Self Evaluation Manual, Second Edition, PL Dhingra	LMS Based MCQs
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### ENT Block-1 Module-2

Week	Topics of LGIS & SGD	Topic of SDL	Learning objectives of SDL	Learning resources	Assessment tool
Theme 4	Anatomy of larynx, trachea, bronchi and esophagus Vocal nodules, vocal polyp, Reinke's edema FB aerodigestive tract Laryngomalacia, juvenile laryngeal papillomatosis Plummer Vinson syndrome Tracheostomy and complications Causes of hoarseness and stridor, management Esophagoscopy, bronchoscopy CA larynx	Causes of dysphagia, investigations, management  Vocal cord paralysis  Radiology of neck and Barium swallow	By the end of this theme, students will be able to: 1. Correlate laryngeal anatomy and nerve supply with voice and swallowing disorders. 2. Develop a structured approach to persistent hoarseness and dysphagia. 3. Identify red-flag features suggestive of malignancy. 4. Interpret imaging and endoscopic findings in laryngeal disease. 5. Outline principles of oncologic management and airway safety. 6. Advocate lifestyle modification and early screening for head and neck cancers.	Diseases of ear nose thar Dr Saleem Iqbal Bhutta  • Scott Brown Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, Eighth Edition  • Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat & Head and Neck Surgery, Seventh Edition, PL Dhingra  • Colour Atlas of ENT diagnosis, Tony R. Bull, 5th Edition  • Ear, Nose and Throat, Self-Assessment and Self Evaluation Manual, Second Edition, PL Dhingra	LMS based MCQs
Theme 5	Cervical lymphadenopathy  Thyroid gland and diseases  Anatomy of neck  Branchial cyst/branchial fistula	Discuss anatomy of neck Discuss cystic hygroma and carotid body tumors	By the end of this theme, students will be able to: 1. Apply knowledge of neck anatomy, lymphatic drainage, and thyroid physiology in evaluating neck swellings.  2. Differentiate congenital, inflammatory, infectious, and malignant causes.	Diseases of ear nose thar Dr Saleem Iqbal Bhutta  • Scott Brown Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, Eighth Edition  • Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat & Head and Neck Surgery, Seventh Edition, PL	LMS based MCQs

	<p>Radiology of neck</p> <p>Ludwig's angina</p> <p>Acute epiglottitis/laryngotracheobronchitis</p> <p>Differentials of neck masses</p>		<p>3. Identify emergency presentations involving airway compromise.</p> <p>4. Develop rational investigation and referral pathways.</p> <p>5. Outline principles of medical and surgical management.</p> <p>6. Emphasize the role of immunization, early detection, and public health strategies in prevention</p>	<p>Dhingra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Color Atlas of ENT diagnosis, Tony R. Bull, 5th Edition</li> <li>• Ear, Nose and Throat, Self-Assessment and Self Evaluation Manual, Second Edition, PL Dhingra</li> </ul>	
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## Section – VII Assessment

### Introduction

Assessment refers to the processes employed to make judgments about the achievements of students over a course of study. Hardlen W,2005

Lack of assessment and feedback, based on observation of performance in the workplace, is one of the most serious deficiencies in current medical education practice. John Norcini and Vanessa Burch 2007

Assessing learners is a critical and challenging task for tutors. While students might manage to overcome subpar teaching, poor or inaccurate assessment of their abilities can have lasting impacts on their personal and professional development. Assessment is vital not only for students but also for tutors, course organizers, and accrediting bodies (such as affiliated universities or PMCs). Assessment data plays a crucial role in determining if learning outcomes have been met, thereby facilitating students' progression to the next course level.

Integrated assessment requires a comprehensive analysis and understanding of the process. To establish a strong foundation, key questions need to be addressed:

#### 1. Why assess students?

- The purpose of assessment must be well-defined. It should include assessment for learning (as a strategy to enhance learning) and assessment of learning (summative assessment) for progression, remediation, or promotion purposes.

#### 2. Who should assess students?

- The assessment should involve multiple stakeholders, including program advisors/organizers, accrediting bodies, affiliated universities, enrolled colleges, tutors, other healthcare professionals, and the students themselves, as well as standardized patients. The PMC will supervise the assessment process, which medical universities will carry out in their affiliated colleges.

#### 3. What should be assessed?

- All relevant competencies must be assessed. The objectives of the integrated curriculum should align with the content being assessed, considering the teaching context. The chosen assessment materials should reflect valued competencies such as higher-order thinking, clinical skills, behavior/attitudes, and professionalism, among other essential requirements.

Assessment is the systematic basis for making inferences about the learning and development of students. It is the process of defining, selecting, designing, collecting, analyzing, interpreting, and using information to increase students' learning and development.

## Table of Specifications

### Preamble:

The Table of Specifications (TOS) is a detailed framework that describes how assessment items are distributed in terms of content in examination. The purpose of the TOS is to ensure that educational objectives, instructional content, and evaluation criteria are all in line with one other. This allows us to guarantee the validity, integrity, and reliability of assessments while supporting our students' overall growth. This paper describes structured mode of assessment by outlining the cognitive levels, domains, and weightings of assessment items.

### 1. Statutes:

1. **Schedule:** The Fourth Professional MBBS shall be held at the end of fourth year.
2. **Subjects:** Every candidate shall be required to study the following subjects in each block
  - a. **Core subjects-** ENT, Eye, Pathology, Pharmacology & Community Medicine
  - b. **Clinical Examining Subjects:** Surgery & Allied (Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics, Urology) Medicine & Allied (Nephrology, Dermatology, Psychiatry, Family Medicine)
  - c. **Vertically integrated Subjects-** Medicine, Surgery, Gynae & OBS, Pediatrics
  - d. **Horizontally Integrated Subjects-** Inter departmental integration with 4<sup>th</sup> year subjects
  - e. **Spirally Integrated subjects-** Research, family medicine
  - f. **General Cluster ALPHA** (Artificial Intelligence, Leadership, Professionalism, Humanities and Arts).
3. **Assessments:** There will be six papers in fourth professional examination

### 2. Fourth Professional Examination- 1600 Marks

- i. Block 1 Assessment (ENT & Community Medicine)- : 300 Marks (Professional Exam:180 Marks+ CIA: 120 Marks)
- ii. Block 2 Assessment (EYE & Community Medicine) - 300 Marks ( Professional Exam:180 Marks + CIA: 120 Marks)
- iii. Block 3 Assessment(Pharmacology, Pathology & Community Medicine) -300 Marks (Professional Exam:180 Marks+ CIA:120 Marks)
- iv. Block 4 Assessment(Pharmacology, Pathology &Community Medicine) -300 Marks (Professional Exam:180 Marks +CIA:120 Marks)
- v. Block 5 Assessment (Medicine & Allied) -200 Marks(Professional Exam : 120 Marks+ CIA:80 Marks)
- vi. Block 6 Assessment (Surgery & Allied) -200 Marks(Professional Exam : 120 Marks+ CIA:80 Marks)

**3. Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA):** Continuous Internal Assessment means the assessment based on continuous internal assessment (CIA) tests given to the students during an academic period. Each block assessment will have a CIA of 40%.

#### **4. Block Assessments:**

Each Block assessment will comprise of two Domains, “Theory (Cognitive)” and “Practical (Psychomotor)”.

##### **4.1. Domains**

- a. Cognitive domain: Theory/Written assessment
- b. Psychomotor domain: Practical/ Performance assessment

**4.2. Instructional strategies for assessment:** Separate Instructional strategies will be used for cognitive and psychomotor domain, which includes the following

##### **4.2.1. Cognitive Domain (Theory/written)**

##### **4.2.2. MCQs:**

It will be Single best type of Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs) with one stem & with five options. Integration ratio in multiple choice questions will be 70% core subject knowledge, 10% will be Horizontally integrated subjects, 10% Vertical & 10% spiral Integration. Each MCQ will carry One Mark and Time allowed per MCQ will be 1 minute.

##### **Short Essay Type Questions (SEQs):**

- a. **SEQs:** Short essay questions serve as an effective tool for assessing students' comprehension, critical thinking, and formulate them in their own words. Each SEQ will carry 5 Marks and time allowed per SEQ will be 10 minutes.

##### **4.2.3. Practical (Psychomotor) Component:**

## 5. Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE):

It will consist of Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE) , time required for each station will be 5 min.

- i. **Laboratory OSPE (Lab OSPE):** This section will comprise of practical components of core subject areas.
- ii. **Integrated OSPE (i-OSPE):** This section will comprise of horizontal and vertical integration.
- iii. **Clinically integrated OSPE (Ci OSPE):** This section will comprise of stations, one from research and one from ALPHA
- iv. **Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE):** This section will comprise of stations to evaluate the student's ability to apply theoretical knowledge in a practical, clinical setting.
- v. **Objectively Structured Viva Examinations (OSVE):** where student will be examined by the internal & external examiner using a structured marking rubric for marking questions.

## 6. Examination Eligibility:

Eligibility to appear in professional will be as per RMU Assessment Policy approved by the Academic Council and Syndicate.

**Passing Criteria:** A student will be declared successful in a exam as per passing criteria defined in RMU Assessment Policy approved by the Academic Council and Syndicate.

**Supplementary Examination Criteria:** Will be according to RMU Assessment Policy approved by the Academic Council and Syndicate.

## Table of specifications of Annual MBBS third professional Examinations 2026, Batch 50

- Total First Professional Marks: 1600
- Annual Marks (60%) = 960 Marks
- Continuous Internal Assessment (40%) =640 Marks

## Components of CIA:

- A: CIA calculated from on campus assessments including LMS (on campus) =30%=480 Marks
- B: CIA calculated from Online LMS Assessments =10%=160 Mark

**TABLE 1: ORIGINAL DISTRIBUTION OF MARKS IN ALL BLOCKS (SUBJECT WISE)**

Subjects	Marks in professional in respective Blocks	Theory marks in respective blocks	OSPE/OSVE marks in respective blocks	Internal Assessment		Total Marks
				Internal Assessment in respective blocks	LMS	
	180	90	90	90	30	300
	180	105	105	90	30	300
	120	60	60	60	20	200
	120	60	60	60	20	200
	120	60	60	60	20	200
	120	60	60	60	20	200
	120	60	60	60	20	200
						<b>1600</b>

**Table 2: Cia Calculated from On Campus and Off Campus Assessments**

Blocks	Subjects	Total marks	Block & Modules Assessment		LMS Assessment		Total marks
			Theory	Practical	Theory	Practical	
<b>Block 1</b> <b>120 Marks</b>	ENT	80 marks	30 marks	30 marks	10	10	120 Marks Theory =60 Marks Practical=60 Marks
	Community Medicine	40 marks	15 marks	15 marks	5	5	
<b>Block 2</b> <b>120 Marks</b>	EYE	80 marks	30 marks	30 marks	10	10	120 Marks Theory =60 Marks Practical=60 Marks
	Community Medicine	40 marks	15 marks	15 marks	5	5	
<b>Block 3</b> <b>120 Marks</b>	Pathology	60 marks	25 marks	25 marks	5	5	120 Marks Theory =60 Marks Practical=60 Marks
	Pharmacology	40 marks	15 marks	15 marks	5	5	
	Community Medicine	20 marks	7.5 marks	7.5 marks	2.5	2.5	
<b>Block 4</b> <b>120 Marks</b>	Pathology	60 marks	25 marks	25 marks	5	5	120 Marks Theory =60 Marks Practical=60 Mark
	Pharmacology	40 marks	15 marks	15 marks	5	5	
	Community Medicine	20 marks	7.5 marks	7.5 marks	2.5	2.5	
<b>Block 5</b>	Medicine & Allied	80 marks	30 marks	30 marks	10	10	120 Marks Theory =60 Marks Practical=60 Mark
<b>Block 6</b>	Surgery & Allied	80 marks	30 marks	30 marks	10	10	120 Marks Theory =60 Marks Practical=60 Mark

## Table of specifications of Annual MBBS fourth professional Examinations 2026, Batch 50

### A: Subject wise distribution of Marks for 4<sup>th</sup> year MBBS (Batch 50)

Block	Subjects	Theory	Practical	Total marks
<b>Block 1</b>	ENT	60 marks	60 marks	120 marks
	Community Medicine	30 marks	30 marks	60 marks
	<b>Total</b>	<b>90 marks</b>	<b>90 marks</b>	<b>180 marks</b>
<b>Block 2</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>Practical</b>	<b>Total marks</b>
	EYE	60 marks	60 marks	120 marks
	Community Medicine	30 marks	30 marks	60 marks
	<b>Total</b>	<b>90 marks</b>	<b>90 marks</b>	<b>180 marks</b>
<b>Block 3</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>Practical</b>	<b>Total marks</b>
	Pathology	50 marks	50 marks	100 marks
	Pharmacology	25 marks	25 marks	50 marks
	Community Medicine	15 marks	15 marks	30 marks
	<b>Total</b>	<b>90 marks</b>	<b>90 marks</b>	<b>180 marks</b>
<b>Block 4</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>Practical</b>	<b>Total marks</b>
	Pathology	40 marks	40 marks	80 marks
	Pharmacology	35 marks	35 marks	70 marks
	Community Medicine	15 marks	15 marks	30 marks
	<b>Total</b>	<b>90 marks</b>	<b>90 marks</b>	<b>180marks</b>
<b>Block 5</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>Practical</b>	<b>Total marks</b>
	Dermatology	15 Marks	15 Marks	30 Marks
	Nephrology	15 Marks	15 Marks	30 Marks
	Psychiatry	15 Marks	15 Marks	30 Marks
	Family Meidicine	15 Marks	15 Marks	30 Marks
	<b>Total</b>	<b>60 Marks</b>	<b>60 Marks</b>	<b>120 Marks</b>
	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>Practical</b>	<b>Total marks</b>
	Urology	20 Marks	20 Marks	40 Marks
	Orthopedic	20 Marks	20 Marks	40 Marks
	Neurosurgery	20 Marks	20 Marks	40 Marks
	<b>Total</b>	<b>60 Marks</b>	<b>60 Marks</b>	<b>120 Marks</b>
				<b>960 Marks</b>

### Block-wise distribution of Marks of 4<sup>th</sup> Year MBBS

Subject	Theory			Practical			Total Marks
	Component	No of Items	Marks	Component	No of Items	Marks	
<b>Block 1</b> (ENT & Community Medicine) Total marks with CIA =210+90= 300	Section I-MCQ	45	45	iOSPE	5	25	180
	Section II-SEQ	45	45	ciOSCE	5	25	
				GEC	1	05	
				OSVE	2	35	
	Continuous Internal Assessment (40%)		60	Continuous Internal Assessment (40%)		60	120
	<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Block 2</b> ENT & Community Medicine) Total marks with CIA =210+90= 300	Section I-MCQ	45	45	iOSPE	5	25	180
	Section II-SEQ	40	45	ciOSPE	5	25	
				Research	1	05	
				OSVE	2	35	
	Continuous Internal Assessment (40%)		60	Continuous Internal Assessment (40%)		60	90
	<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Block 3</b> (Endocrinology & Reproduction ) Total marks with CIA =210+90= 300	Section I-MCQ	55	55	LabOSPE	3	15	180
	Section II-SEQ	35	35	iOSPE	3	15	
				ciOSPE	3	15	
				Research	1	05	
			OSVE	3	40		
	Continuous Internal Assessment (40%)		60	Continuous Internal Assessment (40%)		60	120
	<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>300</b>
Subject	Theory			Practical			Total Marks
	Component	No of Items	Marks	Component	No of Items	Marks	

<b>Block 4</b> <b>(CNS &amp; Psychiatry)</b> <b>Total marks with</b> <b>CIA =210+90= 300</b>	Section I-MCQ	55	55	Lab OSPE	3	15	180	
	Section II-SEQ	35	35	iOSPE	3	15		
				ciOSPE	3	15		
				Research	1	05		
				OSVE	3	40		
	Continuous Internal Assessment (40%)		60	Continuous Internal Assessment (30%)		60	120	
	<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>300</b>	
<b>Block 5</b> <b>Medicine &amp; Allied</b> <b>Total marks with</b> <b>CIA =120+80= 200</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>No. of</b> <b>Items</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Practical</b>			<b>Total</b> <b>Marks</b>	
	MCQs			<b>Component</b>	<b>No of Items</b>	<b>Marks</b>		
	Psychiatry	15	15	<b>OSCE</b>	3	15	120	
	Nephrology	15	15		3	15		
	Family Medicine	15	15		3	15		
	Dermatology	15	15		<b>3</b>	15		
		Continuous Internal Assessment		40	Continuous Internal Assessment		40	80
		<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Block 6</b> <b>Surgery &amp; Allied</b> <b>Total marks with</b> <b>CIA =120+80= 200</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>No. of</b> <b>Items</b>	<b>Marks</b>	<b>Practical</b>			<b>Total</b> <b>Marks</b>	
	MCQs			<b>Component</b>	<b>No. of Items</b>	<b>Marks</b>		
	Urology	20	20	<b>OSCE</b>	4	20	120	
	Neurosurgery	20	20		4	20		
	Orthopedics	20	20		4	20		
		Continuous Internal Assessment		40	Continuous Internal Assessment		40	80
		<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>

### C: Theme wise marks breakup of blocks 4<sup>TH</sup> Professional Examination 2025 (Batch 49) Block 1

#### (Otorhinolaryngology I&II)

Themes	Discipline	Theory				Practical (OSPE)			OSVE	Marks	%	Total Marks per subject	
		No of MC Qs (1 marks each)	No of SEQs (5 marks each)	Marks	%	No of Stations of OSCE (5 marks each)	No of Stations iOSPE (5 marks each)	No of Stations ciOSPE (5 marks each)	OSVE			Marks	%
Clinical & basic aspects of ear, nose & throat diseases	ENT	30	6	60	67	8	-	-	20	60	67	120	67
Disease Burden & Prevention	Community Medicine	15	3	30	33	-	1	1	8+7	30	33	60	33
Research, ALPHA and GEC							1						
<b>Total</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>9x5=45</b>	<b>90</b>		<b>8x5=40</b>	<b>2x5=10</b>	<b>1x5=05</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>90</b>		<b>180</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>90</b>			<b>90</b>						<b>180</b>	

## Assessment Policy

This policy is applicable to all the students of the MBBS program of RMU for all modes of teaching (on campus/online/any other) from the date of approval by the RMUAcademic Council.

### 1. Guiding principles

- RMU has the responsibility to ensure to all the stakeholders that students have achieved the identified outcomes of the medical degree course.
- Assessment requires a variety of methods; no single method can completely ensure that the requisite competence level has been achieved. Hence each assessment instrument must be selected based on its utility index.
- Feedback, ensuring that the feedback loop is closed, should be provided to students following all assessments to ensure that students identify gaps in their learning and faculty can review future curricular and assessment content.
- The quality of the entire assessment including confidentiality of the assessment process must be ensured.
- The assessment process should be clear and transparent so that students know in advance the expectations (from students) and consequences of the assessment.
- Details of the conduct of examinations are available in the Examination policy document.

### 2. Purposes of assessment

- Feedback to students regarding their readiness and deficiencies.
- To ensure appropriate competence has been achieved.
- Feedback to faculty to evaluate the effectiveness of the teaching program.

## Forms of assessments

### Formative Assessment

A formative assessment refers to a low-stakes assessment that does not normally contribute towards a student's final grade. A formative assessment may include summarizing the mainpoints in a lecture or a weekly quiz to test comprehension of the reviewed content. (assessment for learning) is carried out throughout modules and clerkships using various strategies (at the discretion of module coordinators and clerkship directors) feedback. Formative assessment performance may be taken as a continuous assessment.

### Summative Assessment

A summative assessment is any method of evaluation performed at the end of a unit that allows a teacher to measure a student's understanding, typically against standardized criteria. Assessment of learning takes place at the end of modules/ blocks and clerkships and comprises of:

#### Written assessment (50%)

- Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) 40% Will be as USMLE format
- Extended Match Questions (EMQ) 10%
- Short answer questions (SAQs) 50%
- Performance (Practical) assessment (50%)
- Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE) Years I, II and III Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) Years IV - V  
Shortcases will be included in OSCE

### Assessment and their timings

- The module/ clerkship teams will be responsible for their assessment plan mentioning assessment strategies, timings, and other essentials (please refer to the individual plans).
- Students will be briefed about the pattern and scoring of the assessments before the examination.
- Professional examination will be taken by RMU.

**1. Weekly LMS (learning management system) assessment of LGIS and SDL**

- There will be weekly assessment of LGIS and SDL of whole week at end of week through LMS.
- The LMS result will be shared by module coordinator and DME through vice chancellor on weekly basis.

**2. Eligibility to appear in End Block Assessment (EBA)**

- This will be applicable to all the blocks of undergraduate program
- 80% attendance in each subject will be mandatory
- Student must pass in all LMS, mid module assessments to appear in EBA
- There will be no remedial classes for attendance compensation
- There will be no remedial of assessment after poor performance

**3. Eligibility to appear in Pre-Annual Assessment (PAA)**

- 80% attendance in each block is required to appear in PAA
- It is mandatory to appear in all EBA to appear in PAA
- Appraisal letter from head of departments will be needed to appear in pre-annual assessment.

**4. Attendance policy**

- 90% attendance in each block is required to appear in PAA
- There will be extra marks given as per rules.
- Attendance of the students will be shared by coordinator of module and DME through vice chancellor RMU on weekly basis.
- These marks will be counted in annual professional assessment.

**5. Eligibility to appear in annual professional assessment**

- Minimum 60% score in pre-annual assessment is required to appear in annual professional examination.
- Written and practical /OSPE/OSCE should be passed separately.

**6. Passing criteria in annual professional examination**

- 50% marks will be needed to pass annual professional examination.

**7. Total break up of assessment score**

- Annual professional exam weightage 70%
- Continuous internal assessment weightage 30%

## ENT (Otorhinolaryngology) Block Table of Specifications

Assessment									
Theoretical			Clinical					LMS	
Summative		Formative	Summative			Formative		Summative	
Modular exams		Progress testing	End Block Assessment			WPBA		E-assessment	
End of Module-1	End of Module 2	End of lecture assessments (EOLA)	CI-OSCE+OSVE	LMS on campus	Ward Test	Log Book	Mini-Cex	Case based discussion	Weekly Off-Campus



## Department of Medical Education Rawalpindi Medical University/Allied Hospitals



### Preamble

The Table of Specifications (TOS) is a detailed framework that describes how assessment items are distributed in terms of content among modules in our prestigious medical university's curriculum. The TOS was created with great care to ensure that educational objectives, instructional content, and evaluation criteria are all in line with one other. This allows us to guarantee the validity, integrity, and reliability of assessments while supporting our students' overall growth. This paper offers clarity and transparency by outlining the cognitive levels, domains, and weightings of assessment items. This helps faculty members create tests that appropriately measure students' understanding of critical competencies and knowledge areas. The TOS, which is based on pedagogical ideas and evidence-based practices, symbolizes our dedication to provide our graduates with the necessary skills, knowledge, and professionalism in medical education to achieve success in their chosen industries and contribute significantly to the medical community and society at large.

### Components of TOS:

The following elements are usually included in a Table of Specifications (TOS):

**Content Domains or Areas:** The assessment's broad categories or content domains are described in this section. These domains have to match the course or module's curriculum and learning objectives.

**Weightings or Percentages:** Gives each topic area or cognitive level a certain amount of weight or proportional value. This makes it easier to guarantee that the evaluation accurately captures the importance that the curriculum places on certain subjects or abilities.

**Assessment Items:** Describes the many kinds of assessment items that will be used in the assessment, such as essays, multiple choice questions, short answer questions, and practical tests. The number of items assigned to each content area and cognitive level may also be stated in this section.

**Blueprint:** A graphic depiction of the TOS that outlines how assessment items are distributed throughout curriculum categories. It frequently takes the shape of a table or matrix.

### Modules in 4<sup>th</sup> Year MBBS

Block	Module Name	Duration
(Block I)	Otorhinolaryngology I	3 weeks
	Otorhinolaryngology II	3 weeks
(Block II)	Ophthalmology I	3 weeks
	Ophthalmology II	3 weeks
(Block III)	Endocrinology I	3 weeks
	Population medicine & reproduction II	6 weeks
(Block IV)	Renal I	3 weeks
	CNS & Psychiatry II	6 weeks

#### Assessment strategies to assess module:

**Formative:** Formative assessment is a process used by teachers during instruction that provides feedback to adjust ongoing teaching and learning to improve students' achievement of intended instructional outcomes.

**LMS (Learning Management System):** Weekly LMS based assessment will be carried out in all the modules from the topics already provided in the study guide. (TOS sample annexure 1)

**End Modular:** End Modular Assessment will be carried out at the end of the module from the course taught till that day. (TOS Sample Annexure 2) **Summative:** summative assessment evaluates student learning at the end of a block/ professional year.

**MCQs:** Multiple-choice questions (MCQs) are a type of assessment item commonly used in educational settings to evaluate a person's knowledge or understanding of a topic. In a multiple-choice question, the respondent is presented with a question or statement, known as the stem, along with several options, one of which is the correct answer (the key), while the others are incorrect (distractors). The respondent selects the option they believe to be the correct answer.

**SAQs:** Short answer questions are a type of assessment item used to evaluate a person's understanding of a topic or concept. Unlike multiple-choice questions, which provide a list of options for respondents to choose from, short answer questions require respondents to generate their own answers without the aid of options provided by the question.

## Assessment tools & strategies

### Tools of assessments:

#### Theory assessment

- a. MCQs
- b. SAQs & SEQs
- c. EMQs
- d. AV-OSPE

#### Clinical Assessment

- a. Objectively Structured Viva Examination (OSVE).
- b. Ci-OSCE (Clinically Integrated-OSCE)
- c. Ward test
- d. Log book

#### LMS

- a. Off campus
- b. On-Campus

### Proposed TOS of on campus Assessments during whole Academic Year 2026 (RMU)

Block Name & Order	Module Names & Numbers	Theory			Scheme of Integration						Practical Assessment						Total marks Practical	End Block MS (MCQs Based)	Total Block marks		
		25 MC Qs (1 mark each)	5+1 SAQ +EM Q (5 marks each)	5 SEQs (9marks each)	Core Subject. 70%	Hori- & Verti- Integ. 20%		*Spiral Integ. 10%		Total marks Theory	OSVE		OSPE (05 marks each)								
		Module 1	Module 2	Observed							Unobserved	Video assisted									
I Otorhinolaryngology	ENT I & II	Total marks	Total marks	Total marks	M C Qs (19)	SA Q / SE +EM Q (7+1)	MC Qs (4)	S A Q /S E Qs (2)	M C Qs (2)	S A Q (1)	100	Vi va marks	* * B o o k m a r k s	Vi va marks	B o o k m a r k s	5 stati ons	5 stati ons	10 stations	150	30	270
		25	25 + 5	45	19	46	4	1 2	2	7	45	5	45	5	25 marks	25 marks	50 Marks				
II Ophthalmology	EYE I & II	25	25 +5	45	19	46	4	1 2	2	7	100	45	5	45	5	5 stati ons	5 stati ons	10 stations	150	30	270

															25 marks	25 marks	50 marks						
III Population medicine & Reproduction	<b>Endocrinology</b>	25	25+5	45	19	46	4	12	2	7	100	-										30	460
	<b>Pop Med &amp; Reproduction</b>	25	25+5	45	19	46	4	12	2	7	100	Viva marks	Book marks	Viva marks	Book marks	10 stations	10 stations	20 stations	250				
												45	5	45	5	50 marks	50 marks	100 marks					
IV CNS & Psychiatry	<b>Renal</b>	25	25+5	45	19	46	4	12	2	7	100											30	460
	<b>CNS &amp; Psychiatry</b>	25+5	45	19	46	4	12	2	7	100	Viva marks	Book marks	Viva marks	Book marks	10 OPS Es	10 OPS Es	20 OSPEs	250					
											45	5	45	5	50 marks	50 marks	100 marks						

### **Spiral Integration**

1. Biomedical Ethics & Professionalism
2. Family Medicine
3. Integrated Undergraduate Research Curriculum (IUGRC)
4. Artificial Intelligence

**Log Book marks**” will be credited according to evidence of reading relevant subjects from the recommended books presented at the time of viva examination.

- In theory assessment SEQs and SAQs both tools may be used according to need and scope of assessment in the subject.
- **Time** allocated to 1 MCQ: 1min and 1SEQ/SAQ: 10min.

### Proposed Pre-Annual Assessment TOS 4th Year MBBS (batch 50)

Blocks	Subjects	MCQs 1mark each	SAQs 5 marks each	Core Subject	Horizontal & Vertical Integration	Spiral Integration	OSCE 5 marks each	VIVA 75 marks	
								Attendance	Core subject
<b>Block I ***</b>	ENT	45	10	70%	20%	10%	10	5	40
	Community Medicine	30	5	70%	20%	10%	05	5	25
<b>Total Mark s</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100%</b>			<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	
<b>Block II***</b>	Eye	45	10	70%	20%	10%	10	5	40
	Community Medicine	30	5	70%	20%	10%	05	5	25
<b>Total Mark s</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100%</b>			<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	
<b>Block III ***</b>	Pharmacology	25	4	70%	20%	10%	5	5	20
	Pathology	25	5	70%	20%	10%	5	5	20
	Community Medicine	15	4	70%	20%	10%	5	5	20
<b>Total Mark s</b>		<b>75</b>	75	<b>100%</b>				75	
<b>Block IV***</b>	Pharmacology	25	4	70%	20%	10%	5	5	20
	Pathology	25	5	70%	20%	10%	5	5	20
	Community Medicine	15	4	70%	20%	10%	5	5	20
<b>Total Mark s</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100%</b>			<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	

\*\*\*Total marks of each Block = 300 marks, Grand Total = 1200 marks

**Table of Specification (TOS) LMS Theme-1 MCQ Assessment of lectures and SDL 14 March 2026  
(Saturday) (80% pass criteria for appearing in end block exam - 80% attendance)**

Sr. #	Discipline	No. of MCQs	No. of MCQs according to cognitive domain			Total marks
			C1	C2	C3	
1.	Otorhinolaryngology	30	05	20	05	30
2.	Community Medicine	15	05	08	02	15
3	Dermatology	05	02	02	01	05
		Total MCQs = 50	12	30	08	Total marks = 50

**Table of Specifications (TOS) LMS Theme-2 Assessment of lectures and SDL March 2026  
(80% pass criteria for appearing in end block exam - 80% attendance)**

Sr. #	Discipline	No. of MCQs	No. of MCQs according to cognitive domain			Total marks
			C1	C2	C3	
1.	Otorhinolaryngology	30	05	20	05	30
2.	Community Medicine	15	05	08	02	15
3	Pathology	02	01	01	00	02
4	Obstetrics	03	01	01	01	03

		Total MCQs =	12	30	08	Total marks = 50
		50				

**Table of Specification (TOS) LMS Theme 3 LMS-MCQ Assessment of lectures and SDL April,2026  
(Saturday)(80% pass criteria for appearing in end block exam - 80% attendance)**

Sr. #	Discipline	No. of MCQs	No. of MCQs according to cognitive domain			Total
			C1	C2	C3	
1.	Otorhinolaryngology	30	05	20	05	30
2.	Community Medicine	15	06	07	02	15
3	Dermatology	05	02	02	01	05
		50	20	22	08	50 marks

**Table of specifications (TOS) Fourth Year MBBS Mar 2026 MCQ+EMQ+SEQ+SAQ+AV-OSPE (150 marks) (80% pass criteria and 80% attendance for appearing in end block exam)**

Sr. #	Discipline	No. of MC Qs (1 mark each)	Cognitive domain			No of EMQs (5 marks each)	No. of SEQs (9 marks each)	Cognitive domain			No of SAQs (5 marks each)	Cognitive domain			Total
			C1	C2	C3			C1	C2	C3		C1	C2	C3	
1.	Otorhinolaryngology	35 MCQ	15	15	05	1 x 5 = 5 marks	5x9 = 45	03	01	01	3 x 5 = 15	01	01	01	
Theory (120 minutes)		35 marks 35 minutes				05 marks 05 minutes	45 marks 50 minutes				15 marks 30 minutes				Total = 100 Marks 120 minutes
<b>AV-OSPE (10 stations) 60 minutes</b>															
	Discipline	No. of stations				Cognitive domain						Total marks			
						C1	C2	C3							
1	Ear	02				-	01	01							2x5 = 10 marks
2	Nose	02				-	01	01							2x5 = 10 marks
3	Throat	02				-	01	01							2x5 = 10 marks
4	Audiometry Tympanometry	01 01				-	-	02							2x5 = 10 marks
5	Radiology Instrument	01 01				-	-	02							2x5 = 10 marks
															Total = 50 marks

Core subject	70%
Horizontal/vertical integration	20%
Spiral integration	10%

**Table of Specification (TOS) LMS Theme 4 LMS-MCQ Assessment of lectures and SDL April 2026  
(Saturday)(80% pass criteria for appearing in end block exam - 80% attendance)**

Sr. #	Discipline	No. of MCQs	No. of MCQs according to cognitive domain			Total
			C1	C2	C3	
1.	Otorhinolaryngology	30	05	20	05	30
2.	Community Medicine	15	08	05	02	15
3	Dermatology	05	07	02	01	05
		50	37	15	08	50 marks

**Table of Specification (TOS) LMS Theme 5 LMS-MCQ Assessment of lectures and SDL April,2026 (Saturday)  
(80% pass criteria for appearing in end block exam - 80% attendance)**

Sr. #	Discipline	No. of MCQs	No. of MCQs according to cognitive domain			Total
			C1	C2	C3	
1.	Otorhinolaryngology	30	05	20	05	30
2.	Community Medicine	15	06	07	02	15
3	Dermatology	05	02	02	01	05
		50	20	22	08	50 marks

**End Module-2 (Block-1) Otorhinolaryngology Table of specifications (TOS) Fourth Year MBBS 2026**  
**MCQ+EMQ+SEQ+SAQ+AV-OSPE (150 marks) (80% pass criteria and 80% attendance for**  
**appearing in end block exam)**

Sr. #	Discipline	No. of MCQs (1 mark each)	Cognitive domain			No of EMQs (5 marks each)	No. of SEQs (9 marks each)	Cognitive domain			No of SAQs (5 marks each)	Cognitive domain			Total
			1	2	3			C1	C2	C3		C1	C2	C3	
1.	Otorhinolaryngology	35 MCQ	05	05	0	1 x 5 = 5 marks	5x9 = 45	03	01	01	3 x 5 = 15	---	01	01	
Theory (120 minutes)															
	Discipline		No. of stations				Cognitive domain				Total marks				
							1	2	3						
1	Ear		02				-	01							2x5 = 10 marks
2	Nose		02				-	01							2x5 = 10 marks
3	Throat		02				-	01							2x5 = 10 marks
4	Audiometry Tympanometry		01 01				-	-							2x5 = 10 marks
5	Radiology		02				-	-							2x5 = 10 marks

<b>Core subject</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Horizontal/vertical integration</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Spiral integration</b>	<b>10%</b>

This plan of assessment intricately details the structure and evaluation criteria for the undergraduate otorhinolaryngology block exam, designed to align closely with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) competencies. The block unfolds across two distinct three-weeks modules, with weekly formative assessments strategically integrated to assess and reinforce students' proficiency in the ACGME-defined domains along with special emphasis on research as per university policy.

ACGME competencies	Assessment tool
Medical Knowledge	MCQ, SAQ, OSCE, ward test
Patient care	OSCE, Ward test
Practice- based learning	OSCE, ward test
System based practice	OSCE, ward test
Professionalism	OSCE, ward test
Communication skills	OSCE, ward test
Research	Spirally integrated across all 5 years Research projects

Each formative assessment serves as a targeted gauge for students to showcase their evolving competencies, embracing the ACGME's focus on patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, and systems-based practice. As the modules progress, these assessments provide iterative insights into learners' development across these crucial competencies.

The culmination of each module manifests in a summative assessment, meticulously crafted to evaluate the synthesis and application of knowledge within the context of the ACGME competencies. This comprehensive approach ensures that the evaluation process not only measures academic understanding but also holistically assesses the skills and attributes essential for effective and compassionate medical practice.

In essence, this table of specifications serves as a dynamic framework for instructors, weaving ACGME competencies into the fabric of assessments to cultivate well-rounded, future-ready healthcare professionals. It underscores the commitment to nurturing individuals who excel not only in the theoretical aspects of otorhinolaryngology but also in the broader spectrum of competencies vital for patient-centered care.

## Block Assessment Plan

University has followed the guidelines of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council for assessment. Assessment is conducted at the mid modular, modular and block levels.

### 1. Formative Assessment

Assessment Method	Description	Timing
End of Lecture Assessment	Brief quizzes or concept checks to assess understanding after each lecture	End of each lecture
Weekly Quizzes	LMS based Short quizzes covering weekly topics	End of each weeks
TCRF	Discussions involving clinical scenarios to assess clinical reasoning and decision making.	Once a week

### **2. Summative Assessment:**

Summative assessment is taken at the

- End module-I and End module -II
- End block levels.

Assessment framework is specifically designed with careful consideration of subject importance and integration aspects. The distribution of marks is as follows

1	Core concepts	70%
2	Horizontal/ Vertical integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pathology</li> <li>● Community medicine/ public health</li> <li>● Pharmacology</li> </ul> Vertical integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Family medicine</li> <li>● General surgery</li> <li>● Basic sciences</li> </ul>	15%
3	Spiral integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Research</li> <li>● Artificial intelligence</li> <li>● Bioethics</li> </ul>	15%

This structure emphasizes a significant focus on core subjects, ensuring a substantial grasp of fundamental concepts. Simultaneously, horizontal, vertical, and spirally integrated subjects each contribute to 10% of the assessment, promoting a balanced understanding and application of knowledge across interconnected domains. The tabulated form provides a clear delineation of weightage assigned to each component, reflecting the comprehensive nature of the assessment strategy.

### Department of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (CIA)

#### Module 1:

R .No.	Name of student	Theory Marks	AV-OSPE Marks	Total Marks	Theory CIA	Av-OSPE CIA	Total CIA
		<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Module 2:

R .No.	Name of student	Theory Marks	AV-OSPE Marks	Total Marks	Theory CIA	AV-OSPECIA	Total CIA
		<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>

#### LMS off campus: (10%)

R.No	Name of student	Theory Marks (40%)	Clinical (60%)	total
		<b>08</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>

#### LMS On Campus:

Total Theory	Total Clinical
30	<b>30</b>

#### Block 1: (15%):

R.N o	Name of student	LMS (on campus) Marks	Ci-OSCE + OSVE Marks	Total Marks	LMS CIA	Ci-SCE+OSVE Marks	Clinical Clerkship		Total CIA
		<b>60</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Assessment = 10</b>	<b>Logbook = 5</b>	<b>30</b>

#### Summary Block-1 CIA: (40%)

Module-1	Module 2	Block-1	LMS(off campus)	TOTAL
<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>80</b>



## Section – V      Time Table

### **RMU-12 Integrated Modular Curriculum 4th year MBBS Session – 2026 Batch 50**

**Block Name:** : **Otorhinolaryngology Block-X 2026**  
**Duration of Module** : **06 Weeks**  
**Coordinator** : **Dr. Ashar Alamgir**

Module Committee			Module task force
Vice Chancellor RMU	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Umar	Coordinator	Dr Ashar Alamgir
		Co- Coordinator	Dr Farhat/Dr Namra/Dr Maimona
Director DME	Prof. Dr. Rai Muhammad Asghar	DME Focal Person	Dr. Sidra Hamid
Convener Curriculum	Prof. Dr. Naeem Akhter	Co-coordinator Comm Med	Dr. Mehwish Riaz
Chairperson Otorhinolaryngology	Prof Dr Sadia Chaudhry		
Additional Director DME	Prof. Dr. Ifra Saeed		
Chairperson Physiology	Prof. Dr. Samia Sarwar		
Chairperson Biochemistry	Dr. Aneela Jamil	<b>DME Implementation Team</b>	
HOD Community Medicine	Prof Dr Rozina Shahadat Khan	Director DME	Dr. Rai Muhammad Asghar
Focal Person ENT 4 <sup>th</sup> Year MBBS	Dr Huma	Implementation In charge 4 <sup>th</sup> Year MBBS	Prof. Dr. Arshad Ali Sabir
Focal Person Comm Med	Dr. Sana Bilal	Deputy Director DME	Dr. Shazia Zeb

### Categorization of Modular Content of Otorhinolaryngology

Category A By Professors	Category B By Associate & Assistant Professor	Category C By Senior Registrars
Endoscopic anatomy of middle ear	Anatomy and physiology of ear and vestibular system	Chronic Otitis media
Acute otitis media	Acute Otitis externa & Malignant Otitis externa	Snoring and Sleep Apnoea
Otitis media with effusion (OME)	Nasal polyps, Eustachian tube catarrh	Vasomotor Rhinitis and its differentials
Acute ethmoiditis and its complications	Facial nerve palsy	Pure tone audiometry, Tympanometry and BERA/ASSR
Acute epiglottitis	Otosclerosis	Hearing Aids, Cochlear implant
Laryngotracheobronchitis	Sensorineural hearing loss, noise induced hearing loss, drug induced HL, Meniere's	Adenoiditis, Nasopharyngeal Angiofibroma
Foreign body ear, nose	Acute epiglottitis, Acute laryngotracheobronchitis	Allergic rhinitis
Rhinolith	Complications of Chronic Otitis media	Radiology of nose and paranasal sinuses
Atrophic rhinitis	Diseases of salivary glands	Anatomy and physiology of oral cavity, pharynx
Hypertrophic rhinitis	Deviated nasal septum & Rhinoplasty	Septal abscess & septal hematoma
	Complications of rhinosinusitis	Basal cell carcinoma & Squamous cell carcinoma Nose
	Acute and chronic tonsillitis, peritonsillar abscess, retropharyngeal abscess, parapharyngeal abscess	Anatomy and physiology of larynx, trachea, bronchi
	Vocal nodule, vocal polyp, Reinke's edema	Ludwig's angina

### Categorization of Modular Content of Community Medicine

Category A*	Category B**	Category C***		
LGIS	LGIS	SDGS	SDL	IUGRC sessions (PAL)
Epidemiology Fundamental concepts	Concept of disease & health	Measures of morbidity & exercise of morbidity statistis	COVID 19	Review of health research methodology
Quantification of ill health & death	Concept of disease causation		influenza	Selection of research title (Finer Criteria) & literature review
Epidemiological Study designs	Levels of prevention	Measures of mortality & exercise of morality statistis	Infectious disease epidemiology	Finalization of questionnaire and layout of work plan
Measure of association in epidemiological data analysis	Droplet infections		Investigation of epidemic	
Epidemiological investigation	Health dimensions & indicators		Exercise of Investigation of epidemics	
Disease Causation & association concepts	Epidemiology of Communicable diseases			
Overview of Health research methods	Air & ventilation			
Research Sampling techniques	Noise			
	Global warming			

**Category A\*:** Fundamental & Complex Concepts taken by Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors

**Category B\*\*:** Intermediate concepts. Exercises. By Professorial faculty and Senior Demonstrators/ subject specialists.

**Category C\*\*\*:** Relatively lower complex concepts, exercises/ applications. By Assistant professors, Demonstrators & senior PGTs)

### Teaching Staff / Human Resource of Department of Otorhinolaryngology

Sr. #	Designation Of Teaching Staff / Human Resource	Total number of teaching staff	Total teaching hours
1.	Professor	01	20 hours
2.	Associate professors	01	32 hours
3.	Assistant professors	04	32 hours
4.	Senior Registrars	06	42 hours
			<b>126 hours</b>

### Teaching Staff / Human Resource of Department of Community Medicine

Sr.no.	Designation	Total number of teaching staff
1.	Professor	01
2.	Associate professor	01
3.	Assistant professor	04
4.	Demonstrators	02
5.	PGTs	10

### Contact Hours (Faculty) ENT

Sr. #	Hours Calculation for Various Type of Teaching Strategies	Total hours
1.	Large Group Interactive Session (LGIS)	6 hours x 5 weeks = 30 hours
2.	Clinical Clerkship	4 hours x 6 weeks = 24 hours
3.	Case Based Learning (CBD)	4 hours x 6 weeks = 24 hours
4.	Operation theatre	8 hours x 6 weeks = 48 hours
		<b>126 hours</b>

### Contact Hours (Faculty) Community Medicine

Sr. no.	Hours Calculation for Various Type of Teaching Strategies	Total Hours (Faculty)	Total Hours (Students)	Faculty level
1	LGIS (19). 1hrs each session (half class sessions)	2 x 19= 38 hrs.	19	Professor, Associate, and assistant professors
2	SGD (2) approx. 2hrs each session. 1/4 <sup>th</sup> class	2 x 8= 16 hrs.	4	Demonstrator (subject specialists), Senior PGTs
3	PAL (IUGRC) (1) approx. 2hrs per session. (16 small group sessions. 8 gps. per day)	2 x 16 =32 hrs.	2	Demonstrator (subject specialists) supervised by professional faculties
4	SDL (4)	1 x 4 =4 hrs.	4	Demonstrator (subject specialists)
		Total: 90hrs	29hrs	

**ENT (Otorhinolaryngology)Block-X**  
**Module-I 3 weeks**



# **ENT (Otorhinolaryngology)**

## **Module-1**

### **Theme-1**

#### **Otalgia, otorrhea, dizziness, Hearing loss**

## **LMS Them I**

### **ENT (Otorhinolaryngology)**

#### **Module-1**

#### **Theme-2**

### **Rhinorrhoea, nasal obstruction**



## LMS 2 Them 2

### ENT (Otorhinolaryngology)

#### Module-1

#### Theme-3

#### Sore throat



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**LMS 3 Theme 3**  
**ENT (Otorhinolaryngology)**  
**Module-2**  
**Theme-4**  
**Hoarseness, dysphagia**



**LMS Theme 4**  
**ENT (Otorhinolaryngology)**  
**Module-2**  
**Theme-5**  
**Neck Masses**



**Block-X Module-2**

**LMS-5**

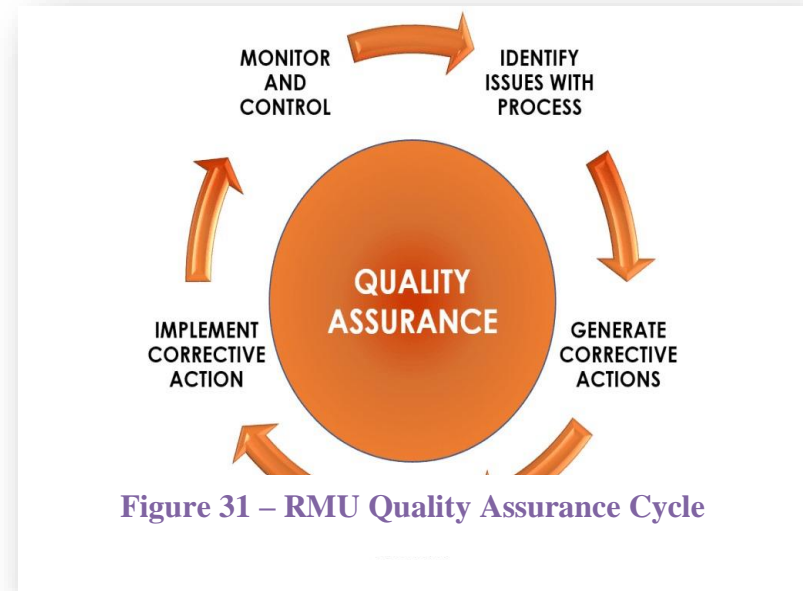
**Theme-5**

**End Module 2**

## Program Evaluation and Feedback

### Quality Assurance & Quality Enhancement

- Student Feedback Performa
- Student Report
- Faculty Report
- SWOT Analysis
- Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) Report



## Feedback & Evaluation

Rawalpindi Medical University is dedicated to advancing equality, diversity, and inclusion across all its activities, processes, and cultural practices, in line with its Public Sector Equality Duties. This commitment encompasses promoting equality and diversity for everyone, regardless of any protected characteristic, working pattern, family circumstance, socio-economic background, political belief, or any other irrelevant distinction. Where pertinent to the policy, decision-making panels will ensure a reasonable gender balance (with at least one man and one woman) and will actively consider the representation of other protected groups.

**Principles** Feedback from students is essential to inform the development of the University's programmes and to help shape all aspects of their current and future learning and broader experience. The University actively seeks and encourages students to share their views. Our approach aims to create openness, responsiveness and a sense of partnership.

### How feedback is received

**Informal Feedback.** Informal feedback is received by day-to-day dialogue between students and staff,

**Formal Feedback.** Feedback is received from students in more formal settings. These include:

#### Central survey campaign.

The University regularly invites students to participate in anonymous surveys (Appendix 1).

The central surveys take place after every module, after every Block and at the end of the academic year. This schedule enables the University to work in conjunction with the students and help to improve the teaching, learning and assessment methodologies.

## Focus Group Discussion

### One To One Feedback from Students

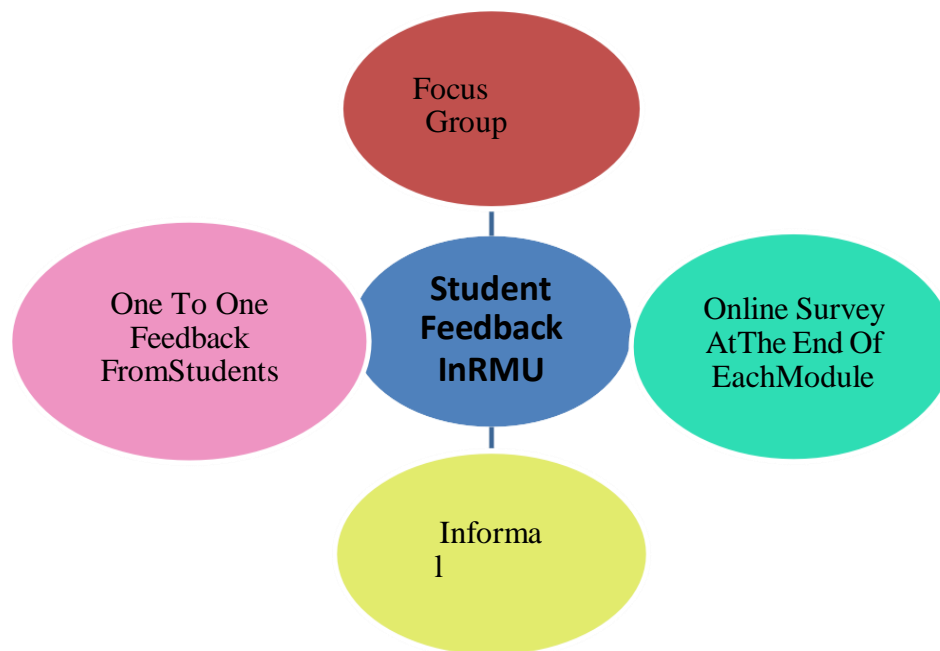


Figure 32 – RMU Feedback framework

## Appendix -I Student Feedback Proforma for 2024

(to be conducted after every module completion)

### Module Content & Organization

Questionnaire	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The module objectives were informed.					
At the beginning of module study guide was available.					
The module workload was manageable.					
The pace of the module was manageable.					
The module was well organized.					
Module started and ended on time.					
End of block feedback was taken					

### Learning Environment and Teaching Methods

Questionnaire	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Lectures were delivered appropriately.					
Labs were conducted appropriately.					
Small group discussions were conducted appropriately					
Teaching sessions were as per schedule.					
CBLs were conducted appropriately					
Faculty was cooperative.					
Learning resources were communicated clearly					
SGDs were standardized between different batches					

### Quality of Delivery

Questionnaire	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The module stimulated my interest.					
Ideas were presented clearly.					

### Learning Resources

Questionnaire	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Learning Material was provided / recommended.					
Learning Resources were available in the library.					
Digital / Web Based resources were available.					
Power points of lectures were available					

### Student Contribution

Questionnaire	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I participated actively in the module.					
I believe I have made progress in this module.					

### Assessments

Questionnaire	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Class tests were conducted regularly.					
Class tests were helpful					
Test difficulty was appropriate.					
Written Assessment was as per Table of Specifications.					
OSPE Exam was as per Table of Specification					
Table of Specification was shared					

### MS and its working

Questionnaire	Strongly Agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Easy Access to LMS					
Module Content was Available					

## SWOT Analysis of Curriculum

### SOWT Analysis of Implementation of IMC

#### Strength

- We are leading all public sector medical colleges in implementation of integrated modular curriculum
- We are fulfilling the requirement of World Federation for Medical Education
- Our future doctor will be able to correlate and integrate basic and clinical knowledge in a better way with the competencies of 7 Star Doctor-acting as leader, manager, decision make, and communicator and care provider, decision maker, researcher and lifelong learner.

#### Opportunities

- We have completed the phase –I of implementation for 1st ,2nd and 3rd year and we are now able to implement it in 4th and final year
- We can further refine our integrated curriculum of 1st and 2nd year MBBS in coming years and can better tackle its flaws.
- Proper committees for feedback and evaluation are developed with collaboration from QEC& DME.

#### Weaknesses

- A change in system is always difficult to be accepted by stakeholders
- Inflexible as compared to Conventional System.
- The content of different subjects is sometimes jumbled up in various modules according to the requirement of that specific module which is difficult to be absorbed by the students.

#### Threats

- The Modular System can totally collapse back to Conventional System if not vigilantly and expertly handled.



**Figure 33 : Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Framework for program evaluation in public health. MMWR 1999;48 (No. RR-11)**

## Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) Report

Quality Enhancement Cell- RMU since its inception has been active in promoting its core function of bringing standardization to university's academic programs in line with the guidelines enunciated by the Higher Education Commission. In this regard, first thing on which QEC team focused was QEC guidelines. Team achieved that milestone in record time. Approved QEC guidelines of RMU were implemented in 2018. Quality Enhancement Cells serve as focal points for quality assurance in the institutions in order to improve and uphold the quality of higher education. Capacity building of academia in quality assurance is one of the key functions of Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), HEC and subsequently of QEC. Thus, QAA and QECs of the Universities work hand in hand to move in this direction of capacity building arrangements that include awareness campaigns, development of quality assurance policy instruments, training to learn the processes and procedures of quality assurance in higher education institutions and development of Manual to equip the practitioners of quality assurance. In recent years it has become an obligation that institutions of higher education demonstrate the effectiveness of their academic programs in providing high quality education that positively impacts students. Furthermore, most accrediting bodies and others concerned with quality assurance are requesting that institutions assess students learning outcomes as a means of improving academic programs. This has led the accrediting bodies to develop methods for assessing the quality of academic programs. So, whole conventional system was needed to be revamped. Rawalpindi Medical University has the honor of being the first public sector Medical University of Punjab which has introduced the modern modular system of medical education for the MBBS course. It was a big challenge for Department of Medical Education (DME) and Quality Enhancement Cell to maintain the quality and standards of all the teaching and training practices. Quality enhancement cell, RMU appreciate the untiring efforts of DME in this regard. DME team has worked day and night for the implementation of the integrated modular curriculum.

**Following are the compliments and recommendations by the Quality Enhancement Cell, RMU:**

**Commendations:**

1. Proper, well managed integrated modular curriculum is in place under the vibrant and energetic leadership of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhammad Umar and Department of Medical Education. This thing has also been acknowledged by different visits by accreditation bodies like Higher Education Commission (HEC) and Pakistan Medical & Dental Commission.
2. Proper curriculum committee is in place with appropriate representation of the students as members.
3. All stakeholders are on board and are on one page regarding implementation of the integrated modular curriculum.
4. Regular meetings have been done by the curriculum committee.
5. Feedback has been taken regularly with appropriate gap interval in between.
6. Proper record keeping has been done by the Department of Medical Education both in soft and hard form.
7. As far as the assessment is concerned, newly established Examination Department is doing commendable and admirable job.
8. Final results are indicating that both students and faculty has adapted well to integrated modular system and they are satisfied with the system.
9. Campus management system is working efficiently.
10. Standardized format of all teaching strategies has improved the quality of the deliverance of the subject matter.

**Recommendations:**

1. Communication and coordination among the departments can be made better. This will help in normalizing the pressure on the Department of Medical Education.
2. Department of Medical Education should be equipped with more human resource.
3. Faculty members should be provided with more opportunities for updating themselves with modern teaching methodologies. They should be encouraged to have certification or masters in medical education.
4. Departments and DME should ensure equal distribution of responsibilities among faculty members.

5. Steps should be taken in account for improving the ladder of the curriculum according to the Harden's ladder of curriculum.
6. Faculty should be encouraged to participate actively in the Faculty Development Program of the university which is already working on a very good pace.
7. Subjects specialists are advised to have more frequent meetings with the aim of improving the quality of the content delivered to the students.
8. Student centered teaching should be encouraged more.
9. Any motivational lecture should be included in the time table for every class as it is very important for the students for personal growth and development.


The weightage of all clinical lectures should be increased in first and second year MBBS, as the attendance is on the lower side in clinical lectures of the above said years.

### Learning Resources

Subject	Resources
Otorhinolaryngology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Diseases of ear nose throat Dr Saleem Iqbal Bhutta</li> <li>● Scott Brown Otorhinolaryngology Head &amp; Neck Surgery, Eighth Edition</li> <li>● Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat &amp; Head and Neck Surgery, Seventh Edition, PL Dhingra</li> <li>● Color Atlas of ENT diagnosis, Tony R. Bull, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition</li> <li>● Ear, Nose and Throat, Self-Assessment and Self Evaluation Manual, Second Edition, PL Dhingra</li> </ul>
Community Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Park's Textbook of Preventive and Social Medicine, 26<sup>th</sup> edition, Chapter 3, 4, 5</li> <li>● Textbook of Community Medicine by Muhammad Ilyas and Dr Irfanullah Siddiqi</li> <li>● Epidemiology by Leon Girdis</li> </ul>

## Section – VI

## Annexures



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**Subject:** Revised Professional Examinations Policy – MBBS (1<sup>st</sup> to Final Year) 2025


Please find attached the revised Professional Examinations Policy for 1<sup>st</sup> to Final Year MBBS, aligned with TOS for 2025, for reference and implementation please.

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**Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU)**

**Revised Professional Examination Policy – MBBS (First to Final Year)**

*(Aligned with Final Annual Assessment Table of Specifications year 2025)*

**1. Purpose and Scope**

This policy defines the structure and rules for Final Professional Examinations for all MBBS professional years at Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU).

It ensures consistency, transparency, and alignment with the Table of Specifications (TOS 2025) approved by Board of Faculty.

**2. Definitions**

- **Block:**  
A thematic academic unit (e.g., Block I, II, III etc) comprising multiple subjects.
- **Component (Subject):**  
Each subject within a Block (e.g., Pharmacology , Pathology , Community Medicine Physiology etc.).
- **Sub-components:**  
Each subject has two assessment parts:
  - Theory (Knowledge Component) – MCQs, SEQs.
  - Practical / Skills Component – OSPE, OSCE, OSVE, Viva.
- **Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA):**  
40% marks calculated from CIA (30% from module , block assessments and 10% from LMS-based assessments).
- **Final Annual Assessment:** Assessment taken at the end of academic year and carries 60% of the total marks for the final annual assessment

**3. Passing Criteria (As Per Final Annual Assessment TOS 2025)**

To be declared Pass in a Block, a student must:

**3.1. At Subject (Component) Level:**

- Secure at least 50% marks in each subject of the relevant Block.
- Within each subject, both theory and practical sub-components must be cleared separately ( $\geq 50\%$  in each)

**3.2. At Block Level (Aggregate):**

- Obtain at least 50% aggregate marks in the entire block (sum of all subjects +CIA)

: ENT

### 3.4. Example Calculation for passing criteria

#### Block 3 of year 4 MBBS

Subject	Total Marks		Theory	Practical	Minimum marks required to pass theory	Minimum marks required to pass practical
	Prof	CIA	Prof Marks +CIA	Prof Marks +CIA		
Pharmacology	50	40	25+20=45	25+20=45	22.5	22.5
Community Medicine	30	20	15+10=25	15+10=25	12.5	12.5
Pathology	100	60	50+30=80	50+30=80	40	40
<b>Total Marks (Block)</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>

#### 4. Failing Criteria

Students not meeting criteria mentioned in clause 3.1 and 3.2 will be declared failed

#### 5. Examination Rules

- Each Block shall be considered a complete academic and assessment unit. A student shall be declared *pass in the Block* only when all its constituent components (subjects) are passed and the overall Block Aggregate reaches the prescribed level(score).
- It is mandatory to pass each subject within its respective block, not on the aggregate marks of that subject across all blocks.
- Failure in a Subject (Component):**  
If a student fails in any component (subject) within a Block, they shall appear in relevant block only in that failed subject (s) during the Supplementary Examination.
- Reappearance in Sub-components:**  
Within the failed subject, the student shall reappear in both Theory and Practical sub-components, regardless of which sub-component was failed earlier.
- Failure in Block Aggregate:**  
If a student passes all individual subjects (each securing  $\geq 50\%$ ) but fails to achieve the required Block Aggregate of 50%, the student shall reappear in the entire Block (all subjects) during the Supplementary Examination.
- Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA):**  
The CIA marks shall be carried forward to the Supplementary Examination.
- Structure and Weightage:**  
The Supplementary Examination shall follow the same format, structure, and weightage as the Final Annual (Professional) Examination.

#### 6. Eligibility for Supplementary Examination

A student shall be eligible for Supplementary Examination if:

1. They have completed the required regular attendance and CIA as per policy.
2. They have failed in one or more subjects (components) or failed to meet the aggregate as per passing criteria as mentioned in clause 3.1 and 3.2.



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**Reference:**

- *UHS Policy*
- *PMDC Policy*

### List Of LGIS Topics Theme 1: Otalgia, Ear Discharge & Dizziness, Hearing loss

Sr. no.	Topic	Faculty
1	Anatomy, Physiology of Ear, External ear inflammatory conditions	Dr. Shafaq/Dr. Fatima
2	Acute otitis media, Otitis media with effusion	Dr. Maimoona/ Dr.Namra
3	Meniere's disease, BPPV	Dr. Maimoona/Dr. Sundas
4	Sensorineural, noise induced, drug induced hearing loss/Tympanometry Audiology	Dr. Haitham/ Dr.Tabassum
5	Chronic Otitis media with complications	Prof Dr. Sadia/ Dr.Ashar
6	Facial nerve and its disorders	Dr. Fatima/ Dr. Namra
7	Otosclerosis	Dr. Farhat /Dr.Zainab
8	A female diabetic patient with otalgia, ear discharge	Dr. Farhat
		Dr. Zainab

### Theme 2: Rhinorrhoea, nasal obstruction

Sr. no.	Topic	Faculty
1	Nasal septum and its diseases, Septal haematoma, abscess and perforation, Foreign body nose	Dr Haitham/Dr Tabasum
2	Allergic rhinitis, Acute and chronic Rhinosinusitis with complications	Prof Dr. Sadia/Dr.Ashar Alamgir
3	Nasopharyngeal Angiofibroma, Nasal polyps, FESS	Dr. Sundas/ Dr.Fatima
4	A young male with profuse nose bleed	Dr. Shafaq
5		Dr. Namra

**Theme 3 : Sore throat**

Sr. no.	Topic	Faculty
1	Anatomy and Physiology of oral cavity, Pharynx	Dr. Zainab/Dr.Farhat
2	Acute tonsillitis, Chronic tonsillitis, Adenoids	Dr. Tabasum/Prof Dr Sadia
3	Premalignant lesions of oral cavity, submucous fibrosis	Dr. Haitham/ Dr. Farhat
4	Quinsy, Retropharyngeal, parapharyngeal abscess	Dr. Asher/Dr Sundas
5	Acute and chronic pharyngitis, Differentials of Membranous tonsillitis	Dr. Namra/ Dr. Shafaq.
6	Salivary gland Diseases(Mumps, parotitis, submandibular sialadenitis)	Dr Shafaq. /Dr. Maimoona
7	A child with recurrent sore throat and fever	Dr Fatima /Dr. Maimoona

**Theme 4: Hoarseness, dysphagia**

Sr. no.	Topic	Faculty
1	Anatomy and physiology of Larynx, Trachea and esophagus	Dr. Ashar/ Dr Zainab
2	Vocal nodule, vocal polyp, Rienke's edema	Dr. Sundas/ Dr. Namra
3	Foreign body aerodigestive tract	Dr. Zainub/ Dr.Fatima
4	Laryngomalacia/ Juvenile laryngeal papillomatosis	Dr Haitham/Dr. Tabassum
5	Plummer Vinson Syndrome, Croup, ALTB	Prof Dr Sadia / Dr.Fatima
6	Tracheostomy indications and complications	Dr. Maimoona/ Dr.Shafaq
7	An old age man with hoarseness of voice and difficulty in breathing	Dr. Shafaq/ Dr.Farhat

### Theme 5: Neck Masses

Sr. no.	Topic	Faculty
1	Cervical Lymphadenopathy	Dr. Sundas/ Dr. Zainab
2	Anatomy and physiology of neck, Thyroid gland	Prof Dr. Sadia/ Dr. Farhat
3	Thyroglossal duct cyst, Goitre	Dr. Haitham / Dr. Fatima
4	Branchial Cyst/Branchial fistula	Dr. Namra/Dr. Maimoona
5	Radiology in ENT	Dr. Ashar/ Dr. Farhat
6	Ludwig's angina	Dr. Shafaq /Dr. Tabasum
7	A child with fever, neck swelling, difficulty in breathing	Dr. Maimoona / Dr. Namra

### List Of Community Medicine Module 1 (11 Lectures)

Sr No	Broad Area Of Teaching	No Of Lectures	Faculty Nominated
1.	Introduction to Community Medicine & Public health	1	Prof Dr Rozina Shahadat Khan (HOD Community Medicine) in CPC
2.	Fundamental concepts of Preventive medicine- I Health & Disease	1	Prof Dr Rozina Shahadat Khan (HOD Community Medicine), Dr Afifa Kulsoom(Assoc Prof)
3.	Concept of wellbeing, Health indicators	1	Prof Dr Rozina Shahadat Khan (HOD Community Medicine), Dr. Imrana Saeed, (APMO)
4.	Concepts of prevention & mode of intervention	1	Prof Dr Rozina Shahadat Khan (HOD Community Medicine), Dr. Imrana Saeed, (APMO)
5.	Hearing loss due to noise pollution		Prof Dr Rozina Shahadat Khan (HOD Community Medicine), Dr Mehjabeen Qureshi (Senior Demo)
6.	Fundamental Concepts & Uses of Epidemiology	1	Dr Sana Bilal (Assoc Prof), Dr Khola Noreen(Assoc Prof)
7.	Introduction to Epidemiologic Methods- descriptive studies		Dr Sana Bilal (Assoc Prof), Dr Khola Noreen(Assoc Prof)

8.	Droplet infections I-Small pox, chicken pox, measles		Dr Narjis(APWMO),Dr Asif (Demonstrator)
9.	Droplet infections II- Rubella, Pertussis, Mumps		Dr Mehwish Riaz(Asst Proff), Dr Mehjabeen (Senior Demo)
10.	Droplet infections III-Tuberculosis		Dr Narjis(APWMO),Dr Asif (Demonstrator)
11.	Droplet infections III (Meningitis, Diphtheria)		Dr Imrana Saeed (APWMO), Dr Mehwish Riaz(Asst Proff)

### List Of Community Medicine Module 2 (11 Lectures)

S NO.	Broad Area Of Teaching	No of lectures	Faculty nominated
1.	Measures of morbidity SGD	1	Dr Mehjabeen (Senior Demo),Dr Saba, Dr Zaira (Sr PGTs)
2.	Analytical epidemiological studies (case-control studies)	1	Dr Khola Noreen (Assoc Prof),Dr Sana Bilal (Assoc Prof)
3.	Analytical epidemiological studies (cohort studies)		Dr Khola Noreen (Assoc Prof),Dr Sana Bilal (Assoc Prof)
4.	Experimental study design	1	Dr Khola Noreen (Assoc Prof),Dr Sana Bilal (Assoc Prof)
5.	Non probability Sampling	1	Dr. Afifa (Assoc Prof), Dr. Mehwish Riaz(Asst Proff)
6.	Association & Causation	1	Dr Khola Noreen,( Assoc Prof) ,Dr Imrana Saeed(APWMO)
7.	Air and ventilation		Dr Mehjabeen (Senior Demo),Dr Asif (Demo),
8.	Probability sampling	1	Dr. Afifa (Assoc Prof), Dr. Mehwish Riaz(Asst Proff)
9.	Measures of mortality (SGD)	1	Dr Narjis(APWMO),Dr Maria, Dr Mehreen ),(Sr PGTs)
10.	Environment and health (Air Purification Global Warming )	1	Dr Asif, Dr Narjis

### Rawalpindi Medical University 4<sup>th</sup> Year MBBS Model MCQs (USMLE Format)

<p>1. A 24-year-old male presents with long-standing foul-smelling ear discharge and progressive hearing loss. He now develops vertigo on pressure over the tragus and during suction clearance. Otoscopy shows attic retraction with keratin debris. Which of the following is the most likely underlying pathology responsible for vertigo?</p> <p>A. Serous labyrinthitis          B. Lateral semi circular canal fistula          C. Otosclerosis          D. Eustachian tube dysfunction          E. Acute otitis media</p>	<b>Otology</b>
<p>2. A 55-year-old hypertensive patient presents with profuse unilateral epistaxis not controlled by anterior nasal packing. Bleeding continues into the oropharynx. The next most appropriate step is:</p> <p>A. Septoplasty          B. Posterior nasal packing          C. Chemical cautery with silver nitrate          D. Functional endoscopic sinus surgery          E. Nasal steroid spray</p>	<b>Rhinology</b>
<p>3. A patient undergoes thyroidectomy and later develops hoarseness and weak cough. Flexible laryngoscopy shows the vocal cord lying in paramedian position. Which nerve injury most likely explains this finding?</p> <p>A. Internal branch of superior laryngeal nerve          B. External branch of superior laryngeal nerve          C. Recurrent laryngeal nerve          D. Glossopharyngeal nerve          E. Hypoglossal nerve</p>	<b>Laryngology</b>

4. A diabetic patient presents with fever, trismus, medial bulging of tonsillar pillar, and severe throat pain. Contrast CT shows collection extending from tonsillar region into parapharyngeal space. Which of the following is the most serious early complication to monitor?

- A. Otitis externa
- B. Airway obstruction
- C. Facial nerve palsy
- D. Allergic rhinitis
- E. Nasal septal deviation

Head & Neck

### Rawalpindi Medical University 4<sup>th</sup> Year MBBS Model EMQ

1. Different patients present to the ENT clinic with complaints related to ear discharge, hearing loss, tinnitus, and vertigo. Based on the clinical features described in each statement, select the MOST appropriate option from the list below. Each option may be used once, more than once, or not at all.

**List of Options (A–H)**

- A) Acute suppurative otitis media
- B) Chronic suppurative otitis media (tubotympanic type)
- C) Chronic suppurative otitis media (atticoantral type)
- D) Otosclerosis
- E) Serous otitis media
- F) Meniere's disease
- G) Otitis externa
- H) Presbycusis

**Statements**

1. A patient presents with foul-smelling ear discharge, attic retraction pocket, and risk of intracranial complications.
2. A young adult complains of progressive conductive hearing loss with a normal tympanic membrane and absent stapedial reflex.
3. A child presents with hearing loss following an upper respiratory tract infection, and otoscopy shows a dull tympanic membrane with fluid level.

4. A patient has profuse, painless ear discharge with a central tympanic membrane perforation.
5. An elderly patient presents with bilateral, symmetrical sensorineural hearing loss, worse for high frequencies.
6. A swimmer presents with severe ear pain, tenderness on pulling the pinna, and a narrowed external auditory canal.
7. A patient presents with episodic vertigo, fluctuating hearing loss, tinnitus, and aural fullness.
8. This condition is most commonly associated with cholesteatoma formation.

**Answer Key**

1. C) Chronic suppurative otitis media (atticoantral type)
2. D) Otosclerosis
3. E) Serous otitis media
4. B) Chronic suppurative otitis media (tubotympanic type)
5. H) Presbycusis
6. G) Otitis externa
7. F) Meniere's disease
8. C) Chronic suppurative otitis media (atticoantral type)

**Rawalpindi Medical University 4<sup>th</sup> Year MBBS Model SEQs & SAQs (USMLE format)**

S.No.	Question	Marks	Domain
1	<p>A 5-year-old child is brought to the emergency department with high-grade fever, difficulty in swallowing, drooling of saliva, muffled voice, and respiratory distress. The child is sitting in a leaning-forward position and appears anxious.</p> <p>a. What is the most likely diagnosis?</p> <p>b. What is the characteristic posture seen in this condition?</p> <p>c. What is the most common causative organism?</p> <p>d. What is the most important first step in management?</p> <p>e. Name one investigation that should be avoided before securing the airway.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	ENT

2	<p>A 12-year-old boy presents with persistent ear discharge for 6 months. The discharge is foul-smelling and associated with decreased hearing. On otoscopy, there is a marginal perforation with granulation tissue.</p> <p>a. What is the most likely type of CSOM?  b. What is the main risk associated with this type of disease?  c. Name one extracranial complication.  d. Name one intracranial complication.  e. What is the definitive surgical management?</p>	<p>1 1 1 1 1</p>	Community medicine
3	<p>A 30-year-old patient presents with bilateral nasal obstruction, hyposmia, and mouth breathing. On examination, pale, glistening masses are seen in both nasal cavities.</p> <p>a. What is the most likely diagnosis?  b. From which sinus do ethmoidal polyps commonly arise?  c. What are the typical characteristics of a polyp on probing?  d. Name one medical treatment option.  e. What is the definitive surgical treatment?</p>	<p>1 1 1 1 1</p>	Pathology

## Rawalpindi Medical University 4<sup>th</sup> Year MBBS Model AV OSPE

### Clinically Oriented Observed and Structured Practical Examination 4<sup>th</sup> Prof MBBS Annual 2023 Station 9 (Throat)

<b>Total marks :</b>	05
<b>Time allotted:</b>	4 min
<b>Requirements:</b>	Patient, stool, headlight and tongue depressor
<b>Objectives:</b>	To Diagnose Condition and manage it
<b>Subject:</b>	Core ENT , Pharmacology, Pathology Integration horizontal

A 19- year-old boy presented in ENT OPD with complaint of sore throat, high grade fever with rigors and chills, difficulty in swallowing and earache. On examination, a membrane is visible extending onto the medial surface of tonsils.

- What is your diagnosis 01
- Enlist 2 differential diagnosis 02
- Treatment plan 02




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A 23 year old girl presents with history swelling below mandible 3 days back. She has fever and there is stridor. She has history of tooth infection. Most likely cause is:

- a. Submandibular space abscess
- b. Peritonsillar abscess
- c. Parapharyngeal abscess
- d. Luc's abscess
- e. Retropharyngeal abscess

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A 3 year old child presents with respiratory stridor. On direct laryngoscopy multiple nodular lesions are seen. The most probable cause is:

- a. Laryngeal papillomatosis
- b. Laryngeal carcinoma
- c. Laryngeal web
- d. Laryngomalacia
- e. Laryngeal diphtheria