

## HAP2 Acute back pain

The trainee will be able to assess a patient with a new presentation of back pain and produce a valid differential diagnosis investigate appropriately formulate and implement a management plan		
<b>Knowledge</b>	<b>Assessment Methods</b>	<b>GMP Domains</b>
Know the life-threatening causes of back pain- AAA, aortic dissection	E, Mi, C, ACAT	1
Know the symptoms and signs of early cauda equina syndrome	E, Mi, C, ACAT	1
Know the indications for surgical referral and MRI scan	E, Mi, C, ACAT	1
Know how to screen for osteoporosis and therapies for collapsed vertebrae	E, Mi, C, ACAT	1
<b>Skills</b>		
Becomes more expert at the 'grey' cases	Mi, C	1
Manages those that need multi-specialty input e.g. back pain due to spinal secondaries	Mi, C	1
Be able to relieve back pain effectively	Mi, C	1
<b>Behaviour</b>		
To act as the patient's advocate – seeking appropriate investigations, and effective pain relief with the help of in-patient teams	Mi, C	1,2,3,4