

HAP6 Breathlessness

The trainee will be able to assess a patient presenting with breathlessness to produce a valid differential diagnosis, investigate and formulate a management plan		
Knowledge	Assessment Methods	GMP Domains
Know the rarer causes of breathlessness, including aspiration and tracheostomy occlusion, pleural effusion, inhalational injury from chemical and physical irritants, foreign body inhalation	E, Mi, C, ACAT	1
Know the indications and contraindications for invasive and non-invasive ventilation (and its different types)	E, Mi, C, ACAT	1
Know how to diagnose and manage massive PE with the aid of echo and CT	E, Mi, C, ACAT	1
Skills		
Be able to look after seriously unwell asthmatic and COPD patients, and escalate care	Mi, C	1
Be able to formulate an accurate prognosis to determine the level of care needed	Mi, C	1
Be able to initiate appropriate palliative management when appropriate	Mi, C	1
Behaviour		
Recognise and relate prognosis to patient and carers	Mi, C	1,2,3,4
Involve other specialty teams as appropriate- ICM, cardiology, respiratory	Mi, C	2