

EFC Basic Colposcopy Course : an example

Course Design

Aims and objectives

The aim is to provide an introduction to colposcopic methodology.

Structure

1 day course: 3 x 1½ - 2½ hour sessions (total 360 min)

As part of the introduction there is an initial interactive session which aims to indicate the teaching objectives of the course and serve as a baseline assessment.

There are talks on the theoretical background of colposcopy and the principles of colposcopic management. The interactive sessions will focus on image recognition and management.

Interactive sessions comprise a number of images which participants are asked to comment on (is SCJ visible?: is there an abnormality?: what is the abnormality?). The answers/explanations occur in this and the feed-back session.

Lectures

Introduction

Aim

To describe the how the course works and to start engagement.

Objectives

Describe/explain the design of the course

Ground rules for the interactive sessions

Undertake initial course assessment

Lecture 1: Colposcopic principles

Aim

Provide an overview of the basic concepts of colposcopy

Objectives

Explain the key questions that must be addressed in any colposcopic examination

Taking history

Illustrate the SCJ and explain its significance

Describe normal cervical cytological and histological morphology (incl metaplasia/SCJ)

Describe normal findings – including effects of age and pregnancy

Outline the colposcopic features of abnormality

Describe the features of CIN/ cGIN/ VaIN
Describe the features of cervical cancer
Indicate the key steps in colposcopic decision making

Comment

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Lecture 2: Colposcopic diagnosis

Aim

Provide an overview of the basic diagnostic principles of colposcopy

Objectives

Describe common non-neoplastic pathology
Describe the features of CIN/ cGIN/ VaIN
Describe the features of cervical cancer
Indicate the key steps in colposcopic decision making

Comment

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Lecture 3: Colposcopic management

Aim

To describe the role of colposcopy in the management of CIN

Objectives

Refer to the European guidelines
Illustrate the relative value of colposcopy in relation to cytology and clinical setting
Describe the influence of colposcopic findings on management
Describe the different types of biopsy (CDB, simple excisional, extended)
Colposcopic findings on management

Comment

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Interactive sessions

colposcopic images and videos
clinical cases
feedback