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### Paper II: Technical Subject

#### Section (A) Internal Medicine - 45 Marks

#### 1. **Anatomy**

#### 1.1 **Neuro-Anatomy**

- 1.1.1 Neuron and its structure
- 1.1.2 Supportive cell type structure, cellular and myelin sheaths
- 1.1.3 Synapsis, neuro-effective junctions and receptors
- 1.1.4 Cerebrum: morphology, cerebral cortex, cortical neurons, cortical layers
- 1.1.5 Motorsystem: structure, corticospinal, rubrospinal, vestibulospinal and reticulospinal tracts
- 1.1.6 Basalganglia: structure
- 1.1.7 Cerebellum: morphology, cellular structure and organization
- 1.1.8 Brainstem: general organization
- 1.1.9 Spinal cord and ganglia: morphology, motor and sensory organization in the spinal cord

#### 1.2 Anatomy of neuro-muscular system

- 1.2.1 LMN, structuring of voluntary muscles, motor units, types of muscle fibres
- 1.2.2 Muscle spindles and other muscles & tendon receptors
- 1.2.3 Sensory system
- 1.2.4 Reflex pathways: involving cranial nerves, and limb and trunk
- 1.2.5 Cranial nerves and special senses: pathways and structure of special sense organs
- 1.2.6 Anatomy of ventricular system and CSF production
- 1.2.7 Anatomy of meninges
- 1.2.8 Autonomic nervous system
- 1.2.9 Arterial and venous cerebral circulation
- 1.2.10 Blood brain barrier

# 1.3 **Pulmonology**

- 1.3.1 Gross anatomy of upper and lower respiratory tracts, lungs with lobes and fissureswith surface marking
- 1.3.2 Concept of bronchopulmonary segments and lobule or acinus aerated by aterminal bronchiole

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- 1.3.3 Histology of alveolar lining cells
- 1.3.4 Pulmonary vascular bed
- 1.3.5 Pleura and pleural space, functions and histology
- 1.3.6 Media stinum and their structures
- 1.3.7 Thoracic cage and primary and secondary muscles of respiration
- 1.3.8 Thediaphragm its attachments, nerve supply and function
- 1.3.9 Lymphatic drainage of lungs and pleura
- 1.3.10 Innervation of the lungs
- 1.3.11 Thoracic receptors

#### 1.4 Gastrointestinal tract

- 1.4.1 Gross anatomy of the gastrointestinal tract at different levels
- 1.4.2 Gross anatomy of the hepatobiliary system and pancreas
- 1.4.3 Histological aspects of GI tract at different levels
- 1.4.4 Blood supply and development aspects of GI tract and hepatobiliary system

#### 1.5 Kidney and urinary tract

- 1.5.1 Gross anatomy of the kidney and urinary tract
- 1.5.2 Structure of nephron and function at different level
- 1.5.3 Development of kidney and urinary tract
- 1.5.4 Renal circulation

# 1.6 Endocrinal organs

- 1.6.1 Gross anatomy of different endocrinal organs and their development
- 1.6.2 Histology of different endocrinal organs

# 2. Physiology

- 2.1 Homeostatic behaviors of different fluid compartment in the body and implications during common clinical situations of burn, blood loss, diarrhea, vomiting, etc.
- 2.2 Role of pH in normal and in abnormal conditions e.g., diarrhea, vomiting, airway obstruction, medication, etc
- 2.3 Functions of micro/macro molecular, organelles and other structures of the cell
- 2.4 Nutritional requirements of normal people (different ages, male, female) and ill patients of all categories with their modality of

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- 2.5 Mechanisms of metabolic response to trauma and infection
- 2.6 Function of hemopoietic /R.E.system
- 2.7 Blood groups, methods of transfusion of blood & blood products & their hazards
- 2.8 Mechanism of haemostais, fibrinolysis & methods to control haemorrhage
- 2.9 Types of excitable tissues and methods of recording their activity e.g., EMG, EEG, ECG, etc
- 2.10 Cellular communication, chemical/neuronal/ electrical/synaptic transmission
- 2.11 Autonomic nervous system
- 2.12 Neuro transmitters, their synthesis and metabolism
- 2.13 Drugs affecting neurotransmitter activity
- 2.14 Cardiac and smooth muscles
- 2.15 Calcium metabolism
- 2.16 Pain and the mechanism of pain
- 2.17 Physiology of consciousness and sleep mechanism
- 2.18 Effect of injury to neurons
- 2.19 Different methods of monitoring of the heart functions
- 2.20 Drugs used for inotropic & chronotropic effects
- 2.21 Mechanism of blood pressure regulation
- 2.22 Physiology of circulation of different organ in the body
- 2.23 Pathophysiology of shock and principle of their management
- 2.24 Capillary exchange
- 2.25 Assess vascular functions
- 2.26 Respiration & cause of breathlessness
- 2.27 Measure blood flow
- 2.28 Measure/ assess blood gas
- 2.29 Mechanism of respiratory control
- 2.30 Mechanism of transport
- 2.31 Use of oxygen as therapy
- 2.32 Mechanism of absorption from gut and physiology of gastrointestinal motility
- 2.33 Composition of GI and hepatobiliary secretions and methods for their assessment
- 2.34 Normal functions of the liver

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- 2.35 Formation of urine
- 2.36 Mechanism of osmoregulation
- 2.37 Normal thermoregulation
- 2.38 Mechanism of hormone synthesis, secretion, metabolism

#### 3. **Pathology**

- 3.1 Concept of cell injury, different types of degeneration & trauma
- 3.2 Principles of inflammation and the results of various types of inflammation
- 3.3 Acute and chronic inflammation
- 3.4 Tissue regeneration, wound healing and healing process
- 3.5 Various types of disorder of growth
- 3.6 Principles of neoplasia
- 3.7 Benign and malignant tumor
- 3.8 Mechanism of thrombosis, and embolism and their effects
- 3.9 Ischemia & infarction
- 3.10 Mechanism of blood clotting and different types of bleeding disorders
- 3.11 Principle of blood grouping system & complications of blood transfusion
- 3.12 Principle of shock
- 3.13 Principle of genetics and apply its concept in hereditary diseases
- 3.14 Principle of immune response
- 3.15 Humoral and cell mediated immunity
- 3.16 Principle of organ transplantation and causes of its rejection
- 3.17 Principle of Host Parasite relationship
- 3.18 Different types of micro-organism (Bacteria, Fungus, Parasite, and Virus)
- 3.19 Pathogenic and non-pathogenicmicro-organisms
- 3.20 Principle of asepsis & antisepsis, sterilization and disinfection
- 3.21 Principle of antibiotic and chemotherapy
- 3.22 Microbes that cause wound infection
- 3.23 Principle of Hospital infection (Nosocomial infection)

# 4. Clinical Pharmacology

# 4.1 General clinical pharmacology

4.1.1 Pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, adverse drug reactions, drug interactions, drug use in childhood, pregnancy, lactation, and old age

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- 4.1.2 Clinical trials
- 4.1.3 Rational drug use

#### 4.2 Neurosensory and musculoskeletal systems

- 4.2.1 Parasympathomimetics and parasympatholytics, adrenergic and antiadrenergic drugs, narcotic and non-narcoticanalgesics, non-steroidalanti-inflammatory drugs, alcohol, sedative/hypnotics, anti-parkinsonism drugs, anesthetics (general and local), appetite suppressants
- 4.2.2 Drugs for psychiatric disorder, gout and rheumatoid arthritis, vertigo, and eye, ENT, and skin diseases

#### 4.3 Gastrointestinal system

- 4.3.1 Drugs for peptic ulcer, diarrhoea, constipation
- 4.3.2 Antispasmodics, antiemetics

#### 4.4 Respiratory system

- 4.4.1 Drugs for bronchial asthma
- 4.4.2 Antihistamines and other antiallergic agents
- 4.4.3 Cough preparation, nasal decongestants, and respiratory stimulants

### 4.5 Reproductive/Endocrine systems

- 4.5.1 Anti-diabetics, thyroid and anti-thyroid drugs, corticosteroids, sex hormones and antagonists, hypothalamic and pituitary hormones
- 4.5.2 Drugs used in labor and puerperium

# 4.6 Renal/Electrolyte system

4.6.1 Drugs for edema, and fluid/electrolyte and acid/base disturbances

#### 4.7 Infections

- 4.7.1 General principle of chemotherapy
- 4.7.2 Antibacterial, antiprotozoal, anthelminthic, antifungal, and antiviral drugs

# 4.8 Miscellaneous drugs

- 4.8.1 Drugs for malignant diseases and immunosuppression
- 4.8.2 Vaccines
- 4.8.3 Vitamins and minerals
- 4.8.4 Antidotes

# 5. Recent Advances in Internal Medicine and Emergencies

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- 5.1 Recent advances in all disciplines of Internal Medicine
- 5.2 Respiratory emergencies: Hemoptysis, Acute respiratory failure, Pneumothorax, Statusasthmaticus, ARDS
- 5.3 Gastrointestinal emergencies: G.I. bleeding, Acute gastroenteritis and food poisoning, Acute pancreatitis, Hepatic failure, Acute abdomen
- 5.4 Neurological emergencies: CVA including SAH, Hypertensive encephalopathy, Meningitis, Encephalitis, Unconscious patient, Status epilepticus, Myastheniagravis
- 5.5 Endocrine and metabolic emergencies: DKA and coma, Hypoglycemia, Hyperosmolar non ketotic diabetic coma, Thyroid crisis, Myxoedema coma, Pheochromocytoma, Acuteadrenocorticalcrisis, Hypopituitarism
- 5.6 Hematological emergencies: Aplastic anaemia, Agranulocytosis, Acutethromocythpenicpurpur, Leukemia, Hemophiliaandallieddisorders
- 5.7 Renal emergencies: Renalcolic, Renalfailure, Hematuria
- 5.8 Miscellaneous emergencies:
  - 5.8.1 Emergencies in fluid and electrolyte balance
  - 5.8.2 Acute emergencies in infectious and tropical disease
  - 5.8.3 Malaria
  - 5.8.4 Septicemia
  - 5.8.5 Tetanus
  - 5.8.6 Snakebite
  - 5.8.7 Dog bite & rabies
  - 5.8.8 Poisonings
  - 5.8.9 Drowning
  - 5.8.10 Electrocution
  - 5.8.11 High altitude sickness

# 6. Principles and Practice of Internal Medicine

# 6.1 **Gastroenterology**

- 6.1.1 Acid peptic diseases
- 6.1.2 Gastrointestinal bleeding: upper (nonvariceal/variceal) and lower
- 6.1.3 Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- 6.1.4 Dysphagia in relation to malignancy and achalasia
- 6.1.5 Malabsorption syndrome
- 6.1.6 IBD: ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease
- 6.1.7 Diverticular diseases

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- 6.1.8 Irritable bowel syndrome
- 6.1.9 Acute abdomen
- **6.1.10** Ascites
- 6.1.11 Liver disorders
- 6.1.12 Hepatitis: acute and chronic
- 6.1.13 Cirrhosis with special reference
- 6.1.14 Hepatic cellular cancer
- 6.1.15 Jaundice: obstructive and non-obstructive
- 6.1.16 Liver failure: acute and chronic
- 6.1.17 Pancreas
- 6.1.18 Acute, recurrent & chronic pancreatitis
- 6.1.19 Pancreatic tumor (exocrine & endocrine)
- 6.1.20 Cystic fibrosis & other childhood disorder of the pancreas
- 6.1.21 Hereditary pancreatitis
- 6.1.22 Pancreatic transplantation

#### 6.2 Respiratory Medicine

- 6.2.1 Anatomy and applied physiology of the respiratory system
- 6.2.2 Understanding of basic pathophysiology and be able to manage the disease processes mentioned below considering the relevant differential diagnosis:
  - 6.2.2.1 Pneumonias
  - 6.2.2.2 Lung abscess
  - 6.2.2.3 Tuberculosis
  - 6.2.2.4 Fungal infections
  - 6.2.2.5 Bronchial asthma
  - 6.2.2.6 Chronic bronchitis, emphysema and cor-pulmonale
  - 6.2.2.7 Cystic fibrosis
  - 6.2.2.8 Pulmonary eosinophilia
  - 6.2.2.9 Bronchiectasis (including its postural drainage management)
  - 6.2.2.10 Pulmonary oedema (cardiogenic and non-cardiogenic including ARDS)
  - 6.2.2.11 Interstitial lung disease (including fibrosingalveolitis, extrinsicalveolitis, lung fibrosis, sarcoidosis and pneumoconiosis)
  - 6.2.2.12 Carcinoma lung and other neoplasms
  - 6.2.2.13 Mediastinal masses

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- 6.2.2.14 Pleural diseases(e.g.,drypleurisy, pleural effusion,empyema)
- 6.2.2.15 Pneumothorax
- 6.2.2.16 Sleepapnoea syndrome
- 6.2.2.17 Acute and chronic respiratory failure

#### 6.3 **Hematology**

- 6.3.1 Physiology and pathophysiology of bloodcell formation and haemostasis
- 6.3.2 Pathophysiology, causes and management of:
  - 6.3.2.1 Anaemia: iron deficiency (with iron metabolism), megaloblastic, haemolyticanaemia and aplastic anaemia
  - 6.3.2.2 Haemoglobinopathy and Polycythemia
  - 6.3.2.3 Leukaemia: myeloid (acute and chronic) and lymphoid (acute and chronic)
  - 6.3.2.4 Myeloproliferative diseases
  - 6.3.2.5 PV(Polycythemia Vera)
  - 6.3.2.6 Myelofibrosis
  - 6.3.2.7 Essential thrombocytosis
  - 6.3.2.8 Bleeding Disorders
  - 6.3.2.9 Plateletes Disorders
  - 6.3.2.10 Lymphomas: Hodgkin's and NonHodgkin's
- 6.3.3 Explain the underlying principles and complications of:
  - 6.3.3.1 Blood Transfusion, Blood group and Rh factor, Principles of cross match, Hazards of transfusion, Blood—platelets component, Bone MarrowTransplantation
  - 6.3.3.2 Infectious and Tropical diseases
- 6.3.4 Understanding of the following procedures:
  - 6.3.4.1 Peripheral blood smear
  - 6.3.4.2 Splenicaspiration
  - 6.3.4.3 Z- N staining
  - 6.3.4.4 Gram's staining
  - 6.3.4.5 Bone marrow examination
  - 6.3.4.6 Stool examination
  - 6.3.4.7 Aldehyde test
  - 6.3.4.8 Liver biopsy
- 6.3.5 Microbiological aspects of various infectious disease
- 6.3.6 Underlying pathogenesis of various infectious/tropical disorders

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  - 6.3.7 Basic pharmacokinetics of drugs used for treatment of tropical and infectious diseases
  - 6.3.8 Diagnose and manage following emergencies:
    - 6.3.8.1 Septicemia, septic shock
    - 6.3.8.2 Cerebral malaria/black waterfever
    - 6.3.8.3 Tetanus/gasgangrene
    - 6.3.8.4 Acute viral encephalitis
    - 6.3.8.5 Hepatic Encephalopathy
    - 6.3.8.6 Enteric Encephalopathy
    - 6.3.8.7 HIV&AIDS

#### 6.4 Rheumatology

- 6.4.1 Common clinical presentations of rheumatic disease
- 6.4.2 Systemic perspective of rheumatic diseases in different systems
- 6.4.3 Genetics and rheumatic diseases
- 6.4.4 Inflammatory arthritides (RA, SpA, crystal arthritis and others)
- 6.4.5 Infection and joints (Septic arthritis and others)
- 6.4.6 Connective tissue diseases (SLE, systemic sclerosis and others)
- 6.4.7 Vasculitides
- 6.4.8 Diseases of bones and cartilages (osteoarthritis, osteoporosis and others)
- 6.4.9 Regional musculoskeletal pain syndromes
- 6.4.10 Miscellaneous conditions (autoinflammatory diseases, sarcoidosis & others)
- 6.4.11 Bone marrow aspiration
- 6.4.12 Bone marrow biopsy
- 6.4.13 Z-N staining
- 6.4.14 Muscle biopsy
- 6.4.15 Skin biopsy
- 6.4.16 Arthrocentesis
- 6.4.17 Intra-articularinjections
- 6.4.18 Anatomicalandphysiologicalaspectsofjointsmuscleandbloodves selsin relation to rheumatologic conditions
- 6.4.19 Basisofcellularandhumoralimmuneresponse, autoimmunity and genetherapyin rheumatological disorders
- 6.4.20 Interpret the results of various tests such as LEcell, ANF, antids DNA, electrophoresis, complement system
- 6.4.21 Analysis of synovial fluid

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- 6.4.22 Interpret the X-ray findings of bones and joints
- 6.4.23 Interpretation of the results of:
  - 6.4.23.1 Muscle biopsy
  - 6.4.23.2 Skin biopsy
  - 6.4.23.3 Kidney biopsy
- 6.4.24 To diagnose and manage rheumatologic emergencies

#### 6.5 Endocrinology and metabolic diseases

- 6.5.1 Understanding of the following procedures:
  - 6.5.1.1 Arterial puncture for blood gas analysis
  - 6.5.1.2 Use of glucometer and stripes for blood sugar
  - 6.5.1.3 Urine examination for sugar, Ketones, Specific gravity
- 6.5.2 Interpret the findings of the following procedures/tests:
  - 6.5.2.1 Arterial blood gas analysis
  - 6.5.2.2 Pulse oximetry
  - 6.5.2.3 Thyroid function tests
  - 6.5.2.4 Pituitary function tests
  - 6.5.2.5 Parathyroid function tests
  - 6.5.2.6 Adrenal gland functiontests
  - 6.5.2.7 G.T.T
  - 6.5.2.8 Sex hormone analysis
  - 6.5.2.9 Plain X-ray of various parts concerned
- 6.5.3 Interpret the finding of:
  - 6.5.3.1 FNAC report of thyroid gland
  - 6.5.3.2 CT scan reports of various endocrine organs
- 6.5.4 Diagnose and manage following emergencies:
  - 6.5.4.1 D.K.A. and comaandhyperosmolarnonketoticcoma
  - 6.5.4.2 Hypoglycaemia
  - 6.5.4.3 Thyroidcrisis
  - 6.5.4.4 Myxoedemacoma
  - 6.5.4.5 Phaeochromocytoma
  - 6.5.4.6 Hypopituitarism
  - 6.5.4.7 Hypocalcaemia
  - 6.5.4.8 Acuteadrenocorticalcrisis
  - 6.5.4.9 Hypopituitarism
- 6.5.5 Explain the structural and functionalbasis:
  - 6.5.5.1 Various endocrine glands, homeostatic control mechanism of hormone regulation, and the genetic basis

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- 8.1 Diagnose, investigate and treatment of following renal emergencies:
  - 8.1.1 Acute renal failure
  - 8.1.2 Renal colic
  - 8.1.3 Haematuria
  - 8.1.4 Fluid, electrolyte and acid-basic imbalance
- 8.2 Diagnose, investigate and treatment of following common renal diseases:
  - 8.2.1 Acute glomerulonephritis
  - 8.2.2 Nephrotic syndrome
  - 8.2.3 Urinary tract infection
  - 8.2.4 Chronicrenal failure
  - 8.2.5 Adult polycystic kidney disease, Alperts syndrome
  - 8.2.6 Diabetic Nephropathy
  - 8.2.7 Renal tubular acidosis (RTA)
  - 8.2.8 Interstitial Nephropathy
  - 8.2.9 Toxic Nephropathy
  - 8.2.10 Lupus Nephritis
  - 8.2.11 Nephrocalcinosis and Nephrolithiasis
  - 8.2.12 Renal arterystenosis (RAS)
- 8.3 Interpret investigations of:
  - 8.3.1 Renal function test(RFT)
  - 8.3.2 Blood gas analysis
  - 8.3.3 Renal biopsy report
- 8.4 Basic principles of haemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis and their specific indications

# 8. **Neurology**

- 9.1Perform following procedures independently:
  - 9.1.1 Lumbar puncture
  - 9.1.2 Intrathecal injection
  - 9.1.3 Administration of IV contrastagent
- 9.2Understanding of the following procedures
  - 9.2.1 EEG, EMG, Nerve conduction studies

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- 9.3Interpretation of the findings of:
  - 9.3.1 CT scan / MRI scan of:
    - 9.3.1.1 Subdural haematoma
    - 9.3.1.2 Intracranial haemorrhage including subarachnoid haemorrhage
    - 9.3.1.3 Infarction
    - 9.3.1.4 Obstructive hydrocephalus
  - 9.3.2 Myelogram:
    - 9.3.2.1 Complete obstruction
    - 9.3.2.2 Intramedullary compression
    - 9.3.2.3 Extramedullary compression
  - 9.3.3 Interpretation of theresults of:
    - 9.3.3.1 Muscle biopsy
    - 9.3.3.2 Nerve biopsy
    - 9.3.3.3 EEG
    - 9.3.3.4 EMG
    - 9.3.3.5 Nerve conduction study
    - 9.3.3.6 Carotid and vertebral angiogram
    - 9.3.3.7 CT myelography
- 9.4Diagnose and management the following neurological emergency:
  - 9.4.1 CVA including subarachnoid haemorrhage
  - 9.4.2 Meningitis
  - 9.4.3 Encephalitis
  - 9.4.4 Unconscious patient
  - 9.4.5 Status epilepticus
  - 9.4.6 Myastheniagravis
  - 9.4.7 Increased Intracranialpressure
  - 9.4.8 Guillain-Barre syndrome
  - 9.4.9 Hypoxicencephalopathy

# 9. Oncology

- 9.1 Etiopathogenesis of cancer
- 9.2 Epidemiology of cancer
- 9.3 Cancer prevention & screening
- 9.4 Diagnosis & diagnostic tools in cancer
- 9.5 Principles of cancer management

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- 9.6 Common cancers: Oesophagus, stomach, colorectum, hepatocellular cancer, cancers of the biliary tree, pancreas, breast, lung, renal cell carcinoma, prostate, testicular, GIST, ovarian, endometrial, hematological & lymphoid malignancies, cancers of the endocrine system, HIV-associated cancers, tumors of the mediastinum etc
- 9.7 Oncological emergencies & paraneoplastic syndromes
- 9.8 Anticancer therapeutics

#### 10. **Dermatology**

- 10.1 Scabies
- 10.2 Superficial mycoses
- 10.3 Superficial bacterial infections
- 10.4 Diagnosis and management of drug induced cutaneous eruptions

#### 11. **Psychiatry**

- 11.1 Diagnose anxiety neurosis, depression and schizophrenia
- 11.2 Differentiate between functional and organic psychoses (simple and uncomplicated)
- 11.3 Treat cases of anxiety neurosis and depression
- 11.4 Diagnose and manage substance abuse

# Section (B) Interventional Cardiology - 55 Marks

#### I. BASIC SCIENCE

- a. **Anatomy and physiology:** Cardiac, vascular and coronary artery anatomy, including anatomical variants and frequent congenital abnormalities; basic circulatory physiology, myocardial blood flow regulation, myocardial physiology and metabolism.
- b. **Vascular biology**: Processes of vasoreactivity, plaque formation, vascular injury and healing, restenosis, SVG atherosclerosis, cardiac allograph vasculopathy.

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- c. **Progenitor cells:** Function of progenitor cellsand their possible role in angiogenesis and myogenesis.
- d. **Haematology**: Platelet function and aggregation, clotting cascade, and fibrinolysis.

#### e. Coronary anatomy and physiology:

- Classification of coronary segments and lesion characteristics;
- Assessment of lesion severity, intracoronary pressure and flow velocity measurement, fractional flow reserve (FFR);
- Assessment of collateral circulation.

#### **II. PHARMACOLOGY**

- a. Biologic effects and appropriate use of vasoactive drugs, antiplatelet agents, thrombolytics, anticoagulants, antiarrhythmics, inotropic agents, and sedatives.
- b. Biologic effects and appropriate use of angiographic contrast agents, including prevention of renal dysfunction and allergic reactions.
- c. Atherosclerosis prevention in PCI candidates focusing on optimal care of hypertension, dyslipidemia, diabetes and smoking cessation.

#### III. IMAGING

- a. Radiation physics, radiation risks and injury, and radiation safety, including glossary of radiological terms, methods to control radiation exposure for patients, physicians, and technicians.
- b. Specific imaging techniques in interventional cardiology, such as quantitative angiography and intravascular ultrasonography.
- c. Principles of cardiac computed tomography, potential role for noninvasive coronary imaging.
- d. Digital archiving and tele-communication of angiographic images.

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#### IV. INDICATIONS FOR TREATMENT AND PATIENT SELECTION

- a. Indications for elective cardiac catheterisation and related catheter-based interventions in management of ischaemic and valvular heart disease, in accordance with therecent guidelines and evidence based medicine.
- b. Indications for urgent catheterisation and management of acute myocardial infarction, including differentiation between patients who require primary or rescue angioplasty, coronary bypass surgery or conservative treatment.
- c. Indications for mechanical support devices in the management of haemodynamically compromised patients (intra-aortic balloon pump etc.)
- d. Present indications for surgical re-vascularisation in coronary artery disease

#### V. PROCEDURAL TECHNIQUES

- a. Vascular access including principles of femoral, radial, and brachial procedures, closure techniques, detection and treatment of complications.
- b. Appropriate catheter selection to achieve optimal opacification and support.
- c. Selection of optimal projections for lesion visualisation and treatment.
- d. Knowledge of angioplasty material and proper selection of guidewires, balloon catheters, and stents. e. Knowledge of types and characteristics of bare metal and drugeluting stents including post-implantation pharmacological treatment and their risk of thrombosis and restenosis.
- f. Classification, mechanisms, and therapy of in-stent restenosis.
- g. Knowledge of ancillary interventional techniques:
  - Therapeutic: anti-embolic protection with filters and occlusive balloons, rotablator, laser, atherectomy and thrombectomy devices.

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- Diagnostic: intravascular ultrasound, Doppler and intracoronary pressure measurement
- h. Indications for mitral, aortic, and pulmonary valvuloplasty in management of valvular disorders, including factors that differentiate patients who require surgical commissurotomy or valve repair or replacement.
- i. Indication for catheter-based interventions in management of congenital heart disease in adults, such as closure of intracardiac defects (ASD, PFO, VSD, PDA).
- j. Indications for septal alcoholisation in obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

#### VI. MANAGEMENT OF COMPLICATIONS OF PERCUTANEOUS INTERVENTION

- a. Mechanical complications, such as coronary dissection, spasm, perforation, "slow/no reflow", cardiogenic shock, left main trunk dissection, cardiac tamponade including pericardiocentesis, peripheral vessel occlusion, and retained components.
- b. Thrombotic and haemorrhagic complications associated with percutaneous intervention or drugs.

#### VII. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Peripheral angiography and angioplasty including essential radiological anatomy, indications and principles of carotid, subclavian, renal and iliac stenting.
- b. Ethical issues and risks associated with diagnostic and therapeutic techniques.
- c. Statistics, epidemiologic data, and economic issues related to interventional procedures.

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