Core of Discipline #8: Integrating the Principles and Skills of Psychopharmacology Into Patient Care

Short Description:
This EPA focuses on the pharmacological management of patients and the prescription and monitoring of medications for adult patients of all complexities as well as for children, adolescents, and elderly patients.

This EPA includes obtaining informed consent and providing education as appropriate for medication across the lifespan, including in pregnancy, in children, adolescents, and in the elderly population (with varying levels of capacity).

This EPA includes advocating for access to appropriate medication.

Assessment Options:
- Direct and indirect observation by psychiatrist supervisor, TTP resident, or subspecialty resident

Scope:
- Any patient in a clinical setting
- **Must** include one child, one adolescent, one adult and one geriatric patient

Possible Clinical Settings:
- Any clinical rotation

Milestones:
- COD8M1: Apply knowledge of changes in pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics
- COD8M2: Adapt care as the complexity, uncertainty, and ambiguity of the patient’s clinical situation evolves ensuring plan is safe and patient-centred
- COD8M3: Assess and monitor patient adherence and response to therapy
- COD8M4: Assess potential harmful or beneficial drug-drug interactions
- COD8M5: Describe the indications, contraindications, risks, and alternatives for a given procedure or therapy to the patient and family
- COD8M6: Use shared decision-making in the informed consent process, taking risk and uncertainty into consideration
- COD8M7: Establish plans for ongoing care, taking into consideration the patient’s clinical state, circumstances, preferences, and actions, as well as available resources, best practices, and research evidence
- COD8M8: Document prescriptions accurately in the patient’s medical record, including the rationale for decisions
COD8M9: Negotiate overlapping and shared care responsibilities with physicians and other colleagues in the health care professions in episodic and ongoing care
COD8M10: Apply evidence and management processes to achieve cost-appropriate care
COD8M11: Facilitate patient access to appropriate medications
COD8M12: Recognize and manage conflicts of interest in independent practice