Group 23

# Basic physical assessment

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#### **Basic Principles of Physical Examination**

Objective of physical examination (PE) is Obtaining valid information about health status of the patient

This is achieved by Identifying "normal" state & Identifying any variations from "normal"



# Screening of the patient general well being



Monitoring of the patient's current health problems



### Methods of Physical Examination



In Proper Physical Assessment

- I Inspection
- P Palpation
- P Percussion
- A Auscultation



Asterixis



Inspect each body system using **Vision**, **smell**, **and hearing** to assess normal conditions and deviations.

Assess for color, size, location, movement, texture, symmetry, odors, and sounds as you assess each body system.









# Palpation

• Palpation requires touching the patient with different parts of hands, using varying degrees of pressure





# Types of palpation

### **Light palpation**

Use this technique to feel for surface abnormalities.

Depress the skin  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch (about 1 to 2 cm) with

#### your finger

Assess for texture, tenderness, temperature, moisture, elasticity, pulsations, and masses. pads, using the lightest touch possible.







### **Deep palpation**

Use this technique to feel internal organs and masses for size, shape, tenderness, symmetry, and mobility. Depress the skin 1½ to 2 inches (about 4 to 5 cm) with firm, deep pressure. Use one hand on top of the other to exert firmer pressure, if needed.

### Percussion



Percussion involves tapping your fingers or hands quickly and sharply against parts of the patient's body to help you locate organ borders, identify organ shape and position, and determine if an organ is solid or filled with fluid or gas.

## auscultation



Auscultation is a method your healthcare provider may use to listen to the sounds of your heart, lungs, arteries and abdomen. They'll place a stethoscope directly onto your chest, back and/or abdomen. Your healthcare provider uses auscultation during physical examinations to check your circulatory system, respiratory system and gastrointestinal system.



# Vital signs





# VITAL SIGNS

#### **RESPIRATORY RATE ( RR )**

- Normal range (Adut): 12 to 16
- Normal range (Newborn): 30 to 60

#### HEART RATE (BR)

- Normal range (Adut): 60 to 100
- Normal range (Newborn): 90 to 180

#### **BLOO PRESSURE ( BP )**

- Normal range (Adut): 110-120 / 70-80
- Normal range (Newborn): 75 / 40

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#### TEMPERATURE

- Normal range ( core ) : 36.5 5.25 C
- Normal range ( oral\* ) : 36.5 37.5 C
- Normal range ( axillary ) : 35.9 36.9 C
- Normal range ( obtic ) : 37.1-38.1 C



# nutrition Assessment











able to stand without assistance, height should be measured in a standing position, without shoes, using a wall-mounted stadiometer.

For adults who are unable to stand, height can be estimated by doubling the arm span measurement (from the patient's sternal notch to the end of the longest finger).







Chair and bed scales are available for those who cannot stand. These instruments should be used according to manufacturers' guidelines for the most accurate results



### Body Mass Index BMI = Weight (kg)/Height (m)Z



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#### Clinical assessment











#### subjective global assessment

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		SGA rating		
Medical history	A	В	с	
1. Weight change	_			
Clothing size: No change Change Overall loss: In past month 6 months 1 year				
% Loss of usual weight: <5% 5-10% >10%				
Change in past 2 weeks: Increase (gain) No change (stabilization) Decrease (continued loss)				
2. Dietary intake				
Reduction: Unintentional Intentional Overall change: No change Change Increase or Decrease				
Duration: Weeks Months				
Diet change: Suboptimal solids (ie, 75%, 50%, 25% intake) Full liquid diet Hypocaloric fluids NPO (starvation)				
3. Gastrointestinal symptoms (persisting daily for >2 weeks)	1			
None Diarrhea Dysphagia/odynaphagia Nausea Vomiting Anorexia				
4. Functional impairment				
Overall impairment: None Mild Severe				
Duration: Days Weeks Months				
Type: Ambulatory (walking or wheelchair) Bedridden				
	SGA rating			
Physical examination	Well (A)	Mild/mod (B)	Severe (C)	
5. Muscle wasting				
Bicep Tricep Quadricep Deltoid Temple				
6. Subcutaneous fat loss	·			
Tricep Chest Eyes Perioral Interosseous Palmar				
7. Edema	·			
Hands Sacral Lower extremity				

#### **Equipment of physical assessment**

#### Equipment

Flash light



**Ophthalmoscope** 



Otoscope



#### **Tongue Depressor**



#### purpose

To assist viewing of the pharynx or to determine the reactions of the pupils of the eye

A lighted instrument to visualize the interior of the eye Otoscope

A lighted instrument to visualize the eardrum and external auditory canal (a nasal speculum may be attached to the otoscope to inspect the nasal cavities)

To depress the tongue during assessment of the mouth and pharynx

#### **Equipment of physical assessment**

#### Equipment

Thermometer



Stethoscope



**Sphygmomanometer** 



Gloves



#### purpose

Measuring body temperature

To Hear heart sound

Measuring blood pressure

To protect physician & nurse

#### **Equipment of physical assessment**

#### Equipment

**Reflex hummer** 



#### Tuning fork



#### purpose

An instrument with a rubber head to test reflexes

A two-pronged metal instrument used to test hearing acuity and vibratory sense

To examine the larynges

#### Laryngoscope



Facilitate measuring of pulse per unit of time

Watch



#### Steps

#### 1. General appearance:

- ✓ Affect/behaviour/anxiety
- ✓ Level of hygiene
- ✓ Body position
- ✓ Patient mobility
- ✓ Speech pattern and articulation

#### 2. Head and neck:

- ✓ Inspect eyes for drainage.
- ✓ Inspect eyes for pupillary reaction to light.
- Inspect mouth, tongue, and teeth for moisture, colour, dentures.
- ✓ Inspect for facial symmetry.

#### Additional information

Alterations may reflect neurologic impairment, oral injury or impairment, improperly fitting dentures, differences in dialect or language, or potential mental illness. Unusual findings should be followed up with a <u>focused</u> <u>neurological system assessment</u>.

- Check eyes for drainage, pupil size, and reaction to light. Drainage may indicate infection, allergy, or injury.
- Slow pupillary reaction to light or unequal reactions bilaterally may indicate neurological impairment.
- Dry mucous membranes indicate decreased hydration.
- Facial asymmetry may indicate neurological impairment or injury. Unusual findings should be followed up with a <u>focused neurological system</u> <u>assessment</u>.

#### Steps -

#### 3. Chest:

- > Inspect:
  - Expansion/retraction of chest wall/work of breathing and/or accessory muscle use
  - ✓ Jugular distension
- > Auscultate:
  - For breath sounds anteriorly and posteriorly
  - Apices and bases for any adventitious sounds
  - ✓ Apical heart rate



Auscultate posterior chest; blue dots indicate stethoscope placement for auscultation

#### Additional information

- Chest expansion may be asymmetrical with conditions such as atelectasis, pneumonia, fractured ribs, or pneumothorax.
- □ Use of accessory muscles may indicate acute airway obstruction or massive atelectasis.
- Jugular distension of more than 3 cm above the sternal angle while the patient is at 45° may indicate cardiac failure.
- The presence of crackles or wheezing must be further assessed, documented, and reported. Unusual findings should be followed up with a <u>focused respiratory</u>



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#### Steps

#### 4. Abdomen:

- > Inspect:
  - Abdomen for distension, asymmetry
- > Auscultate:
  - ✓ Bowel sounds (RLQ)
- Palpate:
  - Four quadrants for pain and bladder/bowel distension (light palpation only)
- Check urine output for frequency, color, odor.
- > Determine frequency and type of bowel



#### Additional information

- Abdominal distension may indicate ascites associated with conditions such as heart failure, cirrhosis, and pancreatitis.
  Markedly visible peristalsis with abdominal distension may indicate intestinal obstruction.
- Hyperactive bowel sounds may indicate bowel obstruction, gastroenteritis, or subsiding paralytic ileum.
- Hypoactive or absent bowel sounds may be present after abdominal surgery, or with peritonitis or paralytic ileus.
- Pain and tenderness may indicate underlying inflammatory conditions such as peritonitis. Unusual findings in urine output may indicate compromised urinary function. Follow up with a <u>focused</u> <u>gastrointestinal and genitourinary</u> <u>assessment</u>
- Unusual findings with bowel movements should be followed up with a <u>focused</u> <u>gastrointestinal and genitourinary</u> <u>assessment</u>.

#### Steps

#### Additional information

- **5. Back area** (turn patient to side or ask to sit up or lean forward):
- ✓ Inspect back and spine.
- ✓ Inspect coccyx/buttocks.

#### 6. Mobility:

- ✓ Check if full or partial weight-bearing.
- ✓ Determine gait/balance.
- Determine need for and use of assistive devices.

#### 7. Skin, hair, and nails:

- ✓ Inspect for lesions, bruising, and rashes.
- Palpate skin for temperature, moisture, and texture.
- ✓ Inspect for pressure areas.
- ✓ Inspect skin for edema.
- Inspect scalp for lesions and hair and scalp for presence of lice and/or nits.
- ✓ Inspect nails for consistency, color, and capillary refill.

- □ Check for curvature or abnormalities in the spine.
- Check skin integrity and pressure areas, and ensure follow-up and in-depth assessment of patient mobility and need for regular changes in position.
- Assess patient's risk for falls. Document and follow up any indication of falls risk.
  Note use of mobility aids and ensure they are available to the patient on ambulation.
- Check for and follow up on the presence of lesions, bruising, and rashes. Variations in skin temperature, texture, and perspiration or dehydration may indicate underlying conditions.
- Redness of the skin at pressure areas such as indicates the need to reassess patient's need for position changes.
- Unilateral edema may indicate a local or peripheral cause, whereas bilateral-pitting edema usually indicates cardiac or kidney failure.
- Check hair for the presence of lice and/or nits (eggs)



