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## INTRODUCTION TO AMDI

The preceding decade has witnessed numerous new developments with regards to medical knowledge, medical technology and healthcare. To avoid being left behind, it is imperative that we initiate steps to be more innovative in exploiting these new advances for the benefit of patients, particularly in Malaysia and throughout the Asia Pacific. To realise this aim, the Malaysian government has taken the initiative in establishing the Advanced Medical and Dental Institute (AMDI) which will function to manifest these aspirations particularly for the benefit of the public in the northern part of Peninsular Malaysia as well as the whole of Malaysia.

The main mission of AMDI is to function as the prime catalyst in producing specialists and scientists in both medical and dental fields, who are competent, holistic and contemporary in their practice and profession as well as capable of generating novel discoveries. AMDI adopts a comprehensive approach, embracing both the clinical and the pure sciences in all aspects of operationalisation. It is envisioned that this “cross fertilisation” philosophical approach will foster a fertile and inventive environment that increases the probability of new discoveries in both dentistry and medicine. The AMDI infrastructure has been designed to facilitate this cross-fertilisation approach.

The operational structure of AMDI, encompassing both clinical services and administration, classifies a functioning entity as a “cluster” consisting of specialists from various disciplines and specialisations. The collaborative approach, involving both specialists and researchers, is in tandem with the aspirations of USM, i.e. raising the standards of research and teaching activities. AMDI will place great emphasis on medical and dental studies at the postgraduate level. The postgraduate medical and dental studies programme is supported by the teaching faculty of all clusters. The selection of courses to be offered also take into consideration services yet to be provided by the Malaysian Health Ministry so that there will be no overlapping of programmes.

With regards to academic programmes, AMDI will focus on postgraduate programmes such as Master of Medicine (specialisation), Master of Science (coursework mode) and research mode programmes at master’s and doctorate levels. AMDI will initiate efforts to offer sub-specialisation medical courses such as Master Specialisation and in medical sub-categories, e.g. Master of Medical Specialisation (Infectious Diseases). AMDI also plans to offer new programmes at Master’s and doctorate levels as well as new “sandwich” programme, i.e., M. Med/PhD which is envisioned as the products of the integration of pure and clinical science approach propounded by AMDI.

## WELCOMING REMARKS

Dear students,

I would like to warmly welcome you to Advanced Medical and Dental Institute (AMDI), USM. Congratulations for being accepted for MSc Health Toxicology programme offered by Integrative Medicine Cluster, AMDI. MSc Health Toxicology programme which is a brainchild of AMDI and National Poison Centre is fairly new mix mode programme started in 2010, and one of a kind to be offered in Malaysia so far. This programme was designed to produce scientists competent in health toxicology field specifically in clinical, environmental and occupational toxicology.

It is the aim of the programme to prepare the candidates to become toxicologists that will assume a variety of roles in academia, industry and government. These include teaching, basic research on toxicology-related, risk analysis to characterise and predict the potential of chemicals which present in environment or occupational- related that could produce acute and chronic illnesses in human populations and others.

We are hoping that you will make the best of what available in AMDI and USM and enjoy the experience of pursuing MSc. Health Toxicology programme and be it the stepping stone towards advancement in the future career in Toxicology discipline. With all support and contributions from AMDI's, National Poison Centre and Health Campus staff, we are hoping high that this programme would competitively grow to be one of the leading Toxicology programme to suit the needs of the nation.

Finally, I would like to wish all the candidates all the best and it is an honour to accept you to be our eighth batch for this programme.

**Dr. Lim Vuanghao**  
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**ACADEMIC CALENDAR - ACADEMIC SESSION 2018/2019**  
**Registration for New Postgraduate Students**

SEMESTER 1 (SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2018)			
USM IPS@KL	Main Campus, Penang	Engineering Campus	Health Campus
3 September 2018	6 - 8 September 2018	5 - 7 September 2018	4 - 6 September 2018
SEMESTER 2 (FEBRUARI INTAKE 2019)			
USM IPS@KL	Main Campus, Penang	Engineering Campus	Health Campus
11 February 2019	15 - 16 February 2019	TBC	13 February 2019

Note: The above Registration Date are applicable for Coursework and Mixed Mode Programmes Only. Candidates for **Research Mode Programmes** can register at anytime at Institute of Postgraduate Studies.

SEM	WEEK	ACTIVITY	DATE		NOTES
ONE	1	(Teaching & Learning – 8 weeks)	Monday, 10.09.2018	Sunday, 16.09.2018	11.09.2018, Tuesday – Awal Muharram 16.09.2018, Sunday – Malaysia Day
	2		Monday, 17.09.2018	Sunday, 23.09.2018	17.09.2018, Monday – Malaysia Day (Replacement Leave)
	3		Monday, 24.09.2018	Sunday, 30.09.2018	
	4		Monday, 01.10.2018	Sunday, 07.10.2018	
	5		Monday, 08.10.2018	Sunday, 14.10.2018	
	6		Monday, 15.10.2018	Sunday, 21.10.2018	
	7		Monday, 22.10.2018	Sunday, 28.10.2018	
	8		Monday, 29.10.2018	Sunday, 04.11.2018	
	9	Mid Semester Break	Monday, 05.11.2018	Sunday, 11.11.2018	06.11.2018, Tuesday - Deepavali
	10	(Teaching & Learning – 6 weeks)	Monday, 12.11.2018	Sunday, 18.11.2018	
	11		Monday, 19.11.2018	Sunday, 25.11.2018	20.11.2018, Tuesday – Maulidur Rasul
	12		Monday, 26.11.2018	Sunday, 02.12.2018	
	13		Monday, 03.12.2018	Sunday, 09.12.2018	
	14		Monday, 10.12.2018	Sunday, 16.12.2018	
	15		Monday, 17.12.2018	Sunday, 23.12.2018	
	16	Revision week	Monday, 24.12.2018	Sunday, 30.12.2018	25.12.2018, Tuesday – Christmas
	17	Examination (3 weeks)	Monday, 31.12.2018	Sunday, 06.01.2019	01.01.2019, Tuesday – New Year
	18		Monday, 07.01.2019	Sunday, 13.01.2019	
	19		Monday, 14.01.2019	Sunday, 20.01.2019	
	20	Mid Semester Break (4 weeks)	Monday, 21.01.2019	Sunday, 27.01.2019	21.01.2019, Monday – Thaipusam**
	21		Monday, 28.01.2019	Sunday, 03.02.2019	
	22		Monday, 04.02.2019	Sunday, 10.02.2019	05 & 06.02.2019, Tuesday & Wednesday – Chinese New Year
	23		Monday, 11.02.2019	Sunday, 17.02.2019	
TWO	1/24	(Teaching & Learning – 7 weeks)	Monday, 18.02.2019	Sunday, 24.02.2019	
	2/25		Monday, 25.02.2019	Sunday, 03.03.2019	
	3/26		Monday, 04.03.2019	Sunday, 10.03.2019	
	4/27		Monday, 11.03.2019	Sunday, 17.03.2019	
	5/28		Monday, 18.03.2019	Sunday, 24.03.2019	
	6/29		Monday, 25.03.2019	Sunday, 31.03.2019	
	7/30		Monday, 01.04.2019	Sunday, 07.04.2019	
	8/31	Mid Semester Break	Monday, 08.04.2019	Sunday, 14.04.2019	
	9/32	(Teaching & Learning – 7 weeks)	Monday, 15.04.2019	Sunday, 21.04.2019	
	10/33		Monday, 22.04.2019	Sunday, 28.04.2019	
	11/34		Monday, 29.04.2019	Sunday, 05.05.2019	01.05.2019, Wednesday – Labour Day
	12/35		Monday, 06.05.2019	Sunday, 12.05.2019	
	13/36		Monday, 13.05.2019	Sunday, 19.05.2019	19.05.2019, Sunday – Wesak Day
	14/37		Monday, 20.05.2019	Sunday, 26.05.2019	20.05.2019, Monday – Wesak Day (Replacement Leave) 22.05.2019, Wednesday – Nuzul Al-Quran
	15/38		Monday, 27.05.2019	Sunday, 02.06.2019	
	16/39	Revision week	Monday, 03.06.2019	Sunday, 09.06.2019	05 & 06.06.2019, Wednesday & Thursday – Eid-ul Fitr**
	17/40	Examination (3 weeks)	Monday, 10.06.2019	Sunday, 16.06.2019	
	18/41		Monday, 17.06.2019	Sunday, 23.06.2019	
19/42	Monday, 24.06.2019		Sunday, 30.06.2019		
20/43	Long Vacation / Industrial Training / KSCP (10 weeks)		Monday, 01.07.2019	Sunday, 07.07.2019	07.07.2019, Sunday – Penang Heritage Day
21/44		Monday, 08.07.2019	Sunday, 14.07.2019	13.07.2019, Saturday – Penang Governor's Birthday	
22/45		Monday, 15.07.2019	Sunday, 21.07.2019		
23/46		*T&L	Monday, 22.07.2019	Sunday, 28.07.2019	27.07.2019, Saturday – Agong's Birthday
24/47		Monday, 29.07.2019	Sunday, 04.08.2019		
25/48		*Examination	Monday, 05.08.2019	Sunday, 11.08.2019	11.08.2019, Sunday – Eid-ul Adha**
26/49		Monday, 12.08.2019	Sunday, 18.08.2019	12.08.2019, Monday – Eid-ul Adha (Replacement Leave)	
27/50		Monday, 19.08.2019	Sunday, 25.08.2019		
28/51		Monday, 26.08.2019	Sunday, 01.09.2019	31.08.2019, Saturday – National Day 01.09.2019, Sunday – Awal Muharram	
29/52		Monday, 02.09.2019	Sunday, 08.09.2019	02.09.2019, Monday – Awal Muharram (Replacement Leave)	

\*Courses during the Long Vacation (KSCP)

\*\*This Academic Calendar is subject to change

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

SEMESTER	DURATION
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>10 September 2018 – 17 February 2019</b>
Lectures-modules taught: TMT 501 : Environmental and Occupational Toxicology TMR 504 : Research and professional skills TMT 510 : Clerkship (Poison Control) TMT 520 : Research	10 September 2018 – 23 December 2018
Revision	24 December 2018 – 30 December 2018
End of semester Exam	31 December 2018 – 20 January 2019
Semester Break	21 January 2019 – 17 February 2019
<b>Semester II</b>	<b>18 February 2019 – 30 June 2019</b>
Lectures-modules taught: TMT 505 : Clinical Toxicology TMT 506 : Concepts in Management of Hazmat Incidences TMT 511 : Clerkship (Clinical Toxicology) TMT520 : Research	18 February 2019 – 02 June 2019
End of semester exam	03 June 2019 – 09 June 2019
<b>Long Vacation Course</b>	<b>01 July 2019 – 08 September 2019</b>
<b>TMT520 : Research</b> Submission of Dissertation Viva	Jun 2019 August 2019

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Type	Module code	Module	Units
<b>Semester 1</b>			
Lecture/practical	TMT 501	Environmental and Occupational Toxicology	4
	TMR 504	Research and professional skills	3
	TMT 510	Clerkship (Poison Control)	3
	TMT 520	Research	20
<b>Total unit to register</b>			<b>30</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>			
Lecture/practical	TMT 505	Clinical Toxicology	3
	TMT 506	Concepts in Management of Hazmat Incidences	4
	TMT 511	Clerkship (Clinical Toxicology)	3
Research	TMT 520	Research	-
<b>Total unit to register</b>			<b>10</b>
<b>Long Vacation Course</b>			
Research	TMT 520	Research	-
<b>Total Unit</b>			<b>40</b>

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TMR 504 Research and Professional Skills	3	Dr. Rafidah Zainon
TMT 510 Clerkship (Poison Control)	3	Professor Dato' Dr. Mohamed Isa Abd Majid
TMT 520 Research	20	Dr. Lim Vuanghao

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<b>MODULE</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>MODULE COORDINATORS</b>
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TMT 506 Concepts in Management of Hazmat Incidences	4	Dr. Nozlina Abdul Samad
TMT 511 Clerkship (Clinical Toxicology)	3	Dr. Husnaida Abdul Manan@Sulong
TMT 520 Research		Dr. Lim Vuanghao

<b>LONG VACATION COURSE</b>		
<b>MODULE</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>MODULE COORDINATORS</b>
TMT 520 Research		Dr. Lim Vuanghao

## MODULE SYNOPSES

### TMT 501: ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL TOXICOLOGY

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, the candidates will be able to:

1. Identify the effects on human being following exposures to hazardous chemicals from environmental and occupational related activities.
2. Provide appropriate measures for assessment and monitoring of the affected victims.

#### SYNOPSIS

This module will discuss the historical review of human impact on the environment, effects of pollutants on ecosystems, environmental toxicity testing, environmental monitoring, risk assessment (acute, subacute and chronic testing, mutagenicity assays and reproductive toxicity tests). Aspects of local legislations and international conventions that have been developed will also be discussed. This section will also describe the evaluation of occupational exposures and the toxic effects, physical properties and workplace exposure limits. The objectives will be covered in the form of lectures, tutorials and laboratory testing (including animal models).

#### TOPICS

	Topics (4 units)	Hours
1.	Environmental Toxicology	
1.1	Introduction and definition	1 h
1.2	Source of chemicals in the environment (natural and human cause)	
1.2.1	Plant toxin	1h
1.2.2	Animal/insect toxin	1h
1.2.3	Marine life toxin	
1.2.4	Air and water pollutants	2h
1.3	Route of exposure	
1.4	Adverse effects on humans	1h
1.5	Environment risk assessment on health	2h
1.6	Treatment and antidotes	1h
1.7	Environmental effects of chemicals	4h
1.7.1	Introduction	
1.7.2	Effects on aquatic environment	
1.7.3	Effects on freshwater ecosystem	
1.7.4	Effects on terrestrial ecosystem	

1.7.5	Others: acid rain, greenhouse effect, ozone depletion	
1.8	Legislation	2h
1.8.1	Local legislation	
1.8.2	International convention	
1.9	Case study	2h
2	Occupational Toxicology	
2.1	Introduction & definition	2h
2.2	Source of toxicant from the activities at the workplace	
2.2.1	Industry	
2.2.2	Agriculture	
2.2.3	Construction	1h
2.2.4	Radioactive	
2.2.5	Laboratories	1h
2.3	Route of exposure	1h
2.4	Adverse effects on human	1h
2.5	Assessing human health risk of chemical exposure	1h
2.6	Emergency medical response to hazardous materials and incidents	
2.6.1	General considerations	2h
2.6.2	Coordination	
2.6.3	Assessment of hazard potential	
2.6.4	Victim management	
2.6.5	Contingency plan	
2.7	Evaluation of the patient with chemical exposure at the workplace	3h
2.7.1	Exposure history	
2.7.2	Examples of the occupational toxidromes	
2.7.3	Laboratory visit and testing	2h
2.7.4	Treatment	1h
2.7.5	Antidotes	1h
2.7.6	Legal and administrative components	3h
2.7.7	Case study	2h
2.8	Preventive measures in environmental and occupational toxicology (primary, secondary and tertiary)	2h
	Total hours 1 credit unit = 10 – 12 contact hours 4 credit units = 40 – 48 contact hours	40h

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2. Journal of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology (London, England). BioMed Central.
3. Toxicology. Elsevier Ireland.
4. Environmental Health Perspectives. United States' National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.
5. Environmental Toxicology. Wiley Periodicals.

## **DATABASE AND WEBSITES**

1. Toxnet: Toxicology Data Network. National Library of Medicine
2. Tox Town. National Library of Medicine
3. Patty's Toxicology. John Wiley & Sons.
4. Enviro-HealthLinks  
(<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/envirohealthlinks.html>)
5. Toxicology Tutorials. (<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/toxtutor.html>)
6. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).  
(<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/about.html>)
7. International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS). World Health Organization.  
(<http://www.who.int/ipcs/en/>).

## TMR 504: PROFESIONAL AND RESEARCH SKILLS

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, the candidates will be able to:

1. acquire communication skills and able to prepare and present papers using the latest information technology and communication methods.
2. identify various organisations that provide local and foreign research grants as they will be provided guidance in the fundamentals of research methodologies including statistical requirements and the use of statistical software for data analysis.
3. understand the importance for Informatics Science, specifically related to Bioinformatics, Clinical Informatics as well as Laboratory Information Systems.

### SYNOPSIS

This course will commence with an introduction to medical research and general skills essential for a researcher. This course comprises of lectures, laboratory/studio internship, presentations and coursework.

Topic	Contact hour/s	Objective
Introduction	1	To give a general overview of the course.
Introduction to Research I & II	2	To give a general overview of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Introduction to library research.</li><li>▪ Information retrieval using eLibrary system.</li><li>▪ Introduction to the use of Endnote program.</li></ul>
	3	To give a general overview of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Research ethics and responsibility.</li><li>▪ Ethics of human research.</li><li>▪ Research types: Epidemiology and community base.</li></ul>
	2	To give a general overview of the ethics in animal research.
	2	To give a general overview of the other types of research.
	1	To give a general overview of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Research structures of USM and Malaysia.</li><li>▪ Agencies sponsoring research in Malaysia.</li><li>▪ Research proposal.</li><li>▪ Electronic research proposal.</li></ul>

Introduction to Research Management Skill	1	To give a general overview of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Management of research account.</li> <li>▪ Purchasing procedures</li> <li>▪ Management of research equipment.</li> </ul>
Introduction to Multimedia Skill	3	To cover the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Production of multimedia materials.</li> <li>▪ Use of multimedia in teaching.</li> <li>▪ Use of multimedia in preparation of presentation and publication materials.</li> <li>▪ Visit multimedia laboratory at PTPM.</li> </ul>
Communication skills	5	To cover the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Art of presentation.</li> <li>▪ Public speaking skill.</li> <li>▪ Preparing for oral examination.</li> <li>▪ Group communication skills.</li> </ul>
Organizational Psychology	3	To cover the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Psychology of working in a group.</li> <li>▪ Leader and subordinate relationships.</li> <li>▪ Emotional intelligence.</li> <li>▪ Interpersonal relationship.</li> </ul> <p>Quiz/Assignment</p>
Statistical Skill I & II	14	To give a general overview of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to medical statistics and research methodology.</li> <li>▪ Calculation of sample size.</li> <li>▪ Statistical requirement in research proposal.</li> <li>▪ Statistical analysis of experimental results.</li> <li>▪ Use of mathematical software in statistical analysis.</li> </ul>
Bioinformatics	3	To give a general overview of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction to bioinformatics.</li> <li>▪ Bioinformatics research facility at USM.</li> <li>▪ Use of bioinformatics tools for drug design.</li> </ul>
Creativity & Innovation and Research & Society	2	To give a general overview of the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individual and milieus in fostering research creativity.</li> <li>▪ National strategies for driving the creativity agenda.</li> <li>▪ Role of science and technology for innovation and sustainable growth.</li> <li>▪ Role of research in the development of society.</li> </ul>
Introduction to Scientific Writing	4	To cover the topic of art in scientific writing. <p>Quiz/Assignment</p>

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3. New England Journal of Medicine.

## **TMT 510: CLERKSHIP (POISON CONTROL)**

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

At the end of this clerkship, the candidates will be able to

1. Understand the fundamental and advanced principles of poison control centre scope of work and activities
2. Demonstrate a level of professional skills in interpreting toxicological data and reviewing chemical risk assessment reports.

### **SYNOPSIS**

Candidates are required to follow a structured programme in poison control activities. Students will be supervised by staff of the National Poison Centre. Active participation of the students in the poison centre activities is important and will be evaluated by a supervisor. The duration of this clerkship is 4 weeks. This course will provide relevant managerial and professional skills in the setup of poison control centre. It will cover the various aspects of infrastructure needs, recruitment of manpower, capacity building and communication skills. Aspects of laboratory and analytical works will also be emphasized.

### **TOPICS**

The clerkship will consist of the following components and will take 4 weeks (3 credit units) to complete

1. Training in administrative set up of Poison/Drug Information Service
  - 1.1 Introduction to the Poison Centre and Drug Information Service
  - 1.2 Mission and objectives
  - 1.3 Nature of services
  - 1.4 Organization of poison centers
2. Training in utilization of Poison/Drug Information Resources
  - 2.1 General references sources
  - 2.2 Computerized systems
  - 2.3 Internet poison databases
3. Systematic Literature Search and Evaluation
  - 3.1 Search strategies
  - 3.2 Primary, secondary and tertiary references
  - 3.3 Research design
  - 3.4 Statistical significance and clinical significance
  - 3.5 Flaws of clinical studies
  - 3.6 Step by step approach in evaluating journal articles
4. Handling poison/drug information enquiries via telephone and electronic communications (national and international bodies)

- 4.1 History taking
  - 4.2 Retrieval of necessary toxicology and drug information
  - 4.3 Assessing severity of exposure
  - 4.4 Provide appropriate therapeutic recommendations
  - 4.5 Provide written summary of the problem and related factors
5. Education and Prevention Programme
    - 5.1 Content preparation for educational materials
    - 5.2 Application of ICT and multimedia in the development of educational materials
    - 5.3 Community programme (talk, exhibition, quitline)
    - 5.4 Communication barriers and techniques
6. Attachment at Toxicology Laboratory
    - 6.1 Analytical techniques in toxicology
    - 6.2 Interpretation of results, pharmacokinetic and metabolism of poison
    - 6.3 Hands-on training in handling analytical instruments

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## **JOURNALS**

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2. Journal of Analytical Toxicology.

## **TMT 520: RESEARCH**

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

At the end of the research activity, students shall be able to:

1. Conduct scientific research related to health toxicology
2. Write dissertation and publishable scientific papers
3. Present research findings in scientific meetings

### **SYNOPSIS**

Candidates are required to carry out research project that is intended to address an issue pertaining to the field of health toxicology. This research maybe in the form of an epidemiologic research, experimental toxicology, survey, developmental of analytical methods for identification and quantifications of poisons as well as an evaluation on the efficacy of any prevention programme or treatment of poisoning.

### **TOPICS**

Topics related to health and/or medical toxicology

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3. Clinical Toxicology (The American Academy of Clinical Toxicology, the European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists and the American Association of Poison Control Centers)

## TMT 505: CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

To course is designed to provide relevant information and enhance student's knowledge about the principle clinical manifestations and medical management of poisoning cases of the various substances. At the end of this course, the students are expected to be able to:

1. Acquire knowledge about drug toxicity and poisoning including pathophysiology, toxic dose and level, clinical presentation, diagnosis, and specific management associated with each substance.
2. Acquire knowledge about the proper decontamination procedure after toxicological exposure.
3. Gain knowledge about the antidotes including their pharmacology, indications, adverse effects, drug interactions, dosage and formulation
4. Give advice on assessment and management of poisoning related events and drugs toxicity which include decontaminations, sample collections and antidotes.

### SYNOPSIS

During the course, students are taught about the aspects of pathophysiology, toxic dose and level, clinical presentation, diagnosis and specific treatment associated with a wide range of products which include drugs, pesticides, heavy metals, household & industrial chemicals that are commonly associated with poisoning.

	Topic	Hours
1.	Introduction: Definition and classifications of common drugs and poisons (Selected examples)	2h
1.1	Drugs: Paracetamol, salicylates, NSAIDS, Drugs of abuse, steroids	
1.2	Traditional products Adulterated traditional medicines (e.g, steroids, slimming agents, sildenafil)	2h
1.3	Pesticides Herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides	2h
1.4	Heavy metals Lead, mercury, cadmium, arsenic	2h
1.5	Household and industrial chemicals Ammonia, sulfuric acid Acid, alkali, bleach, soap, detergent Cosmetics Petrochemical products Solvents	2h

2	Pathophysiology and pharmacology including:	
2.1	Mechanisms of poisoning	5h
2.2	Toxicokinetics	
2.3	Chronic toxicity testing	
3.	Clinical effects (onset, duration, affected organs)	
3.1	Gastrointestinal	1h
3.2	Kidney	
3.3	Liver	
3.4	Respiratory system	2h
3.5	Nervous system	
3.6	Immune system	
3.7	Reproductive system and teratogenicity	3h
3.8	Carcinogenicity and mutagenicity	
4.	Investigations of poisoning	
4.1	Types of samples to be collected	2h
4.2	Time of sample collection	
4.3	Type of tests to be done	
5	Treatment and monitoring	
5.1	Decontaminations	2h
5.2	Antidotes	
5.3	Symptomatic and supportive	
5.4	Monitoring parameters	
6.	Case study	5h
	Total hours	
	1 credit unit = 10 – 12 contact hours	30h
	3 credit unit = 30 – 36 contact hours	

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2. The International Journal of Toxicology.
3. Journal of Applied Toxicology.

## TMT 506: CONCEPTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF HAZMAT INCIDENTS

### LEARNING OUTCOME

At the end of this course, the candidates will be able to:

1. Acquire knowledge regarding the medical management (basic and advanced) of the common hazardous material (Hazmat) exposures.

### SYNOPSIS

This module is designed to provide knowledge regarding the medical management of the common material exposures. The module covers the general principles of Hazmat management, epidemiology, important properties of hazardous materials, medical management of Hazmat victims, personnel protective equipment and decontamination, toxidromes and toxicodynamics, antidotes, and establishing and organising Hazmat Response Team. Toxic Inhalants, pesticide poisoning, toxic terrorism, corrosives and solvents will be covered.

No	Topics (4 credit unit)	Hours
1.	Hazardous materials (Hazmat)	
1.1	Epidemiology	2h
1.2	International Hazard Classification Systems (IHCS)	2h
1.3	Important properties of hazardous materials	
1.3.1	Chemical names and numbers	
1.3.2	Physical and chemical properties	
2.	Medical management of Hazmat victims	6h
2.1	Hazmat incidents Command Systems	
2.1.1	Mass casualty incidents	
2.1.2	Disaster	
2.2	Management of victims	
3.	Preventive measures in Hazmat (primary, secondary and tertiary)	2h
4.	Personnel protective equipment and decontamination	2h
5.	Toxidromes, toxicodynamics and toxicokinetics	4h
6	Antidotes	3h
6.1	Definition	
6.2	Recognition of common antidotes	
6.3	Pharmacological properties	
7.	Establishing and organising a Hazmat Response Team	3h
7.1	Rules and standards	
7.2	Needs assessment	
7.3	Hazmat response team composition	

7.4	Developing of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)	
8. 8.1 8.2	Toxic inhalants and antidotes Water soluble gases Asphyxiants	2h
9. 9.1 9.2 9.3	Pesticides and antidotes for: Organophosphate and carbamate Pyrethrin and pyrethroids Herbicides	2h
10. 10.1 10.2 10.3	Toxic Terrorism and antidotes Nuclear terrorism Biological terrorism Chemical terrorism	4h
11	Case study 1	4h
12	Case study 2	4h
	Total hours 1 credit unit = 10 – 12 contact hours 4 credit unit = 40 – 48 contact hours	40h

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## **DATABASE AND WEBSITES**

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( <http://hazmat.dot.gov/>).
2. NICAR: Hazardous Materials  
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## **TMT 511: CLERKSHIP (CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY)**

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

After completing this clerkship the students are expected to be able to:

1. Recognize the clinical features of common poisoning in human
2. Give advice on how to investigate common poisoning cases
3. Give advice on the management of common poisoning cases
4. Cooperate with other parties in managing patients with poisoning

### **SYNOPSIS**

Students are required to follow a structured programme in selected hospitals where cases of poisoning are managed. The students will be posted to emergency departments and other departments such as medicine and paediatrics. The students will be supervised by trained medical specialists in the hospitals. The evaluation will be done by the field supervisors (medical specialists) and lectures. The duration of clerkship is 4 weeks

### **TOPIC**

This clerkship will take 4 weeks (3 units) to complete and consists of clinical aspects of common poisonings such as:

1. Drugs
  - 1.1 Paracetamol
  - 1.2 Salicylate
  - 1.3 NSAIDs
  - 1.4 Drug and solvents of abuse
2. Pesticides
  - 2.1 Herbicides e.g. paraquat
  - 2.2 Insecticides e.g. organophosphate
  - 2.3 Rodenticides
  - 2.4 Fungicides
3. Heavy metals
  - 3.1 Lead
  - 3.2 Mercury
  - 3.3 Cadmium
  - 3.4 Arsenic
4. Household & industrial chemicals
  - 4.1 Ammonia, sulphuric acid
  - 4.2 Acid, alkali, bleaches, soaps, detergents, hydrocarbons e.g. kerosene, petrol, diesel
5. Food poisoning
6. Other common poisons

No	Topics (4 cunits)	Hours
1.	Drugs	
1.1	Paracetamol	4h
1.2	Salicylates	
1.3	NSAIDs	4h
1.4	Drugs and solvents of abuse	
2.	Pesticides	8h
2.1	Herbicides e.g. paraquat	
2.2	Insecticides e.g. organophosphate	
2.3	Rodenticides	
2.4	Fungicides	
3.	Heavy metals	8h
3.1	Lead	
3.2	Mercury	
3.3	Cadmium	
3.4	Arsenic	
4.	Household & industrial chemicals	8h
4.1	Ammonia, sulfuric acid	
4.2	Acid, alkali, bleaches, soaps, detergents	
4.3	Hydrocarbons e.g. kerosene, petrol, diesel	
5.	Food poisoning	8h
6.	Other common poison	8h
	Total hours 1 credit unit = 10 – 12 contact hours 4 credit unit = 40 – 48 contact hours	48h

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3. Internet Journal of Medical Toxicology (American College of Medical Toxicology).
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5. Journal of Applied Toxicology.

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## EVALUATION FORMAT

There are two components for the M.Sc (Health Toxicology) program:

1. The formal taught courses accounting for 20 credit units.
2. The research dissertation accounting for 20 credit units.

SUMMARY OF ACQUIRED UNITS	
Semester I	10
Semester II	10
Research (TMT520)	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

### ASSESSMENT OF THE FORMAL TOUGHT COURSES

The formal taught courses will be graded and recorded as Grade Point Average (GPA) and the final GPA over the two semesters will be recorded as cumulative GPA (cGPA). The marking of the answer scripts will be based on the standard mark from 0 % to 100 % for a perfect answer. This mark will be converted to the GPA based on the following system:

Mark (%)	Grade	Grade Point	Result
80 - 100	A	4.00	<b>PASS</b>
70 - 79	A-	3.67	
64 - 69	B+	3.33	
58 - 63	B	3.00	
52 - 57	B-	2.67	
46 - 51	C+	2.33	
40 - 45	C	2.00	<b>FAIL</b>
36 - 39	C-	1.67	
32 - 35	D+	1.33	
28 - 31	D	1.00	
25 - 27	D-	0.67	
0 - 24	F	0.00	

For each module, continuous assessment will contribute 30% of the final mark while the end of the semester examination will contribute the other 70%.

The breakdown of the marking scheme is as follows:

#### A. Continuous Assessment (course work)

Break down	Marks
Attendance/attitude	5
Log Book/lab report	5
Quiz (short questions to be given randomly)	5
Assignment	10
Presentation/seminar (Friday afternoon	5

Journal club/presentation slots)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>

**B. Clerkships (TMT 510, TMT 511)**

1 Report	30	}	100
1 Seminar Presentation	20		
Log Book	30		
Attendance	10		
Involvement in discussion/activities	10		

**C. Semester Examination**

At the end of each semester, each module will have an exam paper of 3 hours long comprising:

COMPONENTS	MARKS
Multiple Choice Question (MCQ, of true/false type)	35
Essay/ Short notes	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>

**D. The Final Grade**

The final grade for the module will be based on the summation of the continuous assessment (course work) and the End-of-the-Semester exam.

**ASSESSMENT OF THE RESERCH COMPONENT**

This is a partial fulfilment for the degree of MSc Health Toxicology. A candidates will be assessed as **PASS** or **FAIL** based on the reports submitted by the Program Chairman, the Main Supervisor, and the dissertation assessment reports by the internal examiner and the supervisor and viva voce.

**REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION**

In order to graduate, candidates must satisfy requirement 1 and 2 below:

**Requirement 1:**

- i. A CGPA of at least **3.00**.
- ii. GPA of not less than **2.33 (C+)** for each of the formal taught courses.
- iii. Accumulated credit of **40 unit**.

**And**

**Requirement 2:** A **PASS** for the research module (**TMT520**).

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