

Diagnostics in Biochemistry and Immunology

Module Code:	BIS6017-B
Academic Year:	2018-19
Credit Rating:	20
School:	School of Chemistry and Biosciences
Subject Area:	Biomedical Science
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 6
Module Leader:	Mrs Gillian Jaggar

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Pre-requisites:

Co-requisites:

Contact Hours

Type	Hours
Lectures	16
Tutorials	4
Laboratory	2
Directed Study	178

Availability Periods

Occurrence	Location/Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2 (Feb - May)

Module Aims

The aim of this module is to enable the student to understand and gain experience of the application and delivery of a range of core and specialised methods and techniques in clinical biochemistry and immunology and to understand their importance in the clinical investigation of patients.

Outline Syllabus

Components of the normal immune response. Role of immunity in infection and cancer. Tests of immunoglobulins, antibodies and other specific proteins. Measurement of paraproteins and oligoclonal bands. Mechanisms of allergy, autoimmunity and immunodeficiency disorders and common clinical tests. Basics of cellular, complement and humoral immunodeficiency. Immunogenetics and the major histocompatibility complex. Transplantation immunology and histocompatibility testing. Tests of immunosuppressive therapy

Assessment of cardiovascular risk. Tests to aid the diagnosis and monitoring of cancer, endocrine function, GI function, nutrition and micro-nutrition. Therapeutic drug monitoring, toxicology and drugs of abuse testing. Chronic disease monitoring (diabetes, chronic renal failure, osteoporosis, hypertension, chronic heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)

Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to...

- 1 Evaluate the application of specialised clinical biochemistry and immunology methods and techniques and illustrate their value in relevant areas of clinical practice.
- 2 Understand and evaluate the role of the immune system in allergies, infection, cancer and autoimmune conditions and common tests. Understand transplantation immunology and histocompatibility testing and immunosuppressive therapy
Assess cardiovascular risk and diagnose and monitor cancer and other chronic diseases. Describe endocrine function testing, GI function, nutrition and micro-nutrition
Understand therapeutic drug monitoring and toxicology and drugs of abuse testing (HCPC 9, 13, 14)
- 3 Present and analyse data in simple terms in both oral and written formats.
Conduct a suitable range of diagnostic, investigative or monitoring procedures and address quality control/assurance requirements
Effectively manage your workload, resources and work successfully to a deadline.
Demonstrate personal responsibility for self-directed learning and time management. (HCPC 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15)

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Information outlining the knowledge and understanding required for this module is delivered in lectures. This information is reinforced by practical and workshop sessions. In the workshops you will work in groups to research information, interpret data, solve problems and develop your understanding. The workshop exercises will require you to work under pressure, meet deadlines and develop communication skills. Teaching is enhanced by the use of visiting specialist lecturers from local Hospitals and the NHS Blood and Transplant Service.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting	Final Assess'
Summative	Examination - closed book	Examination comprising two from a choice of five essays	2 hours	60%	Yes
Summative	Coursework	Individual data interpretation exercise	1 hour	20%	No
Summative	Coursework	Group Poster Presentation	1 hour	20%	No

Legacy Code (if applicable)

BM-3130D

Reading List

To view Reading List, please go to [rebus:list](#).