

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

College of Health Affairs

Department of Health and Biomedical Sciences



BMED 3109-01 Medical Syndromes (Fall 2016)

Tuesday 1:40- 2:55 Sabal Hall # 96 2.112

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Essential Course Learning Outcomes

Syndrome is a set of medical signs and symptoms that are correlated with each other and, often, with a specific disease. After successfully completing this course, students will be able to

1. read, discuss, and analyze material related to the course
2. identify, discuss, and employ the adequate vocabulary for the course
3. demonstrate competency in the basic concepts of the medical syndromes class
4. familiarized with technical vocabulary
5. be knowledge of the subject material, which will allow the student to
6. integrate the course with practical matters.
7. take at later dates advanced courses pertaining to the subject matter

8. understand some of the physiological bases with the more common afflictions of the human body

Course requirements:

References

<http://www.merckmanuals.com/professional>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/science/health-and-medicine>

<http://www.webmd.com/>

<http://www.medscape.com/>

<https://www.tripdatabase.com/>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed>

<http://scholar.google.com/>

- Reading is vital.
- Students are expected to attend all lectures.
- Participation is strongly encouraged!!
- I expect you to be courteous to your fellow students and myself during the lecture.
- Check Blackboard regularly for important announcements
- Do not hesitate to set up an appointment with me if you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding the class or the material.
- The lecture doesn't cover everything in the chapter. That does not mean that what wasn't said during class won't be on the exam.

The main objective is for students to get the best possible information in these medical Syndromes and physiology, and I will be available by email, , or in person to deal with any doubts.

Grades

1.- R.A.Ts or daily activities/participation in class :

-40% (Team)

2.- Exams :

-60% of the grade (Individual). (There will be 2 exams, individual)

GRADING POLICY

A letter grade will be assigned based on the following scale:

A=90-100 B=80-89 c=70-79 D=60-69 F=<60

NO MAKEUPS EXAM WITHOUT A LEGITIMATE EXCUSE. In the event of a legitimate and

Study Tips

Every student has a different method for learning the material. There's no magic studying formula that will work for everyone. Some students make their own notes, others use flash cards, and others use videos or other visual aids. Each student is different, so my recommendation is find a system that works for you and stick with it.

Etiquette & Courtesy

Please turn off your cell phones or putting on silent before coming to class.

Recording the lecture through audio or video is forbidden.

Computers may be used in class for the purpose of personal note taking only.

Topics and dates.

30 Aug	Presentation and Diabetes and Obesity .	#1
6	Metabolic Syndrome	#2
13	Hepatic Physiopathology: Chronic Liver disease, Cirrhosis	#3
20	Cardiovascular Disease: Hypertension	#4
27	Cardiovascular Disease : Coronary Disease	#5
4Oct	Cerebrovascular Disease	#6
11	EXAM #1	#7
18	Alzheimer Disease,	#8
25	Epilepsy	#9
1 Nov	Parkinson Disease	#10

8	Sickle cell disease	#11
15	COPD	#12
22	Kidney Failure	#13
29	Multiple Sclerosis	#14
Dec 6	Study Day	#15
Dec 13	EXAM #2	#16

Calendar of Activities

Include in this section a table or list that provides information for students regarding important dates, assignments or activities. The UTRGV academic calendar can be found at <http://my.utrgv.edu> at the bottom of the screen, prior to login. Important dates for Fall 2015 include:

August 31	Classes Begin
September 7	Labor Day Holiday; university closed
September 16	Last day to drop a class before it appears on the transcript and counts toward the "6-drop" limit. Last day to receive a 100% refund for dropped classes (other policies apply when a student is withdrawing from all classes).
November 18	Drop/Withdrawal Deadline; last day for students to drop the course and receive a DR grade. After this date, students will be assigned a letter grade for the course that will count on the GPA.
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday; university closed
December 10	Study Day; no classes
December 11-17	Final Exams

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

If you have a documented disability (physical, psychological, learning, or other disability which affects your academic performance) and would like to receive academic accommodations, please inform your instructor and contact Student Accessibility Services to schedule an appointment to initiate services. It is recommended that you schedule an appointment with Student Accessibility Services before classes start. However, accommodations can be provided at any time. Brownsville Campus: Student Accessibility Services is located in Cortez Hall Room 129 and can be contacted by phone at (956) 882-7374 (Voice) or via email at accessibility@utrgv.edu. Edinburg Campus: Student Accessibility Services is

located in 108 University Center and can be contacted by phone at (956) 665-7005 (Voice), (956) 665-3840 (Fax), or via email at accessibility@utrgv.edu.

MANDATORY COURSE EVALUATION PERIOD:

Students are required to complete an ONLINE evaluation of this course, accessed through your UTRGV account (<http://my.utrgv.edu>); you will be contacted through email with further instructions. Online evaluations will be available Nov. 18 – Dec. 9, 2015. Students who complete their evaluations will have priority access to their grades.

ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and may be dropped from the course for excessive absences. UTRGV's attendance policy excuses students from attending class if they are participating in officially sponsored university activities, such as athletics; for observance of religious holy days; or for military service. Students should contact the instructor in advance of the excused absence and arrange to make up missed work or examinations.

SCHOLASTIC INTEGRITY:

As members of a community dedicated to Honesty, Integrity and Respect, students are reminded that those who engage in scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and expulsion from the University. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: cheating, plagiarism, and collusion; submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person; taking an examination for another person; any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student; or the attempt to commit such acts. Since scholastic dishonesty harms the individual, all students and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced (Board of Regents Rules and Regulations and UTRGV Academic Integrity Guidelines). All scholastic dishonesty incidents will be reported to the Dean of Students.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, and VIOLENCE:

In accordance with UT System regulations, your instructor is a "responsible employee" for reporting purposes under Title IX regulations and so must report any instance, occurring during a student's time in college, of sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, or sexual harassment about which she/he becomes aware during this course through writing, discussion, or personal disclosure. More information can be found at www.utrgv.edu/equity, including confidential resources available on campus. The faculty and staff of UTRGV actively strive to provide a learning, working, and living

environment that promotes personal integrity, civility, and mutual respect in an environment free from sexual misconduct and discrimination.

COURSE DROPS:

According to UTRGV policy, students may drop any class without penalty earning a grade of DR until the official drop date. Following that date, students must be assigned a letter grade and can no longer drop the class. Students considering dropping the class should be aware of the “3-peat rule” and the “6-drop” rule so they can recognize how dropped classes may affect their academic success. The 6-drop rule refers to Texas law that dictates that undergraduate students may not drop more than six courses during their undergraduate career. Courses dropped at other Texas public higher education institutions will count toward the six-course drop limit. The 3-peat rule refers to additional fees charged to students who take the same class for the third time.