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NMBAOM GUIDELINES FOR BIOMEDICAL COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS

A Doctor of Oriental Medicine licensed by the New Mexico Board of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine must demonstrate a clinically relevant, complementary and integrative knowledge of biomedicine sufficient to perform the following tasks in the context of practicing Oriental Medicine in order to refer patients when appropriate. The following competencies and skills are at the entry level and meant to reflect the current Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) requirements for accredited Oriental Medicine programs.

Biomedical Competencies

A. Protocols, Diagnosis and Treatment

1. Perform a physical assessment encompassing a history, physical exam and diagnosis.
2. Recognize conditions, situations and complications that necessitate referral for additional diagnosis or treatment and determine to whom to refer.
3. Recognize emergency situations, determine appropriate care and provide it or arrange for it.
4. Receive and understand referrals.
5. Understand a biomedical diagnosis.
6. Understand and determine a biomedical diagnosis according to ICD-9.
7. Determine an appropriate treatment plan.
8. Provide appropriate dietary recommendations and prescribe appropriate nutritional supplements.
9. Understand the contraindications for, and avoid inappropriate interactions between or side effects of drugs, herbs, natural medicinal substances and nutritional supplements.
10. Understand and conform to the limits of scope of practice.

B. Communication

Counsel and communicate with patients about various approaches to their healthcare and condition.

1. Translate an Oriental Medical diagnosis into biomedical terminology.
2. Comply with appropriate charting practices.
3. Communicate and consult with appropriate healthcare providers.
4. Evaluate and counsel patients about psychological and lifestyle issues.
5. Participate in maintaining the continuity of care.

C. Public Health and Safety

1. Protect the health and safety of the patient, staff and health care provider with regard to infectious/contagious diseases.
2. Participate in the community healthcare network.

Biomedical Skills Relating To Biomedical Competencies

1. Utilize an understanding of anatomy and physiology.
2. Utilize an understanding of medical terminology.
3. Utilize an understanding of a medical history.
4. Utilize an understanding of pathology.
5. Utilize an understanding of psychology.
6. Utilize an understanding of diagnosis.

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7. Utilize an understanding of nutrition.
8. Utilize an understanding of pharmacology.
9. Utilize an understanding of ICD-9 codes.
10. Utilize appropriate reference resources.
11. Understand the clinical relevance of biomedical history taking, physical examination, diagnostic lab and imaging tests and procedures
12. Utilize an understanding of diagnostic lab reports and imaging reports.
13. Utilize diagnostic lab and imaging reports.
14. Review all medications.
15. Review a medical history.
16. Evaluate a medical history.
17. Generate a medical history.
18. Take vital signs.
19. Perform an exam.
20. Perform a systems review.
21. Review physical assessments.
22. Recognize patterns of disease and symptoms.
23. Formulate a working differential diagnosis.
24. Determine treatment protocols.
25. Consider contraindications.
26. Determine a prognosis.
27. Utilize appropriate principles of clinical management.
28. Consider referral.
29. Understand the relevant, prevalent healthcare systems and therapies.
30. Recognize conditions, situations and complications that necessitate referral for additional diagnosis or treatment and determine to whom to refer.
31. Utilize an understanding of pain management.
32. Possess an ability to communicate with healthcare providers with an understanding of their healthcare system and the diagnostic procedures and therapies they use.
33. Communicate and consult with appropriate healthcare providers.
34. Understand how to access community healthcare resources.
35. Utilize appropriate public health resources.
36. Communicate and consult with appropriate healthcare providers and community healthcare personnel.
37. Utilize appropriate charting practices.
38. Utilize SOAP notes.
39. Comply with HIPAA requirements.