

Name of Block	Block II
Name of Elective	Psychiatric Emergencies
Location of hospital Lab or research facility	Psychiatry & De-addiction Ward
Name of internal preceptor(s)	Dr. Mamta Singla
Name of external preceptor (if applicable)	Nil
Learning objectives of elective	1. To obtain knowledge & experience of emergencies presenting under psychiatry. 2. To observe preparation, counseling & taking informed consent of high risk psychiatric patients. 3. To be able to enumerate indications, adverse effects and contraindications of psychotropic medications.
Number of students that can be accommodated in this elective	4
Prerequisites for elective	Good clinical practice Basic knowledge of pharmacology Basic life support Basic first aid Necessary immunizations Universal precaution certification
Learning resources for students	• Kaplan & Sadock Synopsis of Psychiatry 12th Edition. • Prescriber's Guide: Stahl's Essential psychopharmacology • Handbook of Emergency Psychiatry by Hani Raoul Khowzam.
List of activities of student participation	1. Work daily with a supervisor in observing, assisting psychiatric patients. 2. To document at least two activities observed/assisted.
Portfolio entries required	1. Documentation of worked up cases (min.-04)
Log book entry required	Completion of posting signed by preceptor with a "meets expectation '(M)' grade"
Assessment	Formative: • Attendance • Day-to-day participation in departmental activity • performance of assigned tasks
Other comments	-

Psychiatric Emergencies

Psychiatric emergencies like all other emergencies demand attention as the life of the patient is at risk. However, very little knowledge among medical professionals about the gravity of risks associated with psychiatric emergencies.

Various Psychiatric emergencies in Psychiatry include suicide, substance withdrawal seizures or delirium, psychiatric illnesses involving risk of harm to self or others, etc. The Psychiatric emergencies involve conditions in which there is immediate need of attention and care. It is important to safeguard the life of the patient, bring down the anxiety of the family members and to provide emotional and environmental security to the patients and their family members. The psychiatric emergencies are often not effectively managed. As a medical student, it is utmost important to be able to identify and manage all emergencies.

Through this module, the learner will be able to obtain knowledge about emergencies presenting under psychiatry and will be about to know about the management of such emergencies.