Supplementary guides to the core curriculum
The Curriculum Topic Guides

A brief overview

Each topic guide is intended to illustrate important aspects of everyday general practice.

However, it is not intended that this represents an entire or exclusive list of all the topics relevant to being a GP.
As described in the previous presentation, the core curriculum structure, is based on **5 areas of capability** which include within them **13 specific capabilities**, supported by defined **learning outcomes** linking training, licensing and professional development.

‘Being a GP’ is also supported by a series of additional **Curriculum Topic Guides** that explore specific areas in much greater detail.
Being a GP
Areas of Capability

Curriculum Topic Guides

The topic guides are grouped into 3 categories:

- Professional Topic Guides
- Life stages Topic Guides
- Clinical Topic Guides
Curriculum Topic Guides

Professional Topic Guides (6)
- Allergy and Immunology
- Cardiologists: (Heart)
- Dermatology
- Genomic Medicine
- Gynaecology and Breast
- Haematology
- Infectious Disease and Travel Health
- Kidney and Urology
- Mental Health
- Sexual Health
- Smoking, Alcohol and Substance Misuse

Life stages Topic Guides (5)
- Children and Young People
- People with Long-Term Conditions including Cancer
- Maternity and Reproductive Health
- Older Adults
- People at the End of Life

Clinical Topic Guides (20)
- Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) is more likely a quarter of all deaths in the UK, coronary heart disease (CHD) is the UK's single biggest killer, and around 40,000 people die each year in the UK from strokes. There are also considerable variations in mortality throughout the UK: early deaths from CVD (before the age of 75) are most common in the north of England, central Scotland and the south of Wales, and lowest in the south of England. A very significant number of people are living with cardiovascular disease in the UK, affecting equal numbers of men and women. As the population age, the prevalence of cardiovascular disease increases.
What’s new and what’s changed?

There are several completely new topic guides. Most other topic guides have been re-named and re-configured.

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Each topic guide has a standardised structure within each category and includes the following:

- **Relevance to the role of a GP clinical practice**
- **Emerging Issues**
- **Essential Knowledge and Skills (the AKT Content guide)**
- **Service and wider community-orientated issues**
- **Case Discussion and Reflective questions**
- **How to learn this topic**
- **How this area of practice may be tested in the MRCGP**
Thank you

Any questions?

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