

Fatigue

At the completion of the seminar the resident will be able to:

1. In all patients complaining of fatigue, include depression in the differential diagnosis.
2. Ask about other constitutional symptoms as part of a systematic approach to rule out underlying medical causes in all patients complaining of fatigue.
3. Be aware of common underlying medical causes of fatigue, inquire about features accordingly, and order tests as appropriate.
4. Exclude adverse effects of medication as the cause in all patients complaining of fatigue.
5. Given patients with fatigue in whom other underlying disorders have been ruled out, assist them to place, in a therapeutic sense, the role of their life circumstances in their fatigue.
6. In patients whose fatigue has become chronic, manage supportively, while remaining vigilant for new diseases and illnesses.

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