EPA GIM Nr. 2

1. Title	**Caring for patients with unstable conditions**
2. Description (Specifications and limitations)	Recognize and provide **initial** management to critically ill patients presenting with severe symptoms that pose an immediate threat to their life or vital organ function. ***Setting***: • Home, ambulatory • Hospital, other institutions, nursing home ***Timeframe:*** from first contact to stabilization of condition or until handover. ***Includes the following tasks:*** • Perform an initial assessment • Develop a management plan according to patients and relatives advanced care planning • Start initial stabilisation (incl. CPR) • Refer/admit to higher level of care if needed (ICU, intermediate care unit) ***Excludes:*** Managing ICU patients, Intubation
3. Potential risks in case of failure	Threat to patient safety, incl. pending death. Threat to trainee if inadequately supervised.
4. Most relevant Competency Domains	• Medical Expert • Collaborator • Communicator
5. Knowledge, Skills, Attitude	***Knowledge and Skills:*** • Explains the pathophysiological changes that occur in critical illness. • Considers and responds to the pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and drug interactions of medications (including vasoactive agents, sedatives, analgesics, antimicrobials) • Applies currently in use resuscitation algorithms, including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) • Provides a correctly prioritized list of differential diagnosis in a given unstable patient situation • Develops an initial plan, respecting the patient's and/or relatives preferences and advance care plans

	• Recognizes unstable patients requiring referral for higher level of care (ICU, IMC) and helps organizing the admission • Stabilizes critically ill or acutely deteriorating patients • Performs necessary non-invasive and invasive diagnostic and therapeutic medical procedures • Manages basic invasive and non-invasive techniques for monitoring hemodynamic parameters ***Attitude:*** • Copes with stress and remains focused • Considers ethical principles, and legal aspects of critical care, including informed consent, capacity assessment, and advanced care planning • Seeks collaboration and teamwork between health professionals • Demonstrates professionalism: respect, proactive involvement, integrity, reliability, collegiality • Demonstrates openness to feedback and opinion of others • Is aware of own limits and seeks help if needed
6. Information sources to assess progress	• Direct observation • Case-based discussions • Multisource feedback • Simulation training
7. Entrustment/ Supervision Level expected at the end of training:	Initial assessment: Supervise others (Level 5) Management: Distant supervision (Level 4)
8. Expiration date	NA

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