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STUDY GUIDE	
PROGRAM	MBBS
MODULE TITLE	HEAD AND NECK & SPECIAL SENSES-2 (OPHTHALMOLOGY)
ACADEMIC YEAR	Fourth year -2026
INTRODUCTION	<p>This section of the Head & Neck and Special Senses-II module is related to ophthalmological diseases.</p> <p>Pakistan has faced challenges with vision impairment and blindness as key elements of the overall health status of the population. Visual acuity impairment severely degrades the quality of life and has more pronounced negative effects on people suffering from various other chronic health issues. Globally, it has transformed into a major health problem. The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) has reported that 7.6 million people in Pakistan are visually impaired and of those, 1.2 million were blind. The Fred Hollows Foundation (FHF) estimated that about 10% (18 million) of the Pakistani population was living with some sort of visual impairment and around 2 million individuals were living with blindness.</p> <p>Considering the serious nature of the situation in Pakistan, it becomes imperative that Ophthalmic conditions receive a fair share of inclusion in the MBBS curriculum.</p>
RATIONALE	This module, along with the ophthalmology rotations, aims to produce graduates capable of dealing with common eye related conditions in tertiary and primary health care settings. The long-

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	term goal is to contribute to the national provision of healthcare providers who can take part in the reduction of blindness and visual impairment.
OUTCOMES	By the end of the Head and Neck & Special Senses-2 (EYE) module and ophthalmology Rotation, students will be able to justify management plans for common, uncomplicated, emergency, and non-emergency conditions related to Ophthalmology.
DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Medicine 2. Ophthalmology 3. Pathology
COURSE OBJECTIVES	By the end of the module, the students should be able to:
<u>LECTURES</u> COMMUNITY MEDICINE	<p>1. Blindness and its prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe blindness and visual impairment • Classify visual impairment • Discuss the epidemiology of blindness • Explain prevention and control of blindness • Discuss the national health vision program of Pakistan <p>2. Trachoma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe Trachoma(Treatment and Complications) • Discuss the epidemiology of Trachoma • Classify the WHO trachoma grading System • Describe the control & prevention of Trachoma
OPHTHALMOLOGY	<p>1. ORBIT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnose Orbital cellulitis and Proptosis based on clinical features and investigation findings • Justify suitable treatment plans for the above-mentioned conditions

2. LIDS

- Justify diagnosis, investigations, differential diagnosis, and treatment plans for Blepharitis, Stye, Chalazion, Trichiasis, Entropion, Ectropion, and Ptosis.
- Develop diagnosis for Basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, Sebaceous carcinoma and Melanoma
- Describe clinical features for diagnosis of Nevus, Capillary Hemangioma and Papilloma.

3. CORNEA

- Define common corneal pathological conditions
- Justify the diagnosis, investigations (including corneal topography & keratometry), differential diagnosis, and treatment plans for keratitis, corneal ulcers, corneal trauma, infections, and Keratoconus

4. CONJUNCTIVA

- Justify diagnosis, investigations, differential diagnosis, and treatment plans for Dry Eye, Infective and Allergic Conjunctivitis and Pterygium

5. SCLERA

- Justify diagnosis, investigations, differential diagnosis, and treatment plans for Episcleritis and Scleritis

6. LACRIMAL APPARATUS

- Justify diagnosis, investigations, differential diagnosis, and treatment plans for Epiphora, Acute and Chronic Dacryocystitis

7. UVEAL TRACT

- Discuss differential diagnoses for red eye along with their etiology, investigations, and treatment plans
- Justify diagnosis, investigations, differential diagnosis, and treatment plans for Uveitis
- Explain the main clinical features of Horner's Syndrome and Relative Afferent Pupillary Defect (RAPD)

8. LENS

- Define Cataract
- Classify cataract
- Describe cataracts due to systemic diseases
- Explain the symptoms, signs, investigations, and management of congenital cataracts
- Diagnose acquired cataract based on symptoms, signs, and investigation findings
- Justify the selection of treatment options for acquired cataracts
- Define congenital cataracts and its different types.

9. GLAUCOMA

- Define Glaucoma
- Classify glaucoma
- Discuss the etiology, differential diagnosis and investigations for Glaucoma
- Justify diagnosis and treatment plan for angle-closure glaucoma
- Justify treatment plans for Glaucoma (other than angle closure)

10. VITREO-RETINA

- Explain the management (including clinical features, investigations, diagnosis and treatment) of retinal vascular occlusion
- Discuss the clinical presentations, investigations (including FFA & OCT), and treatment options for Retinitis Pigmentosa, Retinoblastoma, Age-Related Macular Degeneration (ARMD) and Retinopathy of Prematurity
- Explain the signs, symptoms investigations (including FFA & OCT) and principles of management for posterior vitreous hemorrhage and Rhegmatogenous Retinal Detachment (RRD)

11. NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY

- Justify differential diagnosis, investigations and treatment plans for Papilledema, Optic Neuritis and Optic Atrophy
- Discuss diagnostic and management plans for 3rd, 4th and 6th cranial nerve palsies

12. VISUAL PATHWAY

- Predict the effects of lesions in the optic chiasma and visual pathway on the visual field.

13. INJURIES

- Classify injuries to the eye based on etiology
- Describe the management plan for extra-ocular foreign bodies (corneal, conjunctival) and burns and chemical injuries

- Develop management plans for all other types of injuries to the eye

14. SQUINT AND AMBLYOPIA

- Define Squint and Amblyopia
- Classify Squint
- Discuss the relationship between and principles of management of squint and amblyopia

15. ERRORS OF REFRACTION

- Define Emmetropia, Myopia, Hypermetropia, Astigmatism, Presbyopia, Aphakia, Pseudophakia and Anisometropia
- Discuss the etiology and corrective measures for each type of error of refraction including the principles involved, use and procedure of pinhole test.

16. OCULAR TRAUMA

- Explain the principles of management of ocular trauma.

17. SYSTEMIC DISEASES

- Discuss the effects of Diabetes Mellitus and Hypertension on eye and vision
- Discuss the pathophysiology, diagnosis & and management of Diabetic and Hypertensive Retinopathy
- Justify diagnosis, investigations and treatment plan for ocular conditions due to vitamin A deficiency
- Discuss the effects of abnormal thyroid hormone levels on eye and vision

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justify diagnosis, investigations and treatment plan for conditions due to abnormal thyroid hormone levels (e.g. Grave's disease, Thyroid Ophthalmopathy) <p>18. BLINDNESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List the six most common causes of blindness worldwide according to WHO criteria Discuss etiology, preventive measures, and principles of management for blindness
PATHOLOGY	<p>1. Pathology of Eye diseases 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define proptosis, conjunctival scarring, pinguecula and pterygium List the causes of Cataract, Proptosis & Blue Sclera Discuss the neoplasms of the orbit and eyelid Discuss the squamous and melanocytic neoplasms of conjunctiva. Briefly discuss the pathogenesis of cataract, corneal inflammation, corneal ulcers, corneal degeneration and dystrophies <p>2. Pathology of Eye Diseases 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define Glaucoma, Retinal Detachment & Uveitis Define Retro-lental Fibroplasia, Sickle Retinopathy, Radiation Retinopathy, Retinitis Pigmentosa, Age-Related Macular Degeneration (ARMD), Papilledema and Optic Neuritis Classify Glaucoma according to its types Discuss the causes and pathogenesis of various types of glaucoma. List the causes of uveitis Briefly discuss uveal neoplasms

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the causes and pathogenesis of retinal vascular diseases with reference to hypertension and diabetes mellitus. • Discuss the causes and effects of retinal artery and vein occlusion • Discuss the pathogenesis and morphology of retinoblastoma <p>3. Pathogens causing Eye infections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List the pathogens causing eye infections • Discuss the pathophysiology and clinical manifestations of eye infections
<u>SKILLS LAB</u>	<p>1. Ophthalmoscopy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform direct ophthalmoscopy according to standard protocol on a mannequin or simulated patient
<u>SKILLS (TO BE LEARNT DURING WARD ROTATIONS)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a detailed focused history from a patient with Ophthalmology related conditions (e.g. defects in vision, pain in and around the eye, discharge from eyes, abnormal appearance of eye and orbit, and blurred vision or disturbance in colored vision) • Examine the adnexa and anterior segment of the eye based on prescribed methods • Examine the eye for ocular movements (cranial nerve examination) • Perform visual acuity examination for distant and near vision • Perform gross examination of deviation of eye • Perform pupillary reflexes, Confrontation Test for visual field and Torchlight exam • Perform a pinhole test

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform Ophthalmoscopy on real patients under direct supervision
INTERNAL ASSESSMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal assessment will be according to JSMU policy. The details of the internal assessment will be determined by the respective institutions. • Internal assessment carries 20% weightage in the final, end-of-year examination
ANNUAL EXAMINATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCQs and OSCE/OSPE (observed + unobserved)
MODULE EVALUATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The course will be evaluated through a feedback form which will be posted on the JSMU website
SUGGESTED READING SOURCES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parks textbook of prevention and social medicine Edition 23rd 2. Public health and community medicine Shah-Ilyas-Ansari-Irfan Edition 8th