

Chief Complaints and Concerns (C3)

The Curriculum Design Group

What is a C3?

- The Shared Discovery Curriculum is **competency-based** and **patient-centered** rather than discipline-centered, body-system-centered or disease-centered
- The Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Exam provided a ready model
- Organized by complaint or presenting condition
- Divided into 220 objectives
- Each objective included likely causes and clinical objectives
- We cross-referenced these objectives against our current Block 2 and Block 3 objectives as well as USMLE 1 and 2 objectives—all were included

Anatomy of a C3 document

- C3 documents “start with the end in mind”
- Each document defines end competencies for a graduating medical student for a given chief complaint or concern.
- A number of patient examples are provided that students are expected to be able to manage
- The next section includes necessary clinical knowledge (including appropriate history, physical examination, diagnostic testing and treatment for these complaints
- The third section includes necessary biological, psychological and social science that a student must master in order to care for a patient with that condition
- The final section includes complexities and controversies related to that C3
- The content from each topic is distributed vertically across the entire curriculum although particular focus might occur in components when the content is clinically relevant

C3 topics in the ECE

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Where does your topic fit?

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