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Dear Matty Elliott,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which we received on 7 October 2015.

You asked:

'A FOI on whatdotheyknow on 9 March 2015 requested "ALL EBM Protocols"

42 were supplied but 4 are certainly missing

Please supply EBM Mental Health Key points and examination techniques, EBM Cardiorespiratory Key Points and Examination Techniques, EBM Musculoskeletal Key Points and examination Techniques and EBM Neurological and Infections Key Points and examination Techniques, and all other missing EBM Key Points and examination Techniques missing that were not supplied from the 42 you did supply, listed below

Arrhythmias a.pdf

*Asbestos Related Lung Disease Version 2 Final Copy.pdf Asthma V5 Final Copy.pdf
Bronchiectasis and Cystic Fibrosis d Copy.pdf Chest Pain e Copy.pdf COPD f Version 2 Final
Copy.pdf Heart Failure g Version 2 Final Copy.pdf Hypertension h Version 2 Final Copy.pdf
Interstitial Lung Disease n Copy.pdf Ischaemic Heart disease Version 2 Final Copy.pdf
Peripheral Vascular Disease j Copy.pdf Stroke m Version 1 Final Copy.pdf TB Sarcoid Version
k 1 Final Copy.pdf Valvular Heart Disease l Copy.pdf CFS ME Version 1 Final Copy.pdf
Epilepsy Version 1 Final Copy.pdf HIV and AIDS Version 2 Final.pdf MultipleSclerosis a
Version 1 Final Copy.pdf Parkinson s b Version 1 Final Copy.pdf Adjustment Disorders and
PTSD.pdf Alcohol Related Disorders.pdf Anxiety.pdf Bipolar Disorders Version 2 Final.pdf
Depression.pdf Eating Disorders.pdf Learning Disabilities.pdf OCD.pdf Organic Disorders.pdf
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Spondylosis Copy.pdf Low Back Pain Version 2 Final Copy.pdf Neck Pain 2 Final Copy.pdf
Osteoarthritis General Version 2 Final Copy.pdf Osteoarthritis Knee Version 2 Final Copy.pdf
Osteoarthritis Shoulder Copy.pdf Osteoarthritis Hip Version 2 Final Copy.pdf Osteoporosis V2
Final Copy.pdf Rheumatoid Arthritis Version 2 Final Copy.pdf Shoulder Pain Version 2 Final
Copy.pdf Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Version 2 Final.pdf'*

In response, please find attached guidance as requested.

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DWP learning modules are currently being updated as part of the usual annual cycle of changes. Until then, readers may find that some learning and development information still uses existing terminology such as 'Atos Healthcare' and 'Medical Services'.

These requested documents have been produced as part of a training programme for approved Healthcare Professionals (HCPs) to carry out Work Capability Assessments (WCA). All HCPs undertaking these assessments must be registered medical or nursing practitioners who in addition, have undergone training in disability assessment medicine and more specific training. The training includes theory training in a classroom setting, supervised practical training, and a demonstration of understanding as assessed by quality audit. These documents must be read with the understanding that, as experienced medical or nursing practitioners, the HCPs will have detailed knowledge of the principles and practice of diagnostic techniques and therefore such information is not contained in these documents. In addition, these are not stand-alone documents, and forms only a part of the training and written documentation that a HCP receives. As disability assessment is a practical occupation, much of the guidance also involves verbal information and coaching. Thus, although the documents may be of interest to non-medical readers, some of the information may not be readily understood without background medical knowledge and an awareness of the other training and guidance given to HCPs.

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Yours sincerely

DWP Central Fol Team

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