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MPhil Emergency Medicine
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Management long answer paper

1300 - 1600

This paper consists of **FOUR** long answer questions. All questions are to be answered. Each question is worth 100 marks.

Answer each question in a separate answer book.

1.

What is Clinical Governance? How can it be applied to improve quality of care in your Emergency Department? Include detail and definitions around:

- Clinical Audit
- Quality of care

2.

How can you, as an Emergency Physician, help to improve relations between the following groups?

- Pre-Hospital EMS and Emergency Department personnel
- Emergency Department personnel and in-patient teams

3.

Discuss the South African Law as it relates to consent in the Emergency Department. Your answer should also include details of consent in:

- A 24-year old adult with a life threatening overdose who tells the triage nurse that she refuses treatment.
- A 6-year old boy who doesn't want his 3cm facial laceration sutured.
- A 39-year old with Down's syndrome who presents alone and needs abdominal surgery.

4.

You are newly appointed as head of the Emergency Department. The hospital manager notifies you that your predecessor has not contained costs for pathology and radiology services, and that you are expected to carry the shortfall for the rest of the financial year. Discuss how you would approach this problem and draw up a provisional plan of action.