Learning Objectives for Lecture and Small Group

1. Identify the elements that make up the general appearance of a patient.
2. Recognize the elements of the patient’s general appearance that should be pursued with focused historical questions and/or targeted physical examination.
3. Using appropriate medical terminology, accurately describe orally and in writing the general appearance of a patient.
4. Describe the classic general appearance of Turner Syndrome, Down Syndrome, Cushing Syndrome, Marfan Syndrome, Parkinson Disease, Acromegaly, Hyper- and Hypothyroidism
5. Define what is underweight, normal weight, obesity and morbid obesity for an adult using body mass index.
6. Identify and describe a patient’s level of consciousness.
7. List steps to properly take a blood pressure.

Pre-Session Assignment

1. Read Bates’ Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking 12th edition: Chapter 4, pp. 120-123 and p. 272. (“The General Survey” up to “Vital Signs”, and Table 7.5)
2. Prepare to discuss Assigned Questions at small group session.

Small Group Session Activities

1. Review of lecture points
2. Discuss Assigned Questions
3. Discuss Assigned Pictures (link will become available here during the small group session)
4. Review the write up of the General Appearance.