

## **Rank Order of the Difficulty -to- Master Level of PE Maneuvers**

**1996-97 Academic Year (131 P& S students surveyed at the end of the Physical Diagnosis Course, 111 answered this question: please list the 3-5 maneuvers that you found most difficult to master; the frequency of responses is noted in parentheses next to the maneuver)**

1. **Fundusscopic exam (49)**
2. **Heart sounds (26)**
3. **Abd exam (17)**
4. **Breath sounds (10)**
5. **DTRs (9) + Neurologic exam (1)**
6. **Comprehensive exam performed in a sequential, fluid manner (8)**
7. **TMs (6)**
8. **Peripheral pulses (6)**
9. **JVD (6)**
10. **Palpation of thyroid (5)**
11. **BP (3)**
12. **Pelvic exam (2)**
13. **Palpation of PMI (2)**
14. **Visual fields (1)**