



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Behavioural Sciences, Communication Skills II

1819-2-H4102D013-H4102D040M

Aims

Knowing how to describe the placebo effect in relational context and the mechanisms through which it acts.

Knowing the phases of the motivational interview; be able to recognize and use the principles of motivational interview in a simulated interview

Contents

The placebo effect in the care relationship, subjective illness perception, the Motivational Interview

Detailed program

Definitions of placebo and nocebo effect both in relation to treatments and in relational terms; implications in the use of placebo for the relationship with the patient; different mechanisms through which the placebo and nocebo effect act.

The perception of illness.

Basic principles of motivational interview; the five phases of the model of change (precontemplation, contemplation, preparation, action, maintenance).

Prerequisites

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Teaching form

Lectures, reflective activities in small groups, clinical cases

Textbook and teaching resource

Communication Skills for Medicine, 4e Lloyd et al., Elsevier, 2018

The patient's brain: the neuroscience behind the doctor patient relationship, Oxford Press, 2011

Semester

second term

Assessment method

The final test measures the level of knowledge, the level of inductive and deductive reasoning, and problem solving ability.

It includes discussion of problems, analysis of clinical cases and open conceptual questions

Office hours

on appointment
