UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Legal Medicine

2021-4-H4601D019-H4601D051M

Aims

The aim of the module Legal Medicine is to provide students with the tools for understanding the typical aspects of legal medicine and the dentist's medico-legal obligations, also in the role of forensic odontologist, through the analysis of norms and practical cases, including judicial ones.

The knowledge provided is the basis for understanding the dentist's medical-legal obligations and professional responsibility of the dentist and his team, as required by the civil and criminal laws of the Italian legal system.

Contents

The course provides students with notions about forensic medicine in all clinical and health organizational areas, in tort law assessment and in the health organization. The basics of the Italian State judicial organization and its principal rules of criminal and civil procedure will be presented and the essential legal elements that regulate the relation between the dentist, the institutions and the patients will be discussed.

Detailed program

Definition, scope, generality and methodology of the discipline legal medicine.

The national health service in the social context and its relation with the judiciary system. Legal, ethical and deontological duties of the dentist.

Informed consent in dental care. The professional secret in healthcare. Mandatory denunciations for the healthcare professional, medical certificate and records, civil and penal expertise.

Forensic pathology: contusive injuries, including transportation injuries in traffic accidents, abuse and maltreatment. Cause and time of death. Homicide and personal injuries. Tort law and professional liability, the duty of compensation. Brief hints about private insurances (accident, health, health expenses, life).

Prerequisites

Dental pathology and clinics

Teaching form

Face-to-face classroom: Lectures; the teacher promotes discussion among students on problems related to dentist malpractice and to modern dentistry, involving students and asking them to report personal experiences and discussing real cases and professional examples also about the evaluation of dental impairment.

In case of social distancing for preventing a pandemy: Online Teaching in a *Virtual learning environment (*moodle elearning) with a mixed model

Asynchronous: Videolectures and slides; schemes, articles, videos, podcasts, casework (trial decisions)

Syncronous for active student's participation: Q&A lectures, single topic lectures

Textbook and teaching resource

Italian Court Judgments, guidelines and other educational material uploaded in a file format .pdf on the e-learning website

Norelli GA, Pinchi W. "*Odontologia Forense parte 1 e parte 2".*Piccin Editore, Padova, 2011

Introna F., Santoro V., Fiandaca C. "*La responsabilità professionale in Odontoiatria*",

Piccin Editore, Padova, 2010

Zagra M., Argo A. "*Medicina legale orientata per problemi"*. Edra Edizioni, 2^ Ed., Milano 2018

Scarpelli M.L., "*L'Odontoiatra e la responsabilità professionale (dopo la legge Gelli/Bianco)*". AriesDue srl. Milano 2018

Cicognani A., Fallani M., Pelotti S. *MEDICINA LEGAL*E. Società Editrice Esculapio, Bologna 2019 (ebook)

Semester

Second Semester

Assessment method

Face-to-face final exam: written test with closed multiple-choice questions with only one correct answer in order to evaluate the preparation on the discipline program + oral exam (mandatory) with discussion of the written test and of clinical cases in order to evaluate the competences, the knowledge, and interpretative skills.

In case of social distancing for preventing a pandemy: (written and oral exam)
a) written part, to prepare at home autonomously: expert opinion report on a self-chosen forensic topic (min 2000-max 3000 words)

b) online presentation (Cisco Webex): oral online presentation + power point

c) online oral exam (Cisco Webex): draw of 2 questions (2 different topics) to answer in 7 min+ 7 min

Office hours

face-to-face or online via webex on appointment arranged by e-mail.