UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Medical Jurisprudence (Bergamo)

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Aims

The course provides students with the concepts relating to the health legislation of interest to the midwifery profession, professional liability, bioethical issues in health care.

Contents

The student will be able to know the concepts related to medical-legal activities for the midwife, health protection, professional secret, criminal and civil law, the definition and necroscopic study of death, health care responsibilities, the protection of mother and child health.

Detailed program

The forensic medicine discipline: purpose and functions. The medico-legal methodology and the study of causation in medical malpractice cases.

Medical-legal activities (certification, mandatory reports).

Informed consent in medicine (L. 219/2017), professional secret, health records collection and health data protection (GDPR 679/2016).

Criminal law: personal injury; homicide, infanticide; female genital mutilation (L. 7/2006).

Special Italian norms: medical malpractice (L. 24/2017 Gelli-Bianco), legal abortion (L. 194/1978), sexual violence (L. 66/1996), domestic violence (L. 119/2013).

Tort law: forensic evaluation of malpractice cases and compensation.

Overview of autopsy (for judicial and health purposes), especially in neonates and pediatric patients.

Definition, detection and declaration of death (abortion, stillbirth, natural, sudden, iatrogenic, violent death).

Prerequisites

None.

Teaching form

Face-to-face classroom: Lectures; the teacher promotes discussion among students on problems related to midwife malpractice and to modern practice in midwifery.

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

Asynchronous: Videolectures and slides; schemes, articles, videos, podcasts, casework (trial decisions), peer-to-peer learning (expert opinion report)

Syncronous for active student's participation: Q&A lectures, single topic lectures, expert opinion report (how to select a topic, write, present)

Textbook and teaching resource

Italian Court Judgments, guidelines and other educational material uploaded on the e-learning website

- RODRIGUEZ D., Professione Ostetrica/o. Aspetti di medicina legale e responsabilità. Eleda 2^ed,Milano, 2010.
- ZAGRA M., ARGO A. Medicina legale orientata per problemi. Edra 2^ Ed., Milano 2018
- ARBARELLO, FEOLA T., ARCANGELI M., VACCARO M. Medicina legale per le professioni sanitarie. Diritto, deontologia, legislazione sociale. Ed Minerva Medica, 2010.
- Cicognani A., Fallani M., Pelotti S. *MEDICINA LEGAL*E. Società Editrice Esculapio, Bologna 2019 (ebook)

Semester

II 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 (optional) with discussion of the written test.

In case of social distancing for preventing a pandemy: (written and oral final 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.