UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Medical Jurisprudence

2122-2-K0101D010-K0101D033M

Aims

The forensic medicine module aims to present the medical-legal methodology to be applied to all nurse/midwife medico-legal activities, also in managerial roles. Laws of nurse and midwife civil and criminal liability will be presented, completed with the description of some particular medical activities' regulations.

Contents

The discipline and the methodology of forensic medicine.

The medical records.

Informed consent.

Special legislations in medicine.

Criminal code and health.

Professional liability.

Detailed program

The discipline and the methodology of forensic medicine: cause-and-effect relationship, medico-legal criteria.

The medical records: false written statements, nurse/midwife-patient privilege, errors in the nurse/midwife charts and records.

Informed consent, refusal of medical treatment, advanced patient treatment directives and care planning. Patient and family communication errors, doctor-nurse/midwife communication errors.

Special legislations in medicine: organ transplant and organ donation, mandatory medical treatments; legal termination of pregnancy.

Criminal code and health: practicing without a license, mandatory communications to the state's attorney, child abuse and neglect, interpersonal and sexual violence, domestic violence, infanticide, murder of a consenting patient, female genital mutilation.

Civil and criminal professional liability of the nurse/midwife.

Forensic nurse and forensic midwife.

Prerequisites

none

Teaching form

Face-to-face classroom: Lectures; the teacher promotes discussion among students on problems related to malpractice in medical care and health practices, involving students and asking them to report personal experiences and discussing real cases and professional examples.

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

Cicognani Alberto, Fallani Maurizio, Pelotti Susi *Medicina Legale*. Soc. Ed. Esculapio 2019 (hardcopy + ebook biblioteca unimib)

Tartaglia Riccardo, Vannucci Andrea (a cura di) *Prevenire gli eventi avversi nella pratica clinica*, Springer, 2013. (hardcopy + ebook biblioteca unimib)

St. Pierre Michael, Hofinger Gesine, Buerschaper Cornelius, Simon Robert, Daroui Ivan *Gestione delle crisi in medicina d'urgenza e terapia intensiva. Fattori Umani, psicologia di gruppo e sicurezza dei pazienti negli ambienti*

ad alto rischio. Springer, 2013. (hardcopy + ebook biblioteca unimib)

Vincent Charles *La sicurezza del paziente* Spinger 2011. (hardcopy + ebook biblioteca unimib)

Simeoni Iole, De Santi Anna Maria *Comunicazione in medicina: collaborazione tra professionisti sanitari*. 1^ Ed. SEEd 2010. (hardcopy + ebook biblioteca unimib)

Semester

first semester

Assessment method

Face-to-face Final exam : written test with closed multiple-choice questions with only one correct answer .

In case of social distancing for preventing COVID-19: (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 + 2 questions about the case reported

Office hours

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