

# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

# **Pharmacology**

2324-2-I0303D034

#### **Aims**

- The aim of the course is to provide students with the To provide students with the basic principles of general pharmacology and the mechanism of action of some of the major drugs and an introduction to basic principle of anesthesia
- Student shoul also learn the basic regulatory and pharmacological aspects of drug used in diagnostic, describe the different class of drugs used in Radiology or Nuclear Medicine; learn the fundamental properties of pharmacokinetic, pharmacodynamics, safety and efficacy of drug used in diagnostic and in particular of CT radiological contrast media

For a detaile description see single modules of the course

#### **Contents**

The fundamental concepts of the principles of pharmacokinetics (fate of drugs in the body) and of pharmacodynamics (molecular targets of drugs); signs of drug-receptor interaction and pharmacological response variability; classification of adverse drug reactions.

The aim of the course is also to provide students with the basic principles of drugs used in diagnostic medicine and the basic principles of *Anesthesiology and* of resuscitation and first aid techniques

#### **Detailed program**

Introduction: discovery and drug development; study of drugs. Preclinical phase. Clinical research.

Pharmacovigilance.

Pharmacokinetics: routes of drug administration; mechanisms of drug absorption; drug distribution and transport; biotransformation of drugs; elimination: main (renal-biliary) and secondary routes; individual variability of the pharmacological response (age, gender, ethnicity, conditions and pathologies of patients).

Pharmacodynamics: the different types of receptors: membrane and intracellular receptors; characteristics of the drug-receptor interaction; agonists and antagonists; dose-response relationship; therapeutic index, therapeutic window.

Adverse drug reactions: hypersensitivity, idiosyncrasy, allergy. latrogenic diseases.

Drug interactions: synergy, additivity, antagonism, indifference

The autonomic nervous system and the main pharmacological intervention sites: adrenergic and cholinergic transmission

Introduction to drugs used in diagnostic; general classification of medicinal used in Nuclear Medicine or Radiology. Basic pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics requirements of drugs used in diagnostic; CT contrast media: classification; fundamental of physic and biology of the signal; safety and interaction with concomitant treatment of CT contrast media; Summary of Product Characteristics of CT contrast media.

Causes and overview of shock states, acute respiratory failure, acute alteration of states of consciousness. Resuscitation Techniques and Basic First Aid Principles (alert the rescue system, implement first aid interventions, and acquire practical intervention skills). Mechanisms of local anesthetic actions, general anesthesia / sedo-analgesia

### **Prerequisites**

**Biomedical Sciences** 

#### **Teaching form**

Lectures, exercises, self evaluation test

#### **Textbook and teaching resource**

Cella, Di Giulio, Gorio, Scaglione, Farmacologia generale e speciale per le lauree sanitarie triennali, ED Piccin

Slide presented during the course, self evaluation quiz, problem and solutions

#### Semester

#### **Assessment method**

Written and oral exam.

The written test will consist of:

- 22 multiple choice questions and open questions on Pharmacology
- 11 multiple choice questions and open questions on Anesthesiology and First Aid The oral test will concern the Introduction to In Vivo Diagnostic Agents module.

The overall evaluation will be expressed in thirtieths.

#### Office hours

By appointment required by mail

# **Sustainable Development Goals**

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING