Subject: Molecular Pathophysiology	Subject type:	Elective
Study year: 3, 4	Content:	1/0 summer time
Study program: General Medicine		

Aim of the course

Molecular pathophysiology is integral part of pre-clinical medical education. Molecular Pathophysiology provides a systematic review of the molecular and cellular processes and changes during different pathophysiological processes and diseases.

The course is included in the summer semester of the 3rd and 4th years of study. The prerequisite subject is Pathological Physiology 1.

Education: lectures Assessment: exam

Syllabus

Week 1 - 2

Molecular endocrinology I: principles of humoral intercellular signalling; endocrine/ neuroendocrine, paracrine/ neurocrine, synaptic, distant and contact forms; forms of receptors

Molecular endocrinology II: common intracellular signalling cascades, G-proteins, kinases, phophatases, transcription factors

Week 3 - 4

Molecular endocrinology III: disorders of humoral signalling; secretory disorders, receptor defects, post-receptor disorders

Molecular endocrinology IV: gain/-loss in function feedback defects; common neurotransmitter defects; syndromes of hormonal resistance

Week 5 - 6

Disorders of ion channels and selective transport defects I: common potassium, sodium, calcium and chlorine channelopathies

Disorders of ion channels and selective transport defects II: defects of glucose transporters, amino acid transport, neurotransmitters, gut and liver transport systems

Week 7 - 8

Oxidative stress and oxidative tissue damage I: reactive forms of oxygen (ROS); mechanisms of antioxidant protection

Oxidative stress and oxidative tissue damage II: ROS in cellular signalling; parameters of oxidative stress

Week 9 - 10

Pathophysiology of gene expression I: pre-translational and post-translational disorders; epigenetic mechanism; miRNA

Pathophysiology of gene expression II: chaperon/ chaperonins; protein folding disorders; insoluble aggregates; defects in intracellular protein transportation

Week 11 - 12

Molecular basis of inflammation and healing I: humoral mediators- blood –derived, cellderived; cytokines - chemotaxins, lymphotactins, interleukins, transmigration- adhesive molecules

Molecular basis of inflammation and healing II: Healing process: formation of granulation tissue, neovascularisation, epithelisation

Week 13 - 14

Molecular carcinogenesis I: oncogenes; tumor supressor genes; metastasis suppressor genes; telomeres; home keepers

Molecular carcinogenesis II: angiogenesis, metastatic tumorigenesis