



Department of Forensic Medicine

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SUBJECT CONTENT

Subject:	Medical Ethics and Philosophy		
Study program:	Dental Medicine	Study period:	winter semester
Evaluation:	exam	Subject type:	compulsory
Course duration:	1 h. lecture + 2 h. practical / week		Total: 42 h.

Week	Lectures	Practicals
1.	Ethics and morality. Bioethics and Medical Ethics. Landmark events in the evolution of bioethics. Global ethics and bioethics.	The ethics of medical education. UPJŠ in Košice Code of Student Conduct. Hippocratic Oath. Physician's Pledge. Character requirements for medical profession.
2.	Goals and ethical aspects of health care. Medical ethics. The basic principles of medical ethics. Ethical dilemma.	WMA International Code of Medical Ethics. Ethical Code for Health Care Providers in Slovakia.
3.	Important international conventions and declarations relevant to the health care professions. Patients' rights.	Human dignity in health care. Doctor – patient relationship.
4.	Slovak Medical Chamber and Health Care Surveillance Authority in Slovakia.	Informed consent/refusal – ethical and legal issues. Previously expressed wish of the patient.
5.	Ethics in biomedical research. Ethical and legal regulations regarding biomedical research involving human subjects.	Communication in medical care. Guide to medical interview. Approach to specific patient groups.
6.	Ethical issues in animal experimentation. Ethics Committees. Publication ethics.	Burnout syndrome in medical profession. Personality test.
7.	Elderly patient. Risks in the hospital by elderly patients. Terminal illness. Ethical aspects of resuscitation and intensive care. Futile treatment.	Ethical and legal issues in pediatrics.

8.	Ethical issues in thanatology. Euthanasia and dysthanasia. Assisted suicide.	The rights of hospitalized children.
9.	Ethical aspects of organ and tissue transplantation. Living and dead donors.	Thanatology. Euthanasia and dysthanasia. Assisted suicide. Dying patient – ethical and legal issues.
10.	Ethical status of the dead human body. Ethics of autopsy and exhumation. Ethical aspects of examination in forensic medicine and pathology.	Documentary (<i>Allow me to die: Euthanasia in Belgium</i>).
11.	Reproductive medicine and responsible parenthood. Methods used to achieve or prevent pregnancy. Surrogacy.	Ethical and legal issues in dental medicine.
12.	Ethical issues of abortions. Surrogacy.	Ethical issues in selected medical divisions [neonatal and fetal medicine, gynecology and obstetrics, surgery, nephrology, psychiatry, prehospital emergency care].
13.	Ethical issues in human genetics and genomics. Genetic testing and preimplantation genetic diagnosis. Gene therapy and genetic manipulation. Ethics of 'designer babies'.	Ethics of expert activities in medicine.
14.	Ethical aspects of human cloning. Ethical issues in stem cell research and therapy.	Repetition. Credit test.