



Department of Forensic Medicine

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SUBJECT CONTENT

Subject:	Medical Law		
Study program:	General Medicine	Study period:	summer semester
Evaluation:	exam	Subject type:	elective
Course duration:	1 h. lecture + 1 h. practical / week		Total: 28 h.

Week	Lectures	Practicals
1.	Medical law. Health care regulations in different countries.	Rights and duties of people during provision of health care. Patients' rights.
2.	Health insurance, medicine and law. Health Care Surveillance Authority and its role in Slovak Republic.	International organizations in health care.
3.	Legal requirements to medical profession. Rights and duties of health care professionals: doctor, nurse, medical laboratory technician.	<i>De lege artis.</i>
4.	Informed consent in medical care.	Confidentiality in medicine.
5.	Informed refusal in medical care.	Difficult patient – legal approach.
6.	Types of legal responsibilities of the doctor.	Duty of care.
7.	Medical malpractice: errors, mistakes, negligence.	Civil vs. criminal case of medical malpractice.
8.	Legal issues related to the dying patient.	Legal aspect of autopsy practice.
9.	Withholding and withdrawing life sustaining treatment. Physician assisted dying.	Legal status of human corpse.

10.	Legal issues in reproductive medicine. Assisted reproduction. Surrogacy.	Abortion laws.
11.	Legal regulations of biomedical research. Animal experimentation. Research involving human subjects.	Legal regulations of genetic testing and therapy. Legal regulations of stem cell research and human cloning.
12.	Expert activity in health care.	Doctor as a witness. Doctor as an expert witness.
13.	Compensation of pain and deteriorated work capacity.	Students' seminar works presentation.
14.	Repetition.	Students' seminar works presentation.