



Medicine - Integrated academic studies

SIXTH YEAR - Semester XI

2025/2026.

MEDICAL ETHICS

Name of the course:

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The course is evaluated with 2 ECTS. There are 3 hours of active classes per week (2 hours of lectures and 1 hour of seminar)

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Course structure:

Module	Name of the module	Weeks	Lectures	Seminars	Module Coordinator
1	Introduction to ethics. Specificities of medical research.	8	2	1	Full. Prof. Dragana Ignjatović Ristić
2	Ethics of the medical profession.	7	2	1	Asst. Prof. Branimir Radmanović
Σ 30+15=45					

The student masters the subject in modules. The grade is equivalent to the number of points earned (see tables). Points are earned in two ways:

EXAM PREREQUISITES:

Clinical seminar: In this way, the student can gain up to 30 points by actively participating in the preparation and implementation of the seminar as well as the discussion after the lecture, so depending on the performance, the student gains up to 20 points.

Essay: By creating a written seminar paper, a student can earn up to 20 points. The form, content, way of processing the given topic and the relevance of the data are evaluated. A list of seminar topics will be offered to students at the beginning of the course.

FINAL EXAM: Written exam 60 points that include the material of the entire course.

	Points
Pre-exam requirements	40 points
Clinical seminar	20 points
Essay	20 points
Exam requirements	60 points
Written examination	60 points

In order to pass the exam, the student must achieve more than 50 percent of the points in all forms of teaching.

Grades:

The student gains a final grade which describes the quality of his knowledge and the results achieved in the course. The interrelation between points and final grades is given in the following table:

Module	Name of the module	Maximum points			
		Activity during lectures	Seminar	Exam	
1	Introduction to ethics. Specificities of medical research.	20	20	60	
2	Ethics of the medical profession.				
Σ		20	20	60	100

Num. achieved points	Num. grade	Definition
0 – 50	5	UNSATISFACTORY
51 – 60	6	PASS
61 – 70	7	SATISFACTORY
71 – 80	8	GOOD
81 – 90	9	VERY GOOD
91 – 100	10	EXCELLENT

FINAL TEST

0-60 POINTS

Test has 30 questions
Each question is worth 2 points

LITERATURE:

Textbook	Authors	Publisher	Availability in the library
Core ethics for health professionals	Phalen R.	Irvin: Springer; 2017.	YES
Principles of biomedical ethics	Beauchamp TL.	Oxford University Press; 2009.	YES

All lectures (PowerPoint presentations) are available on the website of the Faculty of Medical Science:
www.medf.kg.ac.rs

PROGRAM

Module 1: Introduction to Ethics

WEEK 1	
INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS	
Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Concept of ethics and prerequisites of ethical (moral) behavior. Ethical principles of patient treatment throughout history.	Prerequisites of moral behavior - personality structure.
WEEK 2	
OATHS AND CODES	
Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Creating a code of conduct for healthcare workers, from prescientific medicine to modern times. The Hippocratic Oath - the relevance of ethical principles.	Ethical principles in medicine.
WEEK 3	
PRINCIPLES OF RESPECTING THE PRIVACY OF PATIENTS IN MEDICINE	
Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Ethics of healthcare workers in daily contact with patients. Ethical principles of modern medicine.	Ethical dilemmas through the eyes of students.
WEEK 4	
ETHICAL PRINCIPLES OF THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURES – PATIENT AUTONOMY	
Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Clinical capacity of the patient. The ability to make decisions about the choice of treatment. Doctor-patient relationship.	Presentation of a clinical case-making a decision for intervention in medicine.
WEEK 5	
ETHICAL PRINCIPLES OF THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURES	
Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Patients' rights and patients' rights charter; Protector of patients' rights in healthcare institutions. The ability to make decisions about the choice of treatment.	Doctor-patient relationship.
WEEK 6	
ETHICAL PRINCIPLES OF THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURES	
Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Ethical principles of therapeutic procedures - information, responsibility, choice, compensation, complaints. Good clinical practice, Declaration of Helsinki.	Specifics of the doctor-patient relationship.
WEEK 7	
RESEARCH IN MEDICAL SCIENCES	
Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Experiment in medicine, legal responsibility of the medical worker, legal and ethical problems. Roles of sponsors, principal investigators, and contract research organizations in clinical studies.	Research in medicine.
WEEK 8	
ETHICS COMMITTEES OF HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS: COMPOSITION, ELECTION PROCEDURE, WORKING PROCEDURE. CONTENT OF PATIENT INFORMATION AND PATIENT'S INFORMED CONSENT FORM	
Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Ethics committees of health institutions: composition, election procedure, work procedure. Informed consent. Patient recruitment methods for clinical studies, patient insurance.	Preparation of medical documentation for research. Selection of patients for participation in medical studies.

Module 2: Ethics of Medical Profession

WEEK 9

ETHICAL ASPECTS OF DOCTOR'S WORK WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS: DOCTOR'S WORK WITH CHILDREN. CONFIDENTIALITY AND TRUST - ETHICAL DILEMMA IN WORKING WITH ADOLESCENTS

Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Medical work with children. Confidentiality and trust in working with children and adolescents.	Access to the autistic patient. Ethical dilemmas in working with adolescents.

WEEK 10

ETHICAL ASPECTS OF THE WORK OF DOCTORS WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS: SUFFERING FROM STIGMATIZING DISEASES

Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Ethical aspects of the doctor's work with the vulnerable populations: stigma in working with patients.	Fear of doctors.

WEEK 11

ETHICAL ASPECTS OF DOCTOR'S WORK WITH PATIENTS SICK OF HIV INFECTION

Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Ethical aspects of doctors with vulnerable populations: sufferers of stigmatizing diseases (HIV).	Ethical dilemmas in working with people suffering from stigmatizing diseases.

WEEK 12

PROFESSIONAL CONFIDENTIALITY, EUTHANASIA, END-OF-LIFE ETHICAL DILEMMAS

Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Professional secret. Euthanasia, ethical dilemmas at the end of life.	Clinical example - obligations of doctors in keeping professional secrecy. Dilemmas of decision-making at the end of life with respect for ethical principles.

WEEK 13

PROFESSIONAL ERROR AND NEGLIGENT TREATMENT: DEFINITION, CLASSIFICATION, PUBLIC ATTITUDE AND COST OF PROFESSIONAL ERRORS

Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Professional error and medical malpractice: definition, classification. Public attitude and the cost of professional errors.	Malpractice treatment. Public attitude towards malpractice in medical practice

WEEK 14

CODE OF MEDICAL ETHICS, LICENSE TO WORK

Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Code of medical ethics. Work license.	Contents, obligations, legal regulations. Acquiring a license, training obligations; renewing the work license.

WEEK 15

RECAPITULATION

Lectures (2 hours)	Seminar (1 hour)
Ethics in healthcare in the context of leading legal regulations. Recapitulation of the most important concepts	Recapitulation of ethical concepts and principles in medical practice - examples

LESSON SCHEDULE FOR THE COURSE MEDICAL ETHICS

модул	недеља	тип	назив методске јединице	наставник
			MODULE 1	
1	1	L	Concept of ethics and prerequisites of ethical (moral) behavior. Ethical principles of patient treatment throughout history.	Prof. dr Dragana Ignjatović Ristić
1	1	S	Prerequisites of moral behavior - personality structure. Ethics of the ancient, middle and new centuries, the latest ethical teachings.	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Ermin Fetahović dr Viktor Selaković
1	2	L	Creating a code of conduct for healthcare workers, from prescientific medicine to modern times. The Hippocratic Oath - the relevance of ethical principles.	Prof. dr Vladimir Janjić Asst. prof. dr Milan Đorđić
1	2	S	Medical ethics, History of medicine.	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Ermin Fetahović dr Slađana Veselinović
1	3	L	Principles of respect for patient privacy in medicine. Ethics of healthcare workers in daily contact with patients. Ethical principles of modern medicine.	Asst. prof. dr Branimir Radmanović Asst. prof. dr Milan Đorđić
1	3	S	Ethical dilemmas through the eyes of students	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Viktor Selaković dr Slađana Veselinović
1	4	L	Clinical capacity of the patient. The ability to make decisions about the choice of treatment.	Prof. dr Dragana Ignjatović Ristić. Asst. prof. dr Branimir Radmanović
1	4	S	Decision-making in the non-independent patient.	dr Ermin Fetahović dr Viktor Selaković dr Slađana Veselinović
1	5	L	Patients' rights and patients' rights charter; Protector of patients' rights in healthcare institutions.	Prof. dr Vladimir Janjić Asst. prof. dr Vladimir Šebek
1	5	S	Doctor-patient relationship.	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Ermin Fetahović dr Viktor Selaković
1	6	L	Ethical principles of therapeutic procedures. Good clinical practice Declaration of Helsinki.	Asst. prof. dr Branimir Radmanović Asst. prof. dr Milan Đorđić
1	6	S	Specificities of the doctor-patient relationship - implications for clinical research	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Ermin Fetahović dr Slađana Veselinović
1	7	L	Experiment in medicine, legal responsibility of the medical worker, legal and ethical problems. Roles of the sponsor, principal investigator and contractual research organizations in clinical studies	Asst. prof. dr Branimir Radmanović Prof. dr Dragana Ignjatović Ristić

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модул	недеља	тип	назив методске јединице	наставник
1	7	S	Presentation of the informed consent form. Experiments on humans. Experiments on animals.	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Viktor Selaković dr Slađana Veselinović
1	8	L	Ethics committees of health institutions: composition, election procedure, work procedure. Informed consent.	Asst. prof. dr Branimir Radmanović Prof. dr Vladimir Janjić
1	8	S	Fraud in science	dr Ermin Fetahović dr Viktor Selaković dr Slađana Veselinović
MODULE 2				
2	9	L	Ethical aspects of doctors' work with vulnerable populations: doctors' work with children. Confidentiality and trust - ethical dilemmas in work with adolescents.	Prof. dr Biljana Vuletić
2	9	S	Doctor-patient relationship in working with children	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Ermin Fetahović dr Viktor Selaković
2	10	L	Ethical aspects of doctors' work with vulnerable populations: those suffering from stigmatizing diseases	Asst. prof. dr Branimir Radmanović Asst. prof. dr Milan Đorđić
2	10	S	A clinical example in the work of a doctor with patients suffering from mental disorders	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Ermin Fetahović dr Slađana Veselinović
2	11	L	Ethical aspects of doctors' work with people suffering from infectious diseases.	Prof. dr Biljana Popovska Jovičić
2	11	S	A clinical example in the work of a doctor with HIV patients	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Viktor Selaković dr Slađana Veselinović
2	12	L	Professional secret. Euthanasia, End-of-life ethical dilemmas	Prof. dr Dragana Ignjatović Ristić. Asst. prof. dr Milan Đorđić
2	12	S	Ethical aspects of the end of life - dilemmas of decision-making at the end of life	dr Ermin Fetahović dr Viktor Selaković dr Slađana Veselinović
2	13	L	Professional error and medical malpractice: definition, classification. The attitude of the public and the cost of professional mistakes.	Prof. dr Branko Ristić Prof. dr Dragana Ignjatović Ristić

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2	13	S	Clinical examples of medical malpractice.	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Ermin Fetahović dr Viktor Selaković
2	14	L	Ethics in healthcare in the context of leading legal regulations.	Prof. dr Vladimir Janjić Asst. prof. dr Vladimir Šebek Asst. prof. dr Valentina Opančina
2	14	S	License to work	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Ermin Fetahović dr Slađana Veselinović
2	15	L	Ethics in healthcare in the context of leading legal regulations. Recapitulation of the most important terms	Asst. prof. dr Milan Đorđić Prof. dr Vladimir Janjić
2	15	S	Analysis of examples from practice	Asst. dr Sofija Čolović dr Viktor Selaković dr Slađana Veselinović
2	15	FT	FINAL TEST	
		E	EXAM	