UNIVERSITY OF NOVI SAD FACULTY OF MEDICINE



Course title: Integrated Academic Studies in Medicine

Course title: Family Medicine and Primary Health Care

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Status: compulsory

No ECTS: 2

Requirements: -

Aim of course: Specific learning objectives relate to enabling the student to understand and distinguish the specificity of family medicine and primary health care in relation to other medical disciplines. Specific health problems in outpatient care, their recognition and management, clinical decision-making, the relationship patient-family-family physician, home treatment and follow-up of patients, prescribing medications, keeping records, cooperation with specialist-consultant services, teamwork and community work, patients' rights, legislation and funding.

Course outcome: After completing this course the student will be capable of understanding and accepting the specific role, tasks, organization, conditions and work methodology of a family medicine doctor in the healthcare system, which provides comprehensive and continuous primary healthcare to individuals, families and the community.

Course contents

Theory/Lectures

Characteristics of family medicine, roles of general practitioners and scope of their work, organization, funding and operation of family medicine in Europe. Characteristics of healthcare issues in family medicine. Medical records. Cooperation with specialist consulting services and referral to specialists. Specific characteristics of clinical procedures in family medicine. Rational use of medications. Communication in family medicine. Family and health. Home visits and home treatment and care. Specific attention in family medicine and primary healthcare for patients suffering from acute respiratory disease, hypertension and the most common cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and thyroid disease, chronic lung disease, gastrointestinal diseases, urogenital diseases, hematological and skin diseases, neurological diseases, substance abuse, mental illnesses, rheumatic and malignant disease and terminal-stage diseases. Law-regulated and optimal space of a general medicine outpatient clinics. Equipment, medical bag. Work organization, scheduling and receiving patients. Team work. Management of an outpatient clinic as a business unit. Administrative and legal obligations. Educational and prevention activities as an integral part of the healthcare work. Prescribing drugs. Home visits. Patient's rights.

Practice:

- The role of primary health care physicians and their teams in family healthcare
- The first examination in the surgery/office
- Follow-up examinations
- Independently establishing diagnosis and prescribing treatment
- Independently prescribing medications, sick notes, orthopedic devices and medical certificates
- Administering IM and IV injections, dressing wounds, flushing the ear
- Taking blood samples for laboratory analyses
- Home visits with a mentor
- Home care (visits at home)
- Work in the children healthcare service
- Work in counseling and prevention centers
- Keeping a work log, catalogue of clinical skills and colloquium with the mentor

Literature

Mandatory

- 1. McWhinney IR, Freeman T. Textbook of Family Medicine. Third Edition, Oxford University Press, 2009.
- 2. World Book of Family Medicine European Edition 2015.
- 3. Rakel RE, Rakel D.:extbook of Family Medicine 9th Edition, Elsevier Saunders, 2016.

Hours/week of active teaching Theoretical classes: 30 Practical classes: 45

Teaching methods:

Teaching is performed in the forms of lectures, seminars and practice. Lectures and seminars are performed at the premises of the

Faculty of Medicine and the Health Center of Novi Sad. Practices are conducted at the outpatient clinics affiliated with the Health Center of Novi Sad, as well as in counseling and prevention centers

Assessment (maximum 100)			
Pre-exam duties	points	Final exam	points
activity during lectures	5	Written exam	25
practice	20	Oral exam	20
colloquium	20		
seminar(s)	10		