



## Law and ethics in dentistry

| <b>1. IMPRINT</b>  |  |
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| <b>Academic Year</b>   | 2024/2025  |
| <b>Department</b>  | Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry  |
| <b>Field of study</b>  | English Dentistry Division   |
| <b>Main scientific discipline</b>                            | Medical sciences   |
| <b>Study Profile</b>   | General academic   |
| <b>Level of studies</b>                                      | Uniform MSc  |
| <b>Form of studies</b>                                       | Full time studies  |
| <b>Type of module / course</b>                               | Obligatory   |
| <b>Form of verification of learning outcomes</b>             | Completion   |
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| <b>2. BASIC INFORMATION</b>                   |                         |                               |                                 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Year and semester of studies</b>           | 1 st year, 2nd semester | <b>Number of ECTS credits</b> | 1.00                            |
| <b>FORMS OF CLASSES</b>                       |                         | <b>Number of hours</b>        | <b>ECTS credits calculation</b> |
| <b>Contacting hours with academic teacher</b> |                         |                               |                                 |
| Lecture (L)                                   |                         | 10                            | 0.33                            |
| Seminar (S)                                   |                         | 5                             | 0.25                            |
| Classes (C)                                   |                         |                               |                                 |
| e-learning (e-L)                              |                         |                               |                                 |
| Practical classes (PC)                        |                         |                               |                                 |
| Work placement (WP)                           |                         |                               |                                 |
| <b>Unassisted student's work</b>              |                         |                               |                                 |
| Preparation for classes and completions       |                         | 10                            | 0.5                             |

| <b>3. COURSE OBJECTIVES</b> |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| O1                          | Respects patients's rights, including: right for data protection, right for privacy, for dignity, right for receiving information about clinical status, doctor-patient confidentiality, right for informed consent for treatment and lack of treatment, right to receive medical care, right to inform about side effects of medication and right for death in dignity |
| O2                          | Knows legal background of medical professions in Poland   |
| O3                          | Knows legalisation behind professional responsibility of medical professions in Poland  |

| <b>4. STANDARDS OF LEARNING – DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EFFECTS OF LEARNING</b>             |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Code and number of the effect of learning in accordance with standards of learning</b> | <b>Effects in the field of: (</b> |
|   |                                   |
| <b>Knowledge – Graduate* knows and understands:</b>                                       |                                   |

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|---------|--|
| D.W1.   | Definition of health and illness, impact of social environment (family, work, social relationships) and socio-cultural background (ethnicity, social status, religion, nationality, race) on health status   |
| D.W3.   | Types of violence, including domestic violence, social implications of diverse types of violence and role of the dentist in it's recognition as well as rules applied in case violence is detected, including procedure specific for Poland called "Blue Card" |
| G.W15.  | Rules of medical ethics and deontology, ethical problems of modern medicine derived from dynamic development of science and biomedical technologies and ethical behavior of dentist  |
| G.W18.  | Basic rights of the patient, including rights to: accept medical procedure, receive medical information, respect of intimacy and personal space, respect for confidentiality and access to medical documentation.  |
| G. W21. | Definition and types of adverse events, including medical errors and side effects, the most common causes, repercussions, rules for prevention and opinions in such situations   |

**Skills– Graduate\* is able to:**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| D.U1.   | Providing help in competent and legally approved way  |
| D.U2.   | Select treatment that minimizes social consequences for the patient   |
| G.U16.  | Respect patient's rights  |
| G. U18. | Prepare medical documentation, opinions for the patient or institutions, preparation and assessment of medical documentation (both electronically as well as on paper) and using diverse resources and techniques of communication in healthcare (e-health) |

\* In appendix to the Regulation of Minister of Science and Higher education from 26th of July 2019 „graduate”, not student is mentioned.

**5. ADDITIONAL EFFECTS OF LEARNING (non-compulsory)**

|                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Number of effect of learning</b> | <b>Effects in the fields of:</b> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|

**Knowledge – Graduate knows and understands:**

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|----|---|
| K1 | - |
| K2 | - |

**Skills– Graduate is able to:**

|    |   |
|----|---|
| S1 | - |
| S2 | - |

**Social Competencies – Graduate is ready for:**

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| SC1 | - |
| SC2 | - |

**6. CLASSES**

| Form of class | Class contents | Effects of Learning |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
|---------------|----------------|---------------------|

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|----------|---|--|
| Lecture  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Medical documentation – discussion of correct organization of medical documentation, the most common mistakes and it's legal and ethical consequences.</li> <li>2. Help in situations threatening health and life (emergency medicine), legal and ethical rules of help in emergencies with some clinical examples.</li> <li>3. Inform the patient and other entitled entities – legal and ethical rules of patient's information and some clinical examples</li> <li>4. Forms of organization of medical work – ethical and legal rules depending on the type of medical licence</li> <li>5. Legal responsibilities of a doctor – type of legal responsibilities and presentation of clinical cases</li> </ol> | <p>D.U1.</p> <p>D.U1.</p> <p>G.W18.</p> <p>G.W18.</p> <p>G. W21.<br/>D.W1.<br/>D.W3.<br/>G.W15.<br/>D.U2.<br/>G.U16.<br/>G. U18.</p> |
| Seminars | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Doctor's position in Polish healthcare system – as a part of the diagnostic and treatment team and, deriving from this legal and ethical responsibilities</li> <li>2. Legal rules of job of a dentist – presentation of legislation used in Poland</li> <li>3. Medical accuracy – presentation of rules according to which one does work professionally, presentation of some example of mistakes and their legal consequences. Medical accuracy and mistakes in healthcare.</li> </ol>   | <p>G.W15.</p> <p>U1</p>  |

## 7. LITERATURE

### Obligatory

Graskemper Joseph, Professional Responsibility in Dentistry: A Practical Guide to Law and Ethics, 2nd Edition, Willey, 2023

### Supplementary

Minihah-Anderson K, Ethics and Law in Dental Hygiene, 4th Edition, Elsevier, 2024

## 8. VERIFYING THE EFFECT OF LEARNING

| Code of the course effect of learning   | Ways of verifying the effect of learning  | Completion criterion                         |
|---|---|--|
| D.W1.; D.W3.<br>G.W15.;G.W18.<br>G.W21. | Being active during classes and writing an essay "The most important ethical and legal problems in dentistry" | 60% of information presented during lectures |
| D.U1.;D.U2.; G.U16.;<br>G. U18. U1      | Work has to be submitted within 2 weeks after completion of classes for each group.                           |  |

## **9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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### **ATTENTION**

The final 10 minutes of the last class of the block/semester/year should be allotted for students to fill out the Survey of Evaluation of Classes and Academic Teachers