

Course Title	Medical Psychology				
Course Code	MD235				
Course Type	Compulsory				
Level	1 st Cycle (MD)				
Year / Semester	2 nd Year / 4 th Semester				
Teacher's Name	TBA				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3 hrs / 14 weeks	Laboratories / week	0 hrs / 14 weeks
Course Purpose and Objectives	The objective of the course is to familiarize students with the basis of normal human behaviour and its changes and the techniques of doctor – patient communication in health and disease				
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the biological, psychological and social foundations of the human personality and behavior. • Explain the characteristics of the individual throughout his lifespan. • Analyze the basic psychological processes that influence the behaviour of the individual. • Discuss the psychosocial basis of the processes of becoming ill. • Discuss the interactions of the person with his family, social and working group. • Identify the psychological reactions faced with in various situations of illness and death. • Demonstrate that they have acquired the skills to apply the basics of sound, effective and efficient interpersonal communication in the relationship with the patients, their families and with other professionals. • Discuss the principles of the various models of psychotherapy. 				
Prerequisites	None		Co-requisites	None	
Course Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological, psychological and social foundations of the personality and behaviour of the individual. • Development of the personality during the entire life span of the individual. • Fundamental aspects of the normal psychic functions. • Psychosocial basis of the process of becoming ill. • Psychological reactions in situations of illness and death. • Principles of interpersonal communication. 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basis of the principles of psychotherapies 						
Teaching Methodology	Face-to-face						
Bibliography	<p>Vranceanu, Greer & Safren, The Massachusetts General Hospital Handbook of Behavioral Medicine A Clinician's Guide to Evidence-based Psychosocial Interventions for Individuals with Medical Illness. Springer</p> <p>Hunter, Hunter & Kessler, Handbook of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings: Evidence-Based Assessment and Intervention. Springer</p> <p>Margarete E. Vollrath, Handbook of Personality and Health. John Wiley & Sons Ltd, UK</p> <p>Howard S. Friedman, The Oxford Handbook of Health Psychology. Oxford University Press</p>						
Assessment	<table> <tr> <td>Examinations:</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assignment/Lab</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Class Participation:</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> </table>	Examinations:	70%	Assignment/Lab	20%	Class Participation:	10%
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