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Medico-legal issues 813 (PBL 813)

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| Qualification | Postgraduate |
| Faculty | Faculty of Law |
| Module credits | 30.00 |
| NQF Level | 09 |
| Programmes | MPhil (Medical Law and Ethics) (Coursework) |
| Contact time | 2 lectures per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Public Law |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 or Semester 2 |

Module content

In this module, specific aspects of medico-legal issues are discussed. Specifics topics include:

- A legal analysis of clinical medical research and practice (b) Analysing the application of mental healthcare law and practice in South Africa
- The status and application of end-of-life-decisions and living wills
- A legal analysis of organ procurement and transplantation
- The nature, scope and application of forensic pathology services, also in context of sexual offences, “unnatural deaths” and inquest legislation
- A legal analysis of human procreation (inclusive of artificial insemination, stem cell research, surrogacy and genetics)
- Environmental issues and medical law
- Intellectual property rights and medical law: access to patented and generic medicine

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