

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

## Medico-legal issues 813 (PBL 813)

**Qualification** Postgraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Law](#)

**Module credits** 30.00

**Programmes** [MPhil Medical Law and Ethics \(Coursework\)](#)

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

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

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