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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
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) 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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