

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

## Medico-legal issues 813 (PBL 813)

<b>Qualification</b>	Postgraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Law</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	30.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	09
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">MPhil Medical Law and Ethics (Coursework)</a>
<b>Contact time</b>	2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Public Law
<b>Period of presentation</b>	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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