

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

## Access to healthcare and medical malpractice litigation 812 (PBL 812)

<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 a multidisciplinary approach is adopted and the topics include the following:

- Justice in the allocation of health resources, access to health care and healthcare insurance
- The nature, scope and incidences of medical malpractice litigation in South Africa
- The nature and scope of damages and compensation for medical negligence
- Grounds of justification for medical interventions and other general defences in medical law
- The various causes of action in medical malpractice litigation
- Vulnerable patients (inclusive of children, the mentally ill/disabled and the elderly) and medical malpractice litigation
- Allied healthcare practitioners (inclusive of nurses, psychologists, traditional healers etc) and medical malpractice
- The role of telemedicine and e-health in medical malpractice
- Reform of medical malpractice law
- The drafting/assessment of pleadings in context of medical malpractice litigation

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