

Faculty of Medicine



MEDI2112 Introduction to General Practice (1)

[15h] 1 credits

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Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

AIMS. A first approach of General Practice, that's a part of the Belgian health care system and operates predominantly through private medical practices, which provide universal unreferral access to whole person medical care for individuals, families and communities. General practice care means comprehensive, coordinated and continuing medical care drawing on biomedical, psychological, social and environmental understandings of health. To help the student to discern specificities of the general practitioner and his insertion in Primary care framework, especially the used skills and experience to provide whole person, comprehensive, coordinated and continuing medical care, always respecting the autonomy of his patients. To help the students to make a good choice for their future practice (specialization or general practice).

Main themes

Through 2x8 oral courses several aspects of GP functions will be described: to recognise the professional responsibility of GP to their community, in negotiating management plans with their patients, integrating physical, psychological, social, cultural and existential factors, utilising the knowledge and trust engendered by repeated contacts. To discover the professional role of the GP by promoting health, preventing disease and providing cure, care, or palliation. This is done either directly or through the services of others according to the health needs and resources available within the community they serve, assisting patients where necessary in accessing these services. The ability to promote health and well being by applying health promotion and disease prevention strategies appropriately. The ability to recognise that GPs have a responsibility not to medicalise normality.

Content and teaching methods

An original and interactive approach would be developed to give the possibility to all students to meet a well in function and in mind general practitioner in Brussels or in Belgium. These personal contacts will be fully explored and used during the oral courses, that participants will animate by a personal contribution. Several tasks would be resolved and teamwork encouraged for medical references finding, written contribution, Internet contributions pooling, also.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Students would be individually evaluated at the end of MEGE2110 (An Introduction to General Practice (2) "Meet a patient." ("Visages de patients"). Criteria for success will be personal good integration in teamwork, quality of personal contribution, active participation within courses and meeting with GP.