

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE UNIT FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES AT VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

Scientific Area/eas, Field/ds of Science	Medical and Health Sciences (M 000): Medicine (M 001)							
Faculty, Institute, Department/Clinic	Faculty of medicine Institute of Clinical Medicine Clinic of Internal Diseases, Family Medicine and Oncology							
Course unit title (ECTS credits, hours)	Fundamentals of Care for Multiple Diseases in Family Medicine 5 (135 hours)							
Study method	Lectures	Seminars	Consultations	Self-study				
Number of ECTS credits	-	0.5	1.5	3				
Method of the assessment (in 10 point system)	The exam is conducted in writing. There are 3 questions.							
PURPOSE OF THE COURSE UNIT								
To teach PhD students to apply the basic principles of family medicine in the care of patients with multiple diseases.								
THE MAIN TOPICS OF COURSE UNIT								
<p>The Core Competencies of the family physician: primary care management, person-centred care, specific problem solving skills, comprehensive approach, community orientation, holistic modelling.</p> <p>Multimorbidity prevalence. Effects of multimorbidity on healthcare resource use. Multimorbidity and the Primary Care. Multimorbidity and Patient - Centered Care. Multimorbidity and the Healthcare Electronic Medical Record. Treatment burden and multimorbidity. Multimorbidity and mental health.</p> <p>The impact of multimorbidity on quality and safety of health care. Implications of multimorbidity for health policy. Optimizing outcomes in multimorbidity.</p> <p>Definition of multimorbidity and associated terminology. Challenges arising from a lack of consensus regarding definition. The scale and impact of the problem. Descriptive epidemiology: multimorbidity prevalence and incidence. Descriptive epidemiology: patterns of multimorbidity. Assessment of frailty.</p> <p>Impact of multimorbidity on patients' lives. Impact of multimorbidity on caregivers. Impact of multimorbidity on healthcare professionals. Economic burden of multimorbidity.</p> <p>Determinants of multimorbidity. Challenges in understanding the determinants of multimorbidity. Potential determinants of multimorbidity. Determinants of clusters of conditions. Management of multimorbidity. Prevention of multimorbidity. Current treatment strategies for multimorbidity. Better models of healthcare for treating patients with multimorbidity.</p>								
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