

Syllabi of Post-Graduate Diploma in Medical Law and Ethics (PGDMLE)

The Institute of Law and Ehtics in Medicine (TILEM)

COURSE CURRICULUM:

Paper-1: Law and Health: An Introduction to the Systems

TOPICS FOR STUDY -

- Law, Society and Legal System
- Constitution, Governance and Judiciary
- General Principles of Law: An Overview
- General Principles of Health: An Overview

As the course is open to any graduate, paper on Law and Health introduces conceptual, structural and functional aspects of the legal and health systems. As the primary objective of this course is to sensitize the students about the issues emerging from the interface of law, ethics and medicine, naturally, this kind of introduction to systems will be useful. Broadly, the content of this paper focuses on -

- 1) Law, Society and the Legal System
- 2) Constitution, Governance and Judiciary

3) Various and diverse facets of laws, procedures and legal framework.

4) Human body, related systems and specialized ways of diagnosis, treatment etc.

In addition the following Monographs are required to be studied:

1) Monograph 9: Right to Safe to Safe Blood and Blood Banks: Regulation and Policy

2) Monograph 11: Traditional Health Systems - Law, Policy & Practice

3) Monograph 12: Health & Development

In addition the following Monographs are required to be studied:

- 1) Monograph 1: Unborn and The Law
- 2) Monograph 5: HIV/AIDS Testing: In Search of Policy
- 3) Monograph 10: Premenstrual Syndrome and The Law
- 4) Monograph 13: Transmission of HIV from Mother to Infant: Epidemiological, Legal and Ethical Issues:

Paper - III : Medical Professional, Patient and the Law

TOPICS FOR STUDY -

- Doctor and Patient Relationship
- Medical Establishment and Patient Relationship
- Medical Negligence and Medical Profession
- Consent and Informed Consent
- Confidentiality

This paper primarily deals with the Doctor-patient relationship and Medical Establishment Patient Relationship. While doing so other issues like medical negligence, medical malpractice, consent, informed consent, confidentiality between doctor and patient etc., are also dealt with.

In addition the following Monographs are required to be studied:

- 1) Monograph 2: Transsexual and The Law
- 2) Monograph 3: Abortion - Social, Ethical and Legal Issues
- 3) Monograph 8: Organ Transplantation and the Law

Paper - IV : Professional Accountability and Patient's Rights

TOPICS FOR STUDY -

- Professional Liability: Adjudicative Process
- Medical Establishment Liability: Adjudicative Process
- Legal Procedure and Evidentiary Implications: An Overview
- Model Documentation
- Patients Rights

The essential focus of this paper will be on procedural, evidential and documentative aspects of adjudicative process. On one hand, the paper proposes to generate societal consensus as to patients rights character and on the other, facilitates medical professional to effectively equip with pertinent documentation.

In addition, the following Monographs are required to be studied:

- 1) Monograph 4: Autopsy and The Law
- 2) Monograph 6: Clinical Trials - Ethical and Legal Issues
- 3) Monograph 7: Inquest and the Law

Paper - V : Project Work: Interface of Law, Health and Medicine: Current Issues