

LAW 434 : Medical Law

This course focuses on medicine and the law. It explores the interrelationship of the two disciplines in areas such as morality, ethics, proof, and professional responsibility. Patient`s consent to treatment, confidentiality, genetic information, and duty of care are typical areas of interaction. Furthermore, ethical, and moral issues surrounding contraceptives, abortion and other fertility risks are considered. Likewise, childlessness and respective treatment of. in-vitro fertilization, donation and surrogacy are explored. Scientific research and use of human embryos in experimentation and the limits of such use are explained. Negligence and medical injuries are focused on under both statutory and general principles of liability. Medical evidence no doubt is crucial in the proof of sanity, insanity, diminished responsibility, causation, psychopathology, and other determinants of voluntary or involuntary action. Forensic medicine is of such an importance to law that it has developed into a discipline sui generis.

Credits 3

Prerequisite Courses

LAW 238

LAW 333

Corequisites

NONE