

## COURSE CONTENT:

Name of the Topic	Teaching Hours
Introduction	2hrs
Consent in Medical Practice	2hrs
Public violence against healthcare workers	2hrs
Human Rights	2hrs
Notifiable diseases	2hrs
POCSO Act	2hrs
MTP, PCPNDT Act	2hrs
Medical records	2hrs

### TARGET GROUP:

Phase II MBBS students  
Phase III Part I MBBS students

### ASSESSMENT METHOD:

MCQ test and Hands on assessment of Informed consent

### FEEDBACK:

Written feedback will be collected

### CERTIFICATE CRITERIA:

Certificate will be given after successful completion of the course (75% attendance and 50% marks in final assessment exam)

### LIST OF REFERENCES:

1. Reddy KSN, Murthy OP. The essentials of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology. 35th ed. Jaypee Publishers. 2022.
2. Biswas G. Forensic Medicine and Toxicology for Medical students. 6th ed. Jaypee Publishers. 2024.
3. Aggrawal A. Essentials of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology. 1st ed. Avichal publishers. 2019.
4. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences act. The Gazette of India. 2012.
5. The Medical Termination of Pregnancy amendment act. The Gazette of India. 2022.
6. The Preconception and Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques act. The Gazette of India. 2002.

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Value Added Course -

**LEGAL ASPECTS** of  
**SAFE PRACTICES**  
in Current Scenario

# PREAMBLE

Law and medicine have been intimately associated for at least the past two centuries. A doctor who knows nothing of law, and a lawyer who knows nothing of medicine, are deficient in essential requisites of their respective professions.

Health law, which applies legal principles to the healthcare field, has expanded far beyond anything that could have been imagined.

The recognition of patients' rights and the expansion of regulatory oversight rules have seamlessly evolved in medical practice. This evolution includes the changing roles of physicians in capital punishment, torture, end-of-life care, fetal research, and determining death according to brain stem death criteria.

"Legal issues in medicine," now encompassed under "Health Law, Ethics, and Human Rights," have vastly expanded the field. These issues include abortion, pregnancy, and childbirth; public health concerns; and areas such as research ethics, end-of-life care, and patient rights.

Legal compliance is currently lacking due to physicians' insufficient awareness of the legal obligations concerning patient autonomy, confidentiality, and access to health data. It is crucial for physicians to possess sufficient legal knowledge to effectively and credibly serve as witnesses in court proceedings.

Complaints against healthcare professionals seem to be on the rise, possibly indicating heightened public awareness and instances where healthcare professionals engage in inappropriate practices.

Workplace violence against doctors is a troubling reality in global medical practice, significantly impacting their physical and psychological well-being. Physicians in high-liability specialties often resort to practicing "defensive medicine" due to fear of litigation, which ultimately affects the overall healthcare services provided in the country.

This course aims to address emotional negativity and confusion among physicians regarding legal matters, while also highlighting opportunities for collaboration. By exploring the intersection of law and medicine, it provides practical insights and thoughtful perspectives on critical legal issues. The Value-added course aims to illustrate how clinicians can effectively utilize the law to enhance their professional practice.

This value-added course also aims to raise awareness among participants about legal issues that may arise in medical practice. It will focus on equipping participants with the skills to identify and address these issues, emphasizing the importance of staying updated on recent trends and amendments in medical law.

This value-added course addresses various medicolegal aspects and laws frequently encountered in future medical practice. Topics covered include consent, human rights issues, violence against healthcare workers in public settings, reporting of notifiable diseases, the POCSO Act, the MTP Act, the PCPNDT Act, and the proper maintenance of medical records in clinical settings.

Physicians are responsible not only for adhering to legal requirements but also for leveraging them to benefit their patients. Their engagement with the law should be integral to achieving clinical goals and fostering effective communication with patients. This Value-added course aims to initiate this transformative approach for healthcare professionals.

## OBJECTIVES

1. To orient students to take an informed consent from the Patient after explaining the importance of MLC registration in Medicolegal cases
2. To describe the salient features of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), 2012
3. To describe the importance of documentation and maintenance of medicolegal records
4. To describe the latest decisions / notifications / resolutions / circulars / standing orders related to medico-legal practice issued by NMC/MCI/ SMC
5. Discuss the responsibilities of a doctor in cases of violation of human rights

Course Duration : **16 hrs**

Course Timings : **April to June Every Saturday 2pm to 4pm**

