

Subject name: - Forensic Medicine and Toxicology

Subject code: HomUG-FMT

1. Preamble

Forensic Medicine and Toxicology encompass a multifaceted understanding of the medical, legal, and medico-legal obligations incumbent upon physicians, alongside a profound comprehension of medical ethics, decorum, and the toxicological ramifications of poisons. This field intersects with the elucidation of symptoms associated with homeopathic remedies. It is imperative for every registered Homoeopathic medical practitioner, whether practicing privately or within governmental institutions, to undertake medico-legal examinations as mandated by statute. In the current landscape characterized by burgeoning consumerism in medical services, familiarity with laws pertinent to medical practice, doctrines of medical negligence, and ethical codes assumes paramount importance. Practitioners must be cognizant of their medico-legal responsibilities, adept at making astute observations, drawing logical inferences, and arriving at significant conclusions during investigations into criminal matters and associated medico-legal intricacies.

Furthermore, proficiency in identifying, diagnosing, and studying the management protocols of both acute and chronic poisonings is indispensable. Decisions regarding treatment and referral should be judiciously made, considering the prevailing circumstances and severity of the condition, thereby ensuring timely intervention. Moreover, an understanding of the medico-legal dimensions of poison-related incidents is crucial.

Additionally, recognizing that the toxicological manifestations of poisons may bear resemblance to either the proving or clinical symptoms of certain Homoeopathic remedies underscoring the importance of integration between these disciplines. Such integration not only sheds light on the evolving drug profiles but also enhances comprehension of toxicological and therapeutic principles.

2. Course outcomes

At the end of BHMS II course in Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, the student shall -

- i. Identify, examine and prepare reports / certificates in medico-legal cases/situations in accordance with the law of land.
- ii. Demonstrate awareness of legal/court procedures applicable to medico legal/medical practice
- iii. Acquire knowledge in Forensic medicine and recognize its scope and limitations in Homoeopathic practice

- iv. Be conversant with the code of ethics, etiquette, duties and rights of medical practitioners' profession towards patients, profession, society, state and humanity at large; infamous conduct, medical negligence, and punishment on violation of the code of ethics.
- v. Be able to identify poisons/poisoning, and management of poisoning within the scope of homoeopathy.

- vi. Develop knowledge of Materia Medica by application of knowledge gained by the study of Toxicology
- vii. Develop skills in medical documentation
- viii. Be aware of the principles of environmental, occupational and preventive aspects of general Toxicology

3. Course content and its term-wise distribution

Sl. No.	List of Topics	Term
	Forensic Medicine	
1.	Introduction to Forensic Medicine	I
2.	Medical ethics	I
3.	Legal procedures	I
4.	Personal Identification	I
5.	Death and its medico-legal importance	I
	Toxicology	
1.	General Toxicology	I
2.	Clinical toxicology	I
3.	Injury and its medico-legal importance	II
4.	Forensic psychiatry	II
5.	Post-mortem examination (ML autopsy)	II
6.	Impotence and sterility	II
7.	Virginity, defloration; pregnancy and delivery.(Integration with OBG)	II
8.	Abortion and infanticide (Integration with OBG)	II
9.	Sexual Offences	II
10.	Clinical Toxicology	II
	Legislation relating to medical profession (relevant areas)	
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4. Teaching hours

4.1 Gross division of teaching hours

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Year	Teaching hours- Lectures	Teaching hours- Non-lectures
II BHMS	120	50

4.2 Teaching hours theory

S. no.	List of Topics	Hours
1	Introduction to Forensic Medicine	02
2	Medical Ethics	03
3	Legal Procedures	04
4	Personal Identification	07
5	Death and its medicolegal importance	13
6	General Toxicology	07
7	Clinical Toxicology: Part-I	20
8	Injury and its medicolegal importance	10
9	Forensic Psychiatry	04
10	Postmortem Examination (ML Autopsy)	04
11	Impotence and Sterility	03

12	Virginity, Defloration, Pregnancy and Delivery (Integration with OBG)	03
13	Abortion and Infanticide (Integration with OBG)	04
14	Sexual Offences	06
15	Clinical Toxicology: Part-II	25
16	Legislation relating to Homoeopathic Medical Profession	05
	Total	120

4.3 Teaching hours: Non-lecture

Sr. No	Non-Lecture Activity	Term	Time Allotted per Activity (Hours)
1	Practical	I & II	35
1(a)	Demonstration a) Weapons b) Toxicology - corrosives, irritants, systemic and miscellaneous poisons, gastric lavage c) Charts, diagrams, photographs, models, bones, x-ray films of medico-legal importance		10
1(b)	Certificate Writing a) Various certificates like sickness certificate, physical fitness certificate, death certificate, consent form, birth certificate.		3

	b) Knowledge of injury certificate, examination of rape victim and assailant, drunkenness, post-mortem examination report, age certification		
1(c)	Consent- Medical consent, implied consent, patient confidentiality, autonomy, role of care giver, audio-video recording of cases, safety and custody of medical records		2
1(d)	Demonstration of at least ten medico-legal autopsies.		20
2	Demonstrative	I & II	15
2(a)	Court Procedures (Moot Court)		05
2(b)	Field Visits		10
	Total		50

