



LEGAL EDUCATION OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

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Abstract

Emerging professional efforts focus on integration across healthcare and related professions. Medical schools are integrating legal concepts and skills, as well, using the lens of medical-legal partnership.

Cases of alleged medical negligence have brought need of changes related to professional exercising regulation and patient safety.

The need of educating healthcare professionals about legal issues is evident as the law defines what they can or cannot do in terms of medical practice, relationship with patients, etc.

Healthcare professionals need to be conversant with the law. At the Faculty of Public Health in Medical University – Sofia, as part of the main educational programme, a course of legal disciplines has been introduced. Students and healthcare professionals have been introduced to law of public health, health care generally, and medical care specifically.

The main advantage of practical education is that, compared to traditional teaching methods, it involves a different approach to the learning of law: it encompasses experiential learning.

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