Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2018-2019

Communication for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, Part 1
(D012443)

Course size
(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)
Credits 6.0
Study time 150 h
Contact hrs 50.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019
A (year) Dutch
guided self-study 5.0 h
integration seminar 3.75 h
work placement 32.5 h
self-reliant study activities 3.75 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019
Rogiers, Xavier GE10 lecturer-in-charge
Vervaet, Myriam GE13 co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019 crdts offering
Master of Medicine in Specialist Medicine (main subject Plastic, 6 A
Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery)
Master of Medicine in Specialist Medicine (main subject Plastic, 6 A
Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery)

Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
Surgery, communication, interaction strategies between professionals and between
doctors and patients, self-reflection

Position of the course
The courses related to communication aim to increase the theoretical background and
communication skills taught in the master in medicine and to focus more on a hospital
environment. Communication with the patient and his environment in specific
circumstances (only news, end of life, conflict management, ...) but also communication
with other specialists and health professionals in numerous multi-and interdisciplinary
meetings are an essential part of the workplace learning. Emphasis is also placed on
self-reflection: to be able to communicate more efficiently and more purposeful and to
be able to act, one must first gain insight in the own inner emotional world and in the
often unconscious and thus often less effective coping strategies that ensue. These
under- or unconscious strategies often maintain outward (animosity, quarrels, ...) and
inner (burnout, depression, ...) conflicts.

Contents
Part 1 of the course includes attending mandatory theoretical lessons:
a. transfer of information between colleagues
b. teaching Conference techniques
c. giving and receiving feedback
d. interaction styles in difficult situations and difficult patients-motivational strategies

Part 2 of the course includes participation in two sessions for which a preparatory
(reflection) report is obligated. The manual with information of the objective of the
intervision session and the structure of the preparatory reflection report can be found
The practical information about registration and absence is also available in the
manual.

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Initial competences

The course builds on certain learning outcomes of the study programme leading to the academic degree “Master of Medicine (in Medicine)” (or “Physician” or “Doctor of Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics”).

Final competences

1. Controlling a structured system for inter-professional communication (ISOBAR-system).
2. Performing on a custom way in a multidisciplinary consultation platform.
3. Adequately dealing with feedback as well as adequately giving feedback to other health professionals and trainees.
4. Gaining insight and adjusting the own functioning in a professional context by self-reflection and targeted feedback.
5. Applying communication skills within a hospital context.
6. Communicating in a professional manner with the patient and its context on the diagnosis, prognosis and potential treatment in order to achieve an optimal therapeutic plan by targeted cooperative (shared-decision approach).
7. Writing self-reflection reports according to STARR method.
8. Conducting conversations in which emotional reactions of the trainee threatens to disrupt the professional interaction because of the nature of the conversation, the attitude of the patient, the fellow and / or third parties.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Guided self-study, integration seminar, work placement, self-reliant study activities

Learning materials and price

Hand-outs / powerpoint presentation

References

Current Surgical Diagnosis and Treatment, edited by Lawrence W. Way (54 Euro)

Course content-related study coaching

Consultation with lecturer / clinical psychologist or appointment or via email

Examination methods

continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Portfolio, participation, job performance assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is not possible

Extra information on the examination methods

The lecturer evaluates in consultation with the clinical psychologist based on all collected papers and the participation in the intervision sessions with a “pass” / “fail” result based on progress and expectations. If necessary, the clinical psychologist can individually adjust.

Calculation of the examination mark

A “pass” / “fail” result is given.
The evaluation can take place at the earliest in the academic year in which “Problem-solving ability and skills in ..., part 1” can taken up in the curriculum. If the trainee wishes to take up the course earlier, the trainee has to motivate this request in oasis.

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