



Stress management for medical students

Zarządzanie stresem dla studentów medycyny

1. IMPRINT	
Academic Year	2026/2027
Department	Faculty of Medicine
Field of study	Medicine
Main scientific discipline	Medical sciences
Study Profile	General academic
Level of studies	Uniform MSc
Form of studies	Full time studies
Type of module / course	Obligatory (elective course)
Form of verification of learning outcomes	Completion
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2. BASIC INFORMATION

Year and semester of studies	I,II,III – winter and summer semester	Number of ECTS credits	2.00
FORMS OF CLASSES		Number of hours	ECTS credits calculation
Contacting hours with academic teacher			
Lecture (L)			
Seminar (S)			
Classes (C)			
e-learning (e-L)		30	1.20
Practical classes (PC)			
Work placement (WP)			
Unassisted student's work			
Preparation for classes and completions		20	0.8

3. COURSE OBJECTIVES

O1	This course will cover the major information about well-being, including stress management and counteracting burnout in medical practice.
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4. STANDARDS OF LEARNING – DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EFFECTS OF LEARNING

Code and number of effect of learning in accordance with standards of learning	Effects in the field of:
Knowledge – Graduate* knows and understands:	
Skills– Graduate* is able to:	

* In appendix to the Regulation of Minister of Science and Higher education from 29th of September 2023 „graduate”, not student is mentioned.

5. ADDITIONAL EFFECTS OF LEARNING (*non-compulsory*)

Number of effect of learning	Effects of learning in time
Knowledge – Graduate knows and understands:	
Skills– Graduate is able to:	
D.U4	demonstrate responsibility for improving their qualifications and passing on knowledge to others
Social Competencies – Graduate is ready for:	
K.1.	using objective sources of information

6. CLASSES

Form of class	Class contents	Effects of Learning
(S) seminar 1 online	Introduction. Stress and biology – the effects of excess stress on the nervous system.	D.U4., K.1.
(S) seminar 2 online	Steps to beating professional stress, burnout and overstimulation.	D.U4., K.1.
(S) seminar 3 online	Stress reduction methods and emotion regulation – meditation, mindfulness, bodywork (body scanning), yoga, relaxation exercises, breathing techniques.	D.U4., K.1.
(S) seminar 4 online	Somatic Experiencing (SE) techniques through awareness and regulation of the nervous system.	D.U4., K.1.
(S) seminar 5 online	Working with emotions and beliefs – analysis of sample methods: cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), EMDR, Internal Family Systems (IFS).	D.U4., K.1.
(S) seminar 6 online	The role of lifestyle (diet, physical activity, sleep) in maintaining everyday psycho-physical wellbeing.	D.U4., K.1.
(S) seminar 7 online	Practical exercises on strengthening mental resilience.	D.U4., K.1.

7. LITERATURE

- Halbesleben J., Managing Stress and Preventing Burnout in the Healthcare Workplace (ACHE Management) 1. Edition, 2010
- Donnelly G., Overcoming Secondary Stress in Medical and Nursing Practice, 2021

Supplementary

8. VERIFYING THE EFFECT OF LEARNING

Code of the course effect of learning	Ways of verifying the effect of learning	Completion criterion
D.U4., K.1.	E-learning seminars attendance, 3 written assignments in frame of the project and final test at the e-learning platform.	Test pass >70% correct answers.

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The course is available on the platform www.e-learning.wum.edu.pl. Student must learn all materials uploaded to the modules on the platform. After each module there are questions (quizzes) or task related to its subject.

Student must send written assignments (tasks) to the teacher (using e-learning platform) and receive a positive evaluation. Student must send them before proceeding to the final test.

Student must pass the final test (available on the e-learning platform) to obtain a credit.

Students are obligatory to check MUW student email account as all information are sent only by formal MUW mails.

ATTENTION

The final 10 minutes of the last class in the block/semester/year should be allocated to students' Survey of Evaluation of Classes and Academic Teachers.

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