



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
Pulmonology, allergology and clinical immunology, thoracic surgery (2023-2024)	

Lecturer(s)	Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered
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Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
Integrated studies (I and II cycle)	Compulsory

Mode of delivery	Period when the course unit (module) is delivered	Language(s) of instruction
Face-to-face lectures and seminars in the auditorium. Practical training at the Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos (Center of Pulmonology and Allergology, and Department of Thoracic surgery of Center of Heart and Thoracic surgery).	3-year, V and IV semesters	English

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: A student must have completed the following courses: human anatomy, human histology, physiology, pathological anatomy, human biology and genetics, physiology, microbiology.	Additional requirements (if any): None

Course (module) volume in credits	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
10 Part I: V sem. (Pulm. 5), Part II: VI sem. (Pulm. (Tuberculosis) 1, Allerg. clin. immunol. 2, Thor. surg. 2)	268 Part I: V sem. 134 Part II: VI sem. 134	134 Part I: V sem. (Pulm. 67) Part II: VI sem. (Pulm. (Tuberculosis) 13, Allerg. clin. immunol. 27, Thor. surg. 27)	134 Part I: V sem. 67 Part II: VI sem. 67

Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competencies to be developed
Students shall get an acquaintance with the principles of epidemiology, prophylaxis, diagnostics, treatment, and control of chest, allergic and immune diseases. Students shall familiarize themselves with diagnosis and treatment methods of the most common chest, allergic and immune diseases. It is planned that after completion of the course a student will have sufficient knowledge of the most common diseases and urgent situations of the chest diseases, as well as allergic and immune diseases. It is planned that a student shall be able to diagnose and treat most common chest, allergic and immune diseases, to suspect a rare disease of breathing organ. A student shall be able to provide assistance in cases of urgent situations of respiratory organs and allergic reactions.

Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
<p>Common competences To act fairly and according to ethical obligations, apply good medical practice principles at work, be emphatic, to think critically and self-critically, be creative, take the initiative, to communicate with others.</p>	Face-to-face lectures and seminars. Practical training at the Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos (Center of Pulmonology and Allergology, and Department of Thoracic surgery of Center of Heart and Thoracic surgery).	Steady assessment during seminars and practical training.
To make an assessment within the scope of one's competence and, if necessary, ask for help, to act in new situations and adapt to them, to act independently, to solve problems, to make judgements, to work with specialists of other fields, to organize and plan.	Face-to-face lectures and seminars. Practical training at the Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos (Center of Pulmonology and Allergology, and Department of Thoracic surgery of Center of Heart and Thoracic surgery).	Steady assessment during seminars and practical training.
To communicate with patients, colleagues, and relatives of patients disabled people.	Face-to-face lectures and seminars. Practical training at the Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos (Center of Pulmonology and Allergology, and Department of Thoracic surgery of Center of Heart and Thoracic surgery).	Steady assessment during seminars and practical training.
Properly and completely keep and store medical documentation, use computers, search for sources of literature, store and update information.	Face-to-face lectures and seminars. Practical training at the Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos (Center of Pulmonology and Allergology, and Department of Thoracic surgery of Center of Heart and Thoracic surgery).	Steady assessment during seminars and practical training.
Specific competences		
To take a history, carry out physical examination, make clinical judgments and decisions, and provide explanations and advice, reassurance and support to patients, to assess the mental state of patients with suspected or present chest, allergic or immune disorder.	Face-to-face lectures and seminars. Practical training at the Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos (Center of Pulmonology and Allergology, and Department of Thoracic surgery of Center of Heart and Thoracic surgery).	Steady assessment during seminars and practical training. Final colloquium at the end of V semester. Exam at the end of the course.
To recognize and assess the severity of clinical signs, order required tests and interpret their results, carry out differential diagnostics, prepare the relevant patient with chest, allergic or immune disorders monitoring plan; to administer adequate and appropriate treatment, to combine the relevant medicines and other treatment methods in the clinical context, to assess the appropriateness and potential benefit and harm of medicines and other treatment methods, to alleviate pain and stress situations.	Face-to-face lectures and seminars. Practical training at the Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos (Center of Pulmonology and Allergology, and Department of Thoracic surgery of Center of Heart and Thoracic surgery).	Steady assessment during seminars and practical training. Final colloquium at the end of V semester. Exam at the end of the course.
To measure lung sounds, to apply oxygen therapy, know the main assessment tests of breathing functions, the chest X-ray, computed tomography scans, immune blood and allergic tests, bronchoscopic examinations.	Face-to-face lectures and seminars. Practical training at the Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos (Center of Pulmonology and Allergology, and Department of Thoracic surgery of Center of Heart and Thoracic surgery).	Steady assessment during seminars and practical training. Final colloquium at the end of V semester. Exam at the end of the course.

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours	Self-study work: time and assignments
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Part I:								
Pulmonology								
1	Anatomy, histology, physiology, pathophysiology of the respiratory system. The diagnostic value of complaints; objective examination of the patients. Radiological methods of lungs examination. Lung function testing.	1		2		3	3	To prepare for the workshops about anatomy, histology, physiology, pathophysiology of the respiratory system; the diagnostic value of complaints; objective examination of patients; radiological methods of lungs examination; lung functions testing.
2	Acute bronchitis, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive lung disease	1	2	4		7	3	To prepare for the workshops about acute bronchitis, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive lung disease.
3	Bronchiectasis	1		2		3	3	To prepare for the workshops about bronchiectasis.
4	Bronchial asthma	1		2		3	3	To prepare for the workshops about bronchial asthma.
5	Community acquired and hospital pneumonia	2	2	2		6	3	To prepare for the workshops about community-acquired and hospital pneumonia.
6	Pleurisy	1	2	2		5	3	To prepare for the workshops about pleurisy.
7	Carcinoma of the lung	1	2	2		5	3	To prepare for the workshops about carcinoma of the lung.
8	Interstitial lung diseases (sarcoidosis, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, extrinsic allergic alveolitis, eosinophilic pneumonia, organizing pneumonia)	2	2	2		6	3	To prepare for the workshops about sarcoidosis, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, extrinsic allergic alveolitis, eosinophilic pneumonia, organizing pneumonia.
9	Pulmonary embolism	1	2	2		5	3	To prepare for the workshops about pulmonary embolism.
10	Sleep apnoea syndrome	1		2		3	3	To prepare for the workshops about sleep apnoea syndrome.
11	Acute respiratory distress syndrome	1	2			3	3	To prepare for the workshops about acute respiratory distress syndrome.
12	Pulmonary hypertension		2			2	3	To prepare for the workshops about pulmonary hypertension.
13	Pneumoconiosis		2			2	3	To prepare for the workshops about pneumoconiosis.
14	Fungal and parasitic lung diseases		2			2	3	To prepare for the workshops about fungal and parasitic lung diseases.
15	Pulmonary adverse drugs reactions		2			2	3	To prepare for the workshops about pulmonary adverse drugs reactions.
16	Pulmonary damage in systemic collagen vascular diseases, heart, digestive tract and haematological disorders	1	2			3	3	To prepare for the workshops about pulmonary damage in systemic collagen vascular diseases, heart, digestive tract and haematological disorders.
17	Differential diagnosis of the cough	1		2		3	3	To prepare for the workshops about various aspects of cough.
18	Acute and chronic respiratory failure	1	2			3	3	To prepare for the workshops about acute and chronic respiratory failure.
To prepare to the credit			1			1	13	Self-repeat all topics.

Part I hours	16		27	24			67	67	
Part II:									
Tuberculosis									
19 Epidemiology of tuberculosis, infection source of tuberculosis and pathogenesis			2				2	4	To prepare for the workshops about the epidemiology of tuberculosis, infection source of tuberculosis, and pathogenesis.
20 Diagnosis of tuberculosis	2		1	1			4	3	To prepare for the workshops about clinical, radiological and laboratorial methods of diagnosis of tuberculosis
21 Treatment of tuberculosis	1		1	1			3	3	To prepare for the workshops about the treatment of drug-sensitive and resistant tuberculosis.
22 Nontuberculous mycobacterial lung disease	2		2				4	3	To prepare for the workshops about nontuberculous mycobacterial lung disease.
Tuberculosis part hours	5		6	2			13	13	
Allergology and Clinical Immunology									
23. Main concepts of allergology and immunology, mechanisms of the development of allergic and immune diseases and diagnostic methods			2	2			4	4	To prepare for the workshops about the main concepts of allergology and immunology, allergic and immune reactions types and mechanisms
24. Allergic respiratory and ocular diseases			2	2			4	4	To prepare for the workshops about allergic respiratory and ocular diseases
25. Urticaria and angioedema	2						2	3	To prepare for the workshops about urticaria and angioedema
26 Allergic dermatitis: atopic and allergic contact dermatitis			2	2			4	3	To prepare for the workshops about allergic skin diseases
27. Food allergy	2			1			3	3	To prepare for the workshops about food allergy, elimination diets and provocation tests
28. Drug hypersensitivity			2	2			4	4	To prepare for the workshops about drug hypersensitivity, diagnostic methods.
29. Anaphylaxis	2						2	3	To prepare for the workshops about anaphylaxis etiology, diagnostics, treatment and prevention.
30 Immunodeficiencies: classification, diagnostics and treatment	2		2				4	3	To prepare for the workshops about immunodeficiency's diagnostics and treatment opportunities
Allergology and Clinical Immunology part hours	8		10	9			27	27	
Thoracic surgery									
31. Introduction to thoracic surgery. The history of general thoracic surgery in the world and Lithuania. Mentors and fathers of bronchology and thoracic surgery. Main diagnostic tools in general thoracic surgery: rigid and flexible bronchoscopy, video assisted mediastinoscopy (VAM), video assisted thoracic surgery (VATS), esophagoscopy.	2			2			4	2	To get acquainted with the history of thoracic surgery. To understand the main diagnostic methods and indications used in thoracic surgery.
32. Chest trauma. Penetrating injuries and blunt trauma. Types of pneumothoraxes. Thoracocentesis and pleural drainage. Hemothorax. Heart injury. Subcutaneous and mediastinal emphysema. Flail chest. Methods of evaluation and management.			2	2			4	3	To prepare for the workshops about chest trauma.

33. Nonspecific acute pulmonary destructions (lung abscess, necrotizing pneumonia and gangrene). Pleural empyema and pyopneumothorax. Empyema necessitatis. Single step and multiple step surgical management. Open window thoracostomy. Surgical management of bronchiectasis.			2	2			4	3	To prepare for the workshops about pulmonary suppurations.
34. Tumors of respiratory system and pleura. Benign and malignant entities. Lung cancer. Diagnostics (minimally invasive and surgical diagnostic methods). Radical and palliative surgical management.			2	2			4	3	To prepare for the workshops about diagnostics and treatment of the patients with lung and pleura malignancies.
35. Esophageal narrowing and obstruction of different origin. Diagnostics and management. Esophageal motility disorders (diverticula, achalasia) and benign tumors. Esophageal cancer: diagnostics, radical and palliative management. Esophageal perforation: etiology, diagnostics and management. Spontaneous esophageal rupture (Boerhaave syndrome).	2		2	2			6	2	To prepare for the workshops about dysphagia of different origin.
36. Postintubation pathology of the airways. Postintubation tracheal stenosis: etiology, diagnostics and emergency management. Radical and palliative surgical management. Tracheostomy: indications and complications. Tracheoesophageal and tracheoarterial fistula. Tracheal stenting with "T" tube and other stents. Management of a patient with a "T" tube.			2	2			4	2	To prepare for the workshops about postintubation pathology of the airways.
Preparation to the exam.			1				1	12	Self-repeat all topics.
Thoracic surgery part hours	4		11	12			27	27	
Part II hours	16		27	24			67	67	
Total course hours	36		54	44			134	134	

Assessment strategy	Weight, %	Deadline	Assessment criteria
Final colloquium (in case of contact study)	100	At the end of the practical training for every group during V semester.	Oral survey of students' knowledge. It is graded as: credit or no credit.
Exam	100	At the end of the VI semester.	Written exam – the test, held electronically. Composition of the test: 30 questions and clinical cases: 15 from pulmonology, 6 from allergology and clinical immunology, 6 from thoracic surgery and 3 from tuberculosis. The questions will appear consistently, with no possibility of coming back. One question has 5 options. One of them is correct. Duration of the exam – 45 minutes. Final mark: 10: 28–30 correct answers. 9: 25–27 correct answers. 8: 22–24 correct answers. 7: 19–21 correct answers. 6: 16–18 correct answers. 5: 13–15 correct answers. 4: 10–12 correct answers.

			3: 7–9 correct answers. 2: 4–6 correct answers. 1: 0–3 correct answers.
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Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
David J. Sugarbaker et al.	2022	Adult Chest Surgery. 2nd ed.	-	McGraw Hill / Medical
Joseph LoCicero III et al.	2018	Shields' General Thoracic Surgery. 8 th ed.	-	Wolters Kluwer
Scarci M. et al.	2016	Core Topics in Thoracic Surgery	-	Cambridge University Press
Kuzdzal J. et al.	2014	ESTS Textbook of Thoracic Surgery	-	Medycyna Praktyczna
Mark K. Ferguson	2020	Difficult Decisions in Thoracic Surgery. 4 th ed.	-	Springer
Rubikas R.	2015	Essentials of Thoracic Surgery (textbook)	-	LSMU leidybos namai
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Joseph LoCicero III et al.	2018	Shields' General Thoracic Surgery. 8 th ed.	-	Wolters Kluwer