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SYLLABUS DISCIPLINE NEUROLOGY

Integrated studies

Tipe of course: Compulsory

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I. INTRODUCTION

• General presentation of the discipline: place and role of the discipline in the formation of the specific competences of the professional / specialty training program

Neurology is a branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the central and peripheral nervous system. This specialty plays an important role in the periodic neurological evaluation of healthy adults, as well as all people with neurological complaints, with the aim of early detection and treatment of any damage to the nervous system.

Neurology holds an important place among medical disciplines, since the pathology of the nervous system enables multiple disorders of the human body functions, often determining the evolution and the prognosis of the disease. It is well known that there are almost no somatic diseases in the pathogenesis of which the nervous system is not involved. In its turn, the somatic diseases cause different conditions of the central and peripheral nervous system, resulting in a large array of somatic neurological syndromes. Knowing the basics of clinical neurology is extremely important for general practitioners, future family doctors and specialists in various fields of medicine. This is determined by the need of knowing the role of the nervous system in the norm and in pathology, being able in consequence to approach especially the diseases of medical-social importance, as are the demyelinating diseases, stroke, peripheral nervous system disorders (radiculopathies, polyneuropathies) and other diseases that are frequently encountered in medical practice. The neurological training within the faculty offers the necessary knowledge background to provide medical assistance in case of neurological emergencies: coma caused by cerebral strokes, neuroinfectious, craniocerebral traumas, status epilepticus as well as pain syndromes of various origins (trigeminal neuralgia, discogenic radiculopathy, etc.).

Currently, neurology is considered one of the clinical disciplines with an impressive scientific development. The progress obtained in the field of the neurologic system imaging revolutionized the possibilities of diagnosis that in consequence enabled the process of choosing the appropriate treatment of various neurological diseases. Currently, the nervous system is studied at various levels and with a multilateral approach – anatomical, physiological, biochemical, evolutionary, psychological and others, which contributes to creating new possibilities in the field of therapy and prophylaxis of neurological diseases, that until now were considered very reserved. The continuous gathering of new data regarding the bioactive substances – neurotransmitters and neuromediators, as well as the elucidation of the role of brain chemistry disorders in the genesis of neurological diseases, also the understanding of brain neuroplasticity concepts considerably changes the conceptual content of clinical neurology and treatment possibilities.

At the present stage of the development of medical techniques, paraclinical exploration methods have become an integral part of the diagnostic process of neurological diseases. Therefore, it is necessary a doctor not only to know the methods of neurological examination of the patient, but also to apply appropriate laboratory investigations useful for the localization as well as for the identification of the type of the pathological process of the nervous system. The treatment of neurological diseases is becoming more and more differentiated, which requires a good orientation of the physician in choosing the right therapy.



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Mission of the curriculum (aim) in professional training

The main goal of the course is to study the physiological and pathological changes of the nervous system depending on the connection between the neural substrate and the triggering factors, multilateral examination of relevant relationships between internal structures and organization of the nervous system and the law of syndromology and topical diagnosis.

Studying the discipline will ensure:

- a. acquiring practical skills of examining a neurological patient in order to recognize pathological signs with their semiotic localization assessment and identifying the nature of the pathological process;
- b. adequate evaluation of the information obtained from the additional investigations: electrophysiological, radiological, biochemical, immunological etc.
- c. making the clinical diagnosis of neurological diseases frequently encountered in the medical practice, which offers the possibility of introducing appropriate treatment and effective prophylactic measures;
- d. knowing various alternations of the nervous system within different somatic diseases, their early diagnosis, treatment, prophylaxis, and prognosis.

• Language (s) of the discipline Romanian, Russian, English, French

• **Beneficiaries**: students of the IVth year, faculty Medicine no. 1 and no. 2, specialty Medicine.

II. MANAGEMENT OF THE DISCIPLINE

Code of discipline		S.07.0.057	
Name of the discipline		Neurology	
Person(s) in charge c discipline	of the	MD, PhD, Prof. Gavriliuc Mihail	
Year	IV	Semester/Semesters	7, 8
Total number of hours, 150 including:		ng:	
Lectures	30	Practical/laboratory hours	30
Seminars	30	Self-training	60
Form of assessment	Е	Number of credits	5



III. TRAINING AIMS WITHIN THE DISCIPLINE

At the end of the discipline study the student will be able to:

• at the level of knowledge and understanding:

- To define the theoretical foundations of contemporary neurology;
- To identify the anatomical-functional features of the nervous system;
- To highlight topographically the place and the importance of different anatomical structures and areas of the nervous system involved in the performing of specific functions and to define neurological syndromes;
- To establish the topical diagnosis based on defined clinical syndromes;
- To report on the etiopathogenesis, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, treatment principles and prophylaxis of neurological disorders.

• at the application level:

- to collect the anamnesis and evaluate the data about the functions of the nervous system;
- to perform the special neurological examination according to the systems;
- to apply various diagnostic methods in neurological disorders;
- to evaluate the results of the clinical tests and additional diagnostic investigations in order to appreciate the functional state of the nervous system;
- to apply emergency examination methods.

• at the integration level:

- to assess the importance of neurology in the context of medicine and integration with related medical disciplines;
- to appreciate the evolution of physiological processes and the etiology of pathological processes of the nervous system;
- to observe the pathological processes and to apply the right methods of investigation, treatment and prophylaxis of the nervous system disorders;
- to evaluate the results of diagnostic methods in neurological diseases;
- to make optimal decisions while providing emergency assistance in critical situations;
- to develop scientific research projects in the field of neurology.

IV. PROVISIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Neurology is a clinical medical discipline, the study of which will allow the development of the necessary skills to support a correct diagnosis based on the anamnesis, clinical and paraclinical examination, acquiring the necessary notions and skills to highlight neurological emergency cases and frequent neurological diseases as well as choosing the right curative management.

A student at the 4th course in the University needs the following:

- to know the language of instruction;
- preclinical skills;



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- clinical skills;
- digital skills (being able to use the internet, to process the documents, electronic tables and presentation, using graphics software);
- communication and teamwork skills;
- the ability to communicate with the patients;
- qualities intelligence, wisdom, tolerance, compassion, autonomy.

V. THEMES AND ESTIMATE ALLOCATION OF HOURS

Lectures, practical hours/laboratory hours/seminars and self-training

No.		Nun	nber of ho	uire
d/o	ТНЕМЕ		Practical	
			hours	training
1.	The subject of clinical neurology. Historical data of Neurology. Neurological examination. Complementary and laboratory investigations used in neurology and neurosurgery. Sensitivity. Signs, symptoms and syndromes affecting sensitivity. Pain – a complex clinical phenomenon, neurological approach.	2	4	4
2.	Motility. The pyramidal system (corticospinal tract). Central motor neuron syndrome, peripheral motor neuron syndrome. Sphincter disorders of neurologic origin. Motor neuron disease.	2	4	4
3.	Motility. Extrapyramidal system. Hypertonic-hypokinetic syndrome. Parkinson's disease. Hypotonic-hyperkinetic syndrome. Tics. Cerebellum: anatomical and physiological principles of constitution, examination, clinical manifestations of impairment. Friedreich ataxia.	2	4	4
4.	The brainstem and the cranial nerves: anatomical and physiological principles of constitution, clinical examination, clinical signs and symptoms of impairment. Notion of alternating syndrome. Bulbar and pseudobulbar syndrome. Vertigo. Facial neuritis/neuropathy. Trigeminal neuralgia.	2	4	4
5.	Autonomic nervous system (ANS): anatomophysiological features and examination methods. Syndromes of impairment of ANS in neurological and somatic diseases. Anatomical and physiological features of the hypothalamus and hypothalamic dysfunction syndromes. Anatomical and physiological features of the reticulate formation. Headache: classification, diagnostic criteria of primary headaches.	2	4	4
6.	The cerebral cortex. Clinical signs, symptoms and syndromes of impairment. Dementias. Disturbances of	2	4	4



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No.			Number of hours			
d/o	THEME	Lectures	Practical	Self-		
	the central nervous system in alcoholism. Magnetic resonance investigation: principles, clinical utility.		hours	training		
7.	Neurological examination of a patient with an altered level of consciousness. Coma. Notions of vegetative status, akinetic mutism, locked-in syndrome, psychic areactivity. Brain death. Computer tomography examination: principles, clinical utility.	2	4	4		
8.	Cerebrovascular diseases. Epidemiological data, risk factors, classification. Ischemic stroke. Treatment in the acute period, primary and secondary prophylaxis. Intracranial venous thrombosis: clinical manifestations, complementary investigations and treatment.	2	4	4		
9.	Hemorrhagic stroke. Classification. Risk factors, treatment. Principles of neurorehabilitation. Doppler ultrasound examination of cervical and cerebral vessels: principles and clinical utility.	2	4	4		
10.	Infectious diseases of the nervous system: general notions, classification. Meningitis and encephalitis. Autoimmune encephalitis. Herpetic encephalitis. Lumbar puncture. Examination of cerebrospinal fluid.	2	4	4		
11.	Spinal cord diseases. Myelitis and myelopathy. Poliomyelitis. Neurosyphilis. Damage of the nervous system in HIV/AIDS. Neuroborreliosis. Spinal cord vascular syndromes.	2	4	4		
12.	Multiple sclerosis. Myasthenia Gravis. Paraneoplastic syndrome. Evoked potential signals, electromyographic nerve conduction study: principles, clinical utility.	2	4	4		
13.	Paroxysmal events. Epilepsy. Status epilepticus. Intensive care treatment. Syncope. Electroencephalography: principles, clinical utility.	2	4	4		
14.	Peripheral nervous system disorders. Mono / multineuropathy of the upper and lower limbs. Tunnel syndromes. Discogenic radiculopathies. Guillain-Barre syndrome. Polineuropathy. Brachial plexopathy. Disturbances of the peripheral nervous system in alcoholism. ENG, PESS: principles and clinical utility. Electromyography (EMG) examination: principles and clinical utility.	2	4	4		
15.	Hereditary diseases in clinical neurology: progressive muscular dystrophies, Charcot-Marie-Tooth hereditary neuropathy, myotonias. Wilson disease.	2	4	4		



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No.		Nun	nber of ho	urs
d/o	THEME	Lectures	Practical	Self-
			hours	training
	Total	30	60	60

VI. PRACTICAL TOOLS PURCHASED AT THE END OF THE COURSE

Mandatory essential practical tools are:

A. MENTAL STATE

- 1. Alertness
- 2. Speech (fluency, understanding, repetition, naming)
- 3. Memory (long term and short term)
- 4. Calculus
- 5. Cognitive evaluation: MMSE (Mini Mental State Examination) and MoCA test (Montreal Cognitive Assessment)

B. CRANIAL NERVES

- 1. Examination of the olfactory function
- 2. Examination of visual function (visual acuity, visual field)
- 3. Examination of the oculomotor function (eyeball position, presence of convergent/divergent strabismus, uni-, bilateral ptosis, anisocoria, eyeball motility, photopupillary reaction)
- 4. Examination of tactile sensitivity and facial pain
- 5. Examination of facial muscle strength (facial expression muscles)
- 6. Examination of the vestibulo-cochlear function (vertigo, hearing loss, nystagmus, Romberg position)
- 7. Examination of swallowing, speech articulation, phonation, palatal and tongue movement, gag reflex and velopalatine reflex
- 8. Examination of neck movement (head rotation, shoulder elevation)

C. MOTOR FUNCTION

- 1. Examination of posture and gait (normal gait, walking on heels, walking on toes, tandem gait)
- 2. Examination of coordination function (fine finger movements, diadochokinesia, indexnose and heel-knee test, nystagmus)
- 3. Highlighting involuntary movements
- 4. Examination of muscle strength (upper and lower Barre test, shoulder abduction, elbow flexion / extension, hand flexion / extension, finger flexion / extension / abduction, thigh flexion / extension, knee flexion / extension, plantar extension / flexion)
- 5. Examination of muscle tone

D. REFLEXES

- 1. Deep tendon reflexes (biceps, triceps, carporadial, rotulian, Achilles)
- 2. Pathological reflexes (Hoffman sign, Babinski sign)



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3. Oral automatism reflexes: palmomental Marinescu-Radovici reflex, Snout reflex

E. SENSITIVITY

- 1. Examination of superficial sensitivity (tactile, thermal and pain)
- 2. Examination of proprioception (vibration sense, myoarthrokinetic)
- 3. Examination of complex sensitivity (dermolexia, tactile discrimination, stereognosia, topognosia)

F. MENINGEAL SIGNS

- 1. Occipital muscle stiffness
- 2. Kernig's sign
- 3. Brudzinski's sign: upper, middle, lower

G. ELONGATION SIGNS:

- 1. Neri
- 2. Lasegue
- 3. Mazkiewich
- 4. Patric, Bonnet

H. EXAMINATION OF THE PATIENT IN COMA STATE:

- 1. pupils
- 2. the position of the eyeballs
- 3. the corneal reflex
- 4. facial symmetry
- 5. reaction to painful stimuli
- 6. deep-tendon reflexes
- 7. pathological signs
- 8. muscle tone
- 9. meningeal signs
- 10. Glasgow score.

VII. OBJECTIVES AND CONTENT UNITS

Objective	Content units	
Theme 1. The subject of clinical neurology. Historical data of Neu Complementary and laboratory investigations used Sensitivity. Signs, symptoms and syndromes affecting sephenomenon, neurological approach.	in neurology and neurosurgery.	
 To know the anatomical and physiological features of the sensitivity Definition of sensitivity. 		
 To know the clinical manifestations of superficial and deep sensitivity disorders 	2. Superficial and deep sensitivity pathways.	



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Objective

- To apply diagnostic methods (clinical, objective neurological status, paraclinical) of the diseases associated with sensitivity impairment
- To evaluate the results of additional diagnostic investigations to appreciate the functional state of sensitivity
- To determine the topical diagnosis of the pathological process based on the sensitivity disturbances
- To evaluate the results of the objective methods of examination of the superficial, deep and complex sensitivity
- To know the complementary and laboratory techniques used in neurology and neurosurgery
- To know the peculiarities of nociceptive and neuropathic pain, the general principles of pain treatment

Content units

- 3. The semiology of sensitivity disturbances, sensitive syndromes.
- 4. Examination techniques of sensitivity.
- 5. Definition of pain and the afferent pathways of pain, clinical aspects of pain.
 Antinociceptive pathways. The gate control theory of pain.
- 6. General principles of pain treatment.

Theme 2.

Motility. The pyramidal system (corticospinal tract). Central motor neuron syndrome, peripheral motor neuron syndrome. Sphincter disorders of neurologic origin. Motor neuron disease.

- To know the anatomical and physiological features of the central and peripheral motor neurons
- To apply in practice the theoretical knowledge about the anatomy and physiology of the pyramidal system
- To know the notion of motor unit and the notion of paresis and paralysis
- To be able to define the clinical syndromes affecting the central and peripheral motor neurons
- To differentiate between the damage of the central motor neuron (central paralysis) and the peripheral motor neuron (peripheral paralysis)
- To know the technique of the voluntary motility examination
- To know the semiology of spinal cord suffering at different levels in transverse hemisection (Brown Sequard syndrome) and in full transverse section
- To apply the algorithm of diagnosis of the symptoms and signs of the peripheral motor neuron syndrome and central motor neuron

- 1. The notion of motor unit and the pathway of the voluntary motility.
- 2. The notion of paresis and paralysis.
- 3. Clinical symptoms of peripheral motor neuron syndrome.
- 4. Clinical symptoms of central motor neuron syndrome.
- 5. Nosological entities that are manifested by central motor neuron syndrome and peripheral motor neuron syndrome.
- Anatomical and functional features and clinical manifestations of central and peripheral type sphincter disorders.
- 7. The semiology of spinal cord injury in the transverse hemisection at the following levels: upper cervical, cervical



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Objective	Content units
 syndrome in assessing patients with motility disorders To correctly assess the management of peripheral and central type sphincter disorders To know the etiology, clinical manifestations, diagnosis and treatment of motor neuron disease 	intumescence, thoracic, lumbar intumescence, below the lumbar intumescence. 8. Clinical manifestations of total transverse spinal cord injury at the following levels: upper cervical, cervical intumescence, thoracic, lumbar intumescence, below the lumbar intumescence. 9. The definition of motor neuron disease. Clinical manifestations, diagnosis, treatment.

Theme 3.

Motility. Extrapyramidal system. Hypertonic-hypokinetic syndrome. Parkinson's disease. Hypotonic-hyperkinetic syndrome. Tics. Cerebellum: anatomical and physiological principles of constitution, clinical examination, clinical manifestations of impairment. Friedreich ataxia.

- To define the anatomical and physiological features of the extrapyramidal system
- To define the hypertonic-hypokinetic syndrome and the hyperkinetic-hypotonic syndrome
- To know the semiology of involuntary movements: tremor (parkinsonian, attitude, action tremor), chorea, athetosis, dystonia, iatrogenic dyskinesias, tics, facial hemispasm, myoclonus, hemibalism
- To know the pathogenesis, clinical manifestations, treatment of parkinson's disease
- To know the etiology, clinical manifestations, treatment of Sidenham chorea, tics, Huntington chorea
- To define the anatomical and physiological principles of constitution of the cerebellum
- To know the semiology of cerebellar damage: ataxia, dysmetria, asinergia, adiadochokinesis, intention tremor, language and writing disorders
- To know the methodology of the clinical cerebellum examination
- To know the semiology of gait disorders and the clinical features of topical and etiological diagnosis
- To know the pathogenesis, clinical manifestations, treatment of Friedreich's ataxia

- Anatomical and physiological features of the extrapyramidal system.
- 2. The notion of hypertonichypokinetic syndrome.
- 3. The notion of hyperkinetic-hypotonic syndrome.
- 4. Semiology of involuntary movements: Parkinsonian, attitude and action tremor, chorea, athetosis, dystonia, iatrogenic dyskinesias, tics, facial hemispasm, myoclonus, hemibalism.
- 5. Parkinson's disease: pathogenesis, clinical manifestations, treatment.
- 6. Sidenham chorea: etiology, clinical manifestations, treatment.
- 7. Huntington chorea. Etiology, clinical manifestations, treatment.
- 8. Tics.
- 9. Cerebellum: anatomical and physiological principles of the constitution, clinical



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	examination, clinical
	manifestations.
	10. Friedreich's ataxia:
	pathogenesis, clinical
	manifestations, diagnosis,
	treatment.

Theme 4.

The brainstem and the cranial nerves: anatomical and physiological principles of constitution, clinical examination, clinical signs and symptoms of impairment. Notion of alternating syndrome. Bulbar and pseudobulbar syndrome. Vertigo. Facial neuropathy. Trigeminal neuralgia.

- To know the algorithm of diagnosing the signs and symptoms of cranial nerve damage
- To apply in clinical practice the knowledge accumulated by the students at the preclinical subjects about the anatomy and physiology of the cranial nerves
- To know the technique of the clinical examination of the function of the cranial nerves
- To identify correctly and to know the management of the bulbar and pseudobulbar disorders
- To know the definition and the topographic classification of the alternating syndromes
- To know the general notions of vertigo
- To know the clinical manifestations and the treatment principles of benign paroxysmal positional vertigo, facial neuropathy, trigeminal neuralgia
- Accumulation of personal clinical experience regarding the pathology of the cranial nerves by the students

- 1. Anatomical and physiological features of the brainstem.
- 2. Criteria of classifying the cranial nerves.
- 3. Generalities of the constitution and functioning of the sensitive-sensory cranial nerves.
- 4. Generalities of the constitution and functioning of the motor cranial nerves.
- 5. Semiology of cranial nerve injury.
- General features of the brainstem alternating syndromes.
- 7. Clinical manifestations of the bulbar and pseudobulbar syndromes.
- 8. Clinical manifestations and treatment principles of benign paroxysmal positional vertigo, facial neuropathy, trigeminal neuralgia.

Theme 5.

Autonomic nervous system (ANS): anatomophysiological features and examination methods. Syndromes of impairment of ANS in neurological and somatic diseases. Anatomical and physiological features of the hypothalamus and hypothalamic dysfunction syndromes. Anatomical and physiological features of the reticulate formation. Headache: classification, diagnostic criteria of primary headaches.

- To know the anatomical, physiological features of the autonomic nervous system
- To know the classification of the autonomic disorders
- Anatomical and clinical physiological features of sympathetic and parasympathetic autonomic nervous system.



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- To know the clinical manifestations of the autonomic nervous system damage in neurological diseases
- To know the clinical manifestations of the autonomic nervous system damage in somatic diseases
- To apply diagnostic methods (clinical, objective neurological status, paraclinic) of the autonomic nervous system disorders
- To evaluate the results of additional diagnostic investigations in order to evaluate the functional status of the autonomic nervous system
- To evaluate the results of the applied diagnostic methods of the autonomic nervous system disorders
- To evaluate the evolution of the physiological processes and the etiology of the pathological processes of the autonomic nervous system
- To evaluate the role of the autonomic nervous system in the pathogenesis of psychosomatic diseases
- To know the manifestations and treatment of panic attack
- To know the notion of headache: the classification and the diagnostic criteria of primary headaches, principles of treatment

Content units

- 2. Syndromes of impairment of ANS in neurological and somatic diseases. Classification of the autonomic disorders.
- 3. Methods of investigation of the autonomic nervous system: clinical and instrumental.
- 4. The reticular formation of the brainstem.
- 5. Anatomical and physiological features, syndromes of reticulate formation impairment: narcolepsy, idiopathic hyper-somnia and dyssomnias.
- 6. Anatomical and physiological features of the hypothalamus and hypothalamic dysfunction syndromes.
- 7. Panic attacks, diagnostic criteria, treatment.
- 8. Headache: classification, diagnostic criteria of primary headache and principles of treatment.

Theme 6.

The cerebral cortex. Clinical signs, symptoms and syndromes of impairment. Dementias. Disturbances of the central nervous system in alcoholism. Magnetic resonance investigation: principles, clinical utility.

- To know the cortical analyzers and to appreciate the signs of damage to the cortical analyzers
- To know the superior functions of the cerebral cortex (language, praxis, gnosis, writing, calculus, etc.) and their signs of damage
- To define aphasia
- To define agnosia
- To define apraxia
- To define amnesia
- To know the clinical methods for examining the cortical analyzers, clinical manifestations of lesion and excitatory impairment of cortical analyzers, the clinical features and analysis of changes in intellectual capacity, perception,

- 1. Cortical analyzers and signs of damage of the cortical analyzers.
- 2. The main functions of the cerebral cortex (language, praxis, gnosis, writing, calculus, etc.).
- 3. Signs of cortical analyzers impairment, major syndromes: aphasia, apraxia, agnosia.
- 4. Location of cortical analyzers of taste, smell, hearing, vision.
- 5. Clinical methods for examining the cortical analyzers.
- 6. Changes in intellectual, perceptual, memory, and



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memory and personality, which may occur in	personality abilities that may			
organic brain damage and dementia	occur in organic brain damage.			
 To know the notions of clinical neuropsychology 	7. Vascular and degenerative			
and to analyze the changes in intellectual,	dementia: clinical			
perceptual, memory and personality abilities that	manifestations, differential			
may occur in organic brain lesions	diagnosis and treatment.			
To apply methods of examining the superior	8. Acute and chronic clinical			
cerebral functions to correctly appreciate the	manifestations of CNS damage			
clinical diagnosis and to administer the	in alcoholism: Gayet-Wernicke			
appropriate etiopathogenic therapy	encephalopathy, Korsakoff			
To know the notion of vascular and degenerative demonstrate distinct manifestations differential	syndrome, cerebellar			
dementia, clinical manifestations, differential diagnosis and treatment	degeneration.			
 To integrate knowledge about acute and chronic 				
clinical manifestations of CNS impairment in				
alcoholism				
 To define the principles and clinical utility of the 				
magnetic resonance examination				
Theme 7.				
Neurological examination of a patient with an altered level of consciousness. Coma. Notions				
of vegetative status, akinetic mutism, locked-in syndrome, psychic areactivity. Brain death.				
Computer tomography examination: principles, clinical u				
 To define the state of normal and altered 	1 The definition of coma			

- To define the state of normal and altered consciousness
- To know the anatomical substrate of consciousness
- To know the etiopathogenetic mechanisms of coma
- To demonstrate the ability of examining a patient without consciousness
- To use the obtained information for the differentiation between different states of consciousness alteration
- To interpret the imaging and laboratory investigations results in the process of diagnosing the coma state
- To understand the utility of Glasgow coma scale (GCS) in appreciating the state of consciousness
- To interpret the results of GCS
- To know the principles of treatment of comatose states based on their etiology
- To know the protocol for establishing the diagnosis of brain death

 The definition of coma. Pathogenesis of coma.

- 2. Classification of coma.
- 3. Differential diagnosis of neurogenic and metabolic coma.
- 4. The clinical examination of the patient without consciousness. Coma Glasgow Scale.
- 5. Paraclinical diagnosis.
- 6. The principles of treatment of comatose states.
- 7. Pseudocomatose states: the definition, causes, pathological physiology of vegetative status,



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of com To kn compu To inte	we notions of medical ethics in the context amunicating the diagnosis of brain death now the principles and indications of atterized tomography expret the results of computer tomography gations	akinetic mutism, locked-in syndrome. 8. Brain death. 9. Computed tomography examination: principles, clinical utility.
Treatment in thrombosis: c To give types of typ	ne the notion of 'therapeutic window' and ificance in the management of a patient cute stroke	tors, classification. Ischemic stroke. y prophylaxis. Intracranial venous
 To understand the utility of the nihss score in assessing the severity of a stroke To know how a thrombolysis is done and what are the indications and contraindications of the procedure To take an optimal decision during the hyperacute stroke period and to know the management of a stroke at the pre-/intrahospital stage To demonstrate good communication skills while explaining to the patient the cause of the stroke, the risk factors and the ways of influencing them To prescribe drugs for primary and secondary prophylaxis of cerebrovascular diseases 	11. Intracranial venous thrombosis: clinical manifestations, complementary investigations and treatment.	



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 To know clinical manifestations, complementary investigations and treatment of intracranial venous thrombosis 	
Theme 9.	
Hemorrhagic stroke. Principles of neurorehabilitation. I	Donnler ultrasound examination of
cervical and cerebral vessels: principles and clinical utilit	
 To define hemorrhagic stroke and its types To know the causes and pathogenesis of 	Classification of hemorrhagic stroke.
hemorrhagic stroke To know the clinical manifestations of	2. Pathogenesis of hemorrhagic stroke.
subarachnoid hemorrhageTo interpret the imaging changes of the	3. Clinical manifestations of subarachnoid hemorrhage.
hemorrhagic stroke on computed tomography and	4. Paraclinical investigations.
on magnetic resonance imagingTo understand the usefulness of the hunt-hess	5. Assessment of the severity of subarachnoid hemorrhage.
scale in assessing the severity of subarachnoid hemorrhage	6. Specific treatment in the acute
 To know the principles of doppler ultrasound 	period: drug and surgical.
investigation and its significance for a patient with	7. Neurorehabilitation treatment.
cerebrovascular pathology	8. Doppler ultrasonography
 To make an optimal decision during the super- 	examination of the
acute period of the stroke and to know the	cervicocerebral vessels:
management at the pre- and intrahospital stage	principles and clinical utility.
 To demonstrate good communication skills while 	
explaining to the patient the cause of the stroke,	
the risk factors and the ways of influencing them	
 To know the principles of neurological 	
rehabilitation of a patient that suffered a stroke	
 To prescribe drugs for the primary and secondary 	
prophylaxis of cerebrovascular diseases	
Theme 10.	

Infectious diseases of the nervous system: general notions, classification. Meningitis and encephalitis. Autoimmune encephalitis. Herpetic encephalitis. Lumbar puncture. Examination of cerebrospinal fluid.

- To define meningitis and encephalitis
- To know the principles of meningitis and encephalitis classification
- To know the causal agents of bacterial and aseptic meningitis
- To know the etiology of encephalitis
- To understand the pathogenesis of meningitis and encephalitis
- To know the meningitic triad
- To know the clinical manifestations of meningitis and encephalitis

- 1. Definition of meningitis. Classification. Etiology. Pathogenesis.
- 2. Clinical manifestations.
- 3. Acute bacterial meningitis.
- 4. Aseptic meningitis.
- 5. Definition of encephalitis. Classification. Etiology. Pathogenesis.
- 6. Herpetic encephalitis.



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 To demonstrate good skills in the correct appreciation and interprtation of the meningeal signs To know the evolutionary clinical features of meningitis according to the causal agent To identify the topographic diagnosis of cerebral 	 7. Autoimmune encephalitis: etiology, pathophysiological mechanisms, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, treatment. 8. Paraclinical diagnosis of
lesions in patients with encephalitis To define autoimmune encephalitis	neuroinfections.
 To define autoimmune encephalitis To integrate knowledge about the etiology, pathophysiological mechanisms, clinical manifestations, diagnosis and treatment of autoimmune encephalitis To know the technique of lumbar puncture, the indications and contraindications for the procedure To know the normal composition and pathological syndromes of cerebrospinal fluid To be able to interpret the result of the cerebrospinal fluid examination To know the complementary imaging and laboratory methods needed to diagnose neurological infections To prescribe the treatment for meningitis and encephalitis 	9. Treatment. 10. Complications of meningitis and encephalitis.
 To know the complications of meningitis and encephalitis 	
Theme 11.	

Spinal cord diseases. Myelitis and myelopathy. Poliomyelitis. Neurosyphilis. Damage of the nervous system in HIV/AIDS. Neuroborreliosis. Spinal cord vascular syndromes.

- To define myelitis and myelopathy
- To know the classification of myelitis
- To know the etiological factors of myelitis and myelopathy
- To understand the mechanisms of pathogenesis of myelitis according to the cause
- To know the clinical manifestations of myelitis and myelopathy
- To identify the topical diagnosis of the medullary lesion at a patient with myelitis and myelopathy
- To know the paraclinical methods used in the diagnosis of myelitis / myelopathy and to argue their usefulness
- To interpret the results of laboratory and imaging examinations that are suggestive for myelitis
- To know and to justify the differential diagnosis of

- 1. Definition of myelitis and myelopathy: classification, etiology, pathogenesis.
- 2. Clinical manifestations. paraclinical diagnosis and treatment principles of myelitis and myelopathies.
- 3. Poliomyelitis. Etiology. Pathogenesis. Clinical manifestations. Paraclinical diagnosis. Treatment and prophylaxis.
- 4. Neurosyphilis. Etiology. Pathogenesis. Clinical manifestations. Paraclinical diagnosis. Treatment of neurosyphilis.



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To unde its propTo know	he the Lyme disease and neuroborreliosis erstand the pathogenesis of the disease and hylaxis w the classification of neuroborreliosis		

To know the clinical signs of neuroborreliosis



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paraneoplastic syndrome.

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 To demonstrate the skills for assessing the neurological deficit in a patient with neuroborreliosis To demonstrate the skills in selecting the necessary paraclinical diagnostic methods for establishing the diagnosis of neuroborreliosis To interpret the laboratory, electrophysiological and imaging results of a patient with neuroborreliosis To prescribe the treatment for patient with a confirmed diagnosis of neuroborreliosis To know the peculiarities of vascularization of the spinal cord To define the clinical forms of spinal cord vascular diseases To integrate the skills of diagnosis and treatment of spinal cord vascular diseases 	
Theme 12. Multiple sclerosis. Myasthenia Gravis. Paraneoplasti electromyographic nerve conduction study: principles, cli	inical utility.
 To define multiple sclerosis To explain the pathogenesis of multiple sclerosis To know the McDonald 2017 diagnostic criteria To describe the characteristic imaging changes in multiple sclerosis To interpret electrophysiological tests in multiple sclerosis (evoked potential signals) To describe the clinical forms of multiple sclerosis To know the symptomatic treatment of multiple sclerosis To know the possibilities of immunomodulatory treatment in multiple sclerosis To define myasthenia gravis To explain the pathogenesis of myasthenia gravis with anti-acetylcholine receptor (AChR) and anti-MuSK antibodies To describe the clinical signs in myasthenia gravis To interpret the electrophysiological tests in myasthenia gravis (EMG decrement) To define the myasthenic crisis and the cholinergic crisis 	 The definition of multiple sclerosis. The pathogenesis of multiple sclerosis. Clinical signs and clinical forms of multiple sclerosis. Multiple sclerosis diagnostic criteria (McDonald 2017). The treatment of multiple sclerosis exacerbations. Immunomodulatory treatment of multiple sclerosis. Definition of myasthenia gravis. Pathophysiogenetic mechanisms in Myasthenia. Clinical manifestations of myasthenia gravis. Diagnosis of myasthenia gravis. Principles of treatment in myasthenia gravis. Myasthenic crisis. Emergency treatment of the myasthenic crisis. The definition of



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 To know the principles of treatment of myasthenia gravis To define the paraneoplastic syndrome To explain the pathophysiological mechanisms of paraneoplastic syndrome To know the forms of central and peripheral nervous system involvement in paraneoplastic syndromes To know the principles of serological and imagistic diagnosis in paraneoplastic syndrome To define the principles and value of electrophysiological examination and somatosensory evoked potentials (SSEP) Theme 13. Paroxysmal events. Epilepsy. Status epilepticus. Int Electroencephalography: principles, clinical utility. Infant To define the term "paroxysmal event" To define epilepsy To know the classification of seizures To understand the mechanisms of epileptogenesis To know the clinical manifestations of epilepsy To be able to make the differential diagnosis of consciousness states To explain the electrophysiological changes of generalized and focal seizures To define the notion of status epilepticus To know the treatment algorithm of status epilepticus To know the principles and algorithm of epilepsy treatment To define the temporal lobe epilepsy To name the clinical changes in temporal lobe epilepsy To nescribe the treatment for the temporal lobe epilepsy To define the notion of syncope, etiology and differential diagnosis 	
	treatment.



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	10. Syncope: classification,
	etiology, pathophysiological mechanisms, clinical
	manifestations, diagnosis,
	treatment.

Theme 14.

Peripheral nervous system disorders. Mono / multineuropathy of the upper and lower limbs. Tunnel syndromes. Discogenic radiculopathies. Guillain-Barre syndrome. Polineuropathy. Brachial plexopathy. Disturbances of the peripheral nervous system in alcoholism. ENG, PESS: principles and clinical utility. Electromyography (EMG) examination: principles and clinical utility.

- To know the anatomic and physiological features of the peripheral nervous system (PNS) organization
- To know the classification of the peripheral nervous system disorders
- To define the clinical forms of brachial plexopathy
- To know the etiology of brachial plexopathy
- To know the etiology and clinical manifestations of discogenic radiculopathy
- To define polyneuropathies and to know their classification
- To know the etiology and the pathophysiological mechanisms of peripheral nerve damage
- To know the peculiarities of the clinical manifestations of neuropathies in diabetes, alcohol and phosphororganic substances intoxications
- To appreciate the usefulness of the cerebrospinal fluid examination in the diagnosis of acute inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (Guillain-Barre syndrome)
- To demonstrate abilities to establish the topographic diagnosis within the PNS diseases
- To demonstrate practical skills while assessing the peripheral paresis
- To integrate the results of the clinical and paraclinical examination in determining the diagnosis of peripheral nervous system disorders
- To know the principles of the medicamentous treatment and of the neurorehabilitation of the peripheral nervous system disorders
- To know the etiology and clinical manifestations of mono / multineuropathy of the upper and lower limbs

- 1. Anatomical and physiological landmarks of the peripheral nervous system.
- Mono/multineuropathies of the upper and lower limbs. Etiology. Clinical manifestations. Treatment.
- 3. Tunnel syndromes. Etiology. Clinical picture. Paraclinical diagnosis and treatment.
- Upper and lower limb neuropathies. Etiology. Clinical picture. Paraclinical diagnosis and treatment.
- Brachial plexopathy.
 Definition. Clinical forms.
 Etiology. Clinical signs.
 Paraclinical diagnosis and treatment.
- 6. Discogenic radiculopathy. Etiology. Clinical signs. Paraclinical diagnosis and treatment.
- Polyneuropathies: diabetic, alcoholic, organophosphorus compounds poisoning.
 Etiology. Pathophysiology.
 Clinical signs. Paraclinical diagnosis and treatment.
- Guillain-Barre syndrome.
 Etiology. Pathophysiology.
 Clinical signs. Paraclinical diagnosis and treatment.



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 To define the principles and value of electrophysiological examination by electroneurography (ENG), Electromyography (EMG) 	 9. Electroneurography (ENG) examination: principles and clinical utility. 10. Electromyography (EMG) examination: principles and clinical utility.

Theme 15.

Hereditary diseases in clinical neurology: progressive muscular dystrophies, Charcot-Marie-Tooth hereditary neuropathy, myotonias. Wilson disease.

- To know the classification of the hereditary diseases of the nervous system
- To define the types of transmission in various hereditary diseases of the nervous system
- To know the clinical forms of myopathies, neural amyotrophies, myotonia
- To know the clinical forms of Wilson's disease
- To demonstrate practical skills for assessing peripheral and central paresis, signs of basal ganglion involvement, clinical maneuvers for identifying muscle disease (myopathy, myotonia)
- To perform the differential diagnosis of progressive muscular dystrophies, neural amyotrophies (sensory-motor neuropathies), myotonia
- To perform the differential diagnosis of extrapyramidal disorders in Wilson's disease with other hereditary and acquired extrapyramidal diseases
- To define the investigations used in neurology for the diagnosis of hereditary diseases (laboratory tests, genetic tests, electrophysiological examinations).

- 1. Progressive muscular dystrophies: Duchenne myodistrophy, Erb-Rot myodistrophy. Type of transmission. Clinical signs. Paraclinical investigations.
- 2. Spinal muscular amyotrophies. Classification. The clinical picture. Diagnosis and treatment.
- 3. Charcot-Marie-Tooth neural amyotrophy. Type of transmission. Clinical signs. Paraclinical investigations, genetic tests.
- 4. Myothonia. Pathogenesis. Clinical signs. Diagnosis and treatment.
- Wilson disease. Type of transmission. Clinical signs. Paraclinical diagnosis. Treatment.

VIII. PROFESSIONAL (SPECIFIC (SC)) AND TRANSVERSAL (TC) COMPETENCES AND STUDY FINALITIES

✓ Professional (specific) (SC) competences

- PC1. Responsible execution of professional tasks with the application of the values and norms of professional ethics, as well as the provisions of the legislation in force.
- PC2. Adequate knowledge of the sciences about the structure of the body, physiological functions and behavior of the human body in various physiological and pathological conditions, as well as the relationships between health, physical and social environment.
- PC3. Resolving clinical situations by developing a plan for diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation in various pathological situations and selecting appropriate therapeutic procedures for them, including providing emergency medical care.



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- PC4. Promoting a healthy lifestyle, applying prevention and self-care measures.
- PC5. Interdisciplinary integration of the doctor's activity in a team with efficient use of all resources.
- PC6. Carrying out scientific research in the field of health and other branches of science.

✓ Transversal competences (TC)

• TC1. Autonomy and responsibility in the activity.

✓ Study finalities

- To know the definitions and classifications of pathologies of central nervous system.
- To understand etiopathogenesis of central nervous system diseases.
- To possess the ability of neurological examination of the patient with the disease of central nervous system based on mastered clinical procedures (disease history, physical examination, determination of topography diagnosis).
- To define indications and contraindications of different methods of diagnosis in neurolgy.
- To manifest the ability to elaborate an additional diagnostic plan (laboratory, electrophysiological and imaging) of the patient with neurological disease and capacity to argue the diagnosis based on performed investigation.
- To know the treatment principles of different neurological diseases in accordance with modern-day exigencies.
- To know the principles of prophylaxis of nervous system disease and perform health promotion activities and preventive measures for health improvement on individual and community level.
- To know the basic principles of rehabilitation of patients with nervous system diseases.
- To realize the importance of studying neurology in the processe of training the future doctors that should be capable to define both primary affectation of nervous system, as well in other somatic diseases.
- To possess the capacity of analysis and synthesis of the clinical activity results in scientific research projects.
- To possess the ability to work in a team, based on initiative spirit, dialogue, cooperation, positive attitude and respect for others.

IX. STUDENT'S SELF-TRAINING

No.	Expected product	Implementation strategies	Assessment criteria	Implementa tion terms
1.	Working with information sources	Careful reading of the lecture or material from the handbook on the current topic. Reading the questions on the topic, which require reflection on the subject. Familiarization with the list	The ability to extract the essentials; interpretative skills; work volume.	During the module



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		of additional informational sources on said subject. Choosing the information source on said topic. Careful reading of the entire text and writing of the essential content. Wording of generalizations and conclusions regarding the importance of the theme / subject.			
2.	Working with the patient	Communication and examination of the patient with neurological pathology according to the thematic plan: interrogation, objective neurological examination of the patient, systematization of information obtained in clinical syndromes, establishment of topographic diagnosis. Establishing an investigation plan. Analysis of the obtained results. Diagnosis argument. Choice of non-pharmaceutical and pharmaceutical treatment. Make conclusions at the end of each lesson. Assessment at the final lessons of the sessions and appreciation of their achievements. Selection of additional information, using electronic addresses and additional bibliography.	Work volume, solving clinical cases, tests, the ability to formulate conclusions.	During module	the
3.	Apply different learning techniques	Situational problems Projects	Level of scientific argumentation, quality of conclusions, elements of creativity, demonstration of understanding the problem, forming personal attitude.	During module	the



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4.	Working with online materials	Online self-assessment, study of online materials, expressing your own opinions through forum and chat	Number and duration of forum entries and chat, self-assessment results.	During module	the
5.	Preparation and support of clinical clinical observation files	Selection of the patient with neurological pathology for clinical observation record, establishment of the research plan, setting the terms of realization. Establishing the patient for case presentation. PowerPoint - topic, purpose, results, conclusions, practical applications, bibliography.	Work volume, level of scientific argumentation, creativity elements, forming personal attitude, consistency of exposure and scientific correctness, graphic presentation, method of presentation.	During module	the

X. METHODOLOGICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHING-LEARNING-ASSESSMENT

Teaching and learning methods used

Various methods and procedures are used to teach Neurology that are oriented towards efficient learning and reaching the goals of curricular process. Within the theoretical lessons, along with traditional methods (exposition lesson, conversation lesson, synthesis lesson), modern methods (debate lesson, conference lesson, problem lesson) are also used. Within the practical lessons there are used various forms of individual activity, frontal, group, virtual clinical cases, projects.

For better learning of the information, there are used different semiotics systems (scientific language, graphic language and computer) and visual aids (tables, schemes, radiographic, tomographic, MRI, electroencephalographic, electromyography images). Information communication technologies are used during the lessons and extracurricular activities – Power Point presentations.

Recommended learning techniques:

- **Observation** Identification of symptoms and physical signs typical for neurological diseases, description of those manifestations.
- **Analysis** Imaginary disintegration of an upstanding phenomenon in component parts. To highlight the essential elements. Studying of each element as part of the whole.
- **Analysis of schemes/ diagrams** Selection of required information towards studied topic. Recognition of structures and pathological changes, showed on the scheme/diagram, based on acquired knowledges and selected information. Analysis of functions/role of unknown structures.



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- Comparison – Analysis of obtained results from a patient with neurological disease and determination of essential features of the disease. Analysis of a second patient with the same disease, but with different particularities of evolution. Comparison on these two patients and highlighting the common features and the differences. To establish the criteria of distinction. Drawing conclusions.

- **Classification** Identification of structures/processes that need to be classified. Establishing the criteria based on which the classification needs to be done. To distribute the structures/processes in groups depending on the criteria settled.
- Schematic drawing Selection of elements that need to be included in scheme. Representation of elements through different symbols/colors and indication of the relation between them. To define an adequate title and the legend of used symbols.
- **Shaping** Identification and selection of necessary elements for shaping the phenomenon. Imagining (graphic, schematic) of studied phenomenon. Realizing the phenomenon using the developed model. Drawing conclusions, deducted from arguments or statements.

Applied teaching strategies / technologies

"Problem-based learning", "Brainstorming", "Think-pair-show", "Multi-voting", "Round table", "Group interview", "Case study", "Creative controversy", "Focus group technique".

Methods of assessment (including the method of final mark calculation)

Current: frontal control or/and individual through:

- (a) application of multiple-choice tests,
- (b) solving situational problems,
- (c) analyze of clinical cases,
- (d) exam papers,
- (e) essays.

Final: **The final grade** will consist of the *annual grade* (the average of two test-papers (summative assessment: Semiology of the nervous system and Diseases of the nervous system) and the evaluation grade of the individual work) (quota 0,3), patient's bed practical skills grade at patient's bedside (quota 0,2), computer tests grade (quota 0,2) and the verbal examination grade which consists in giving response at 4 questions (quota 0.3).

Method of mark rounding at different assessment stages

Intermediate marks scale (annual average,	National Assessment	ECTS Equivalent
marks from the examination stages)	System	•
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6,01-6,50	6,5	D	
6,51-7,00	7		
7,01-7,50	7,5	6	
7,51-8,00	8	C	
8,01-8,50	8,5	В	
8,51-9,00	9		
9,01-9,50	9,5	Δ.	
9,51-10,0	10	A	

The average annual mark and the marks of all stages of final examination (computer assisted, test, oral) - are expressed in numbers according to the mark scale (according to the table), and the final mark obtained is expressed in number with two decimals, which is transferred to student's record-book.

Absence on examination without good reason is recorded as "absent" and is equivalent to 0 (zero). The student has the right to have two re-examinations in the failed exam.

XI. RECOMMENDED LITERATURE:

A. Compulsory:

- 1. Harrison's Neurology in Clinical Medicine. Editor: Stephen L. Hauser; Associate Editor: Scott Andrew Josephson. 2010, 765 p. (Electronic version)
- 2. Harrison's neurology in clinical medicine ed.: S. L. Hauser. New York, 2013
- 3. Neurological examination. Made Easy. Editor: Geraint Fuller. 1999, 219 p.

B. Additional

- 1. Mumenthaler, Mark Fundamentals of neurology an illustrated guide. Stuttgart, 2006
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- 3. Rohkamm, Reinhard. Color atlas of neurology / R. Rohkamm. Stuttgart: Thieme, 2014
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