UPDATE

of binding guidelines for teaching in the winter semester 2020/2021 for the study programme General Medicine

Based on the declaration of a state of emergency, the development of the epidemiological situation and consultations with the managers of medical facilities (hospitals), where practical training of LF students is planned (clinical internships, block internships), the management of LF SMU decided to modify as follow:

1st - 3rd year of study programme General Medicine

All lectures and theoretical seminars will be given in distance form according to the valid schedule for the winter semester 2020/2021. The distance form of education will be performed online via the MS TEAMS (directly or recorded with voice commentary; instructions published on the SMU Website). Practical internships (including clinical internships in the 3rd year: Internal and Surgical Propaedeutics) will be performed full-time (in presence) according to the valid schedule for the winter semester 2020/2021 in compliance with all anti-epidemic measures according to the instructions to ensure the winter semester of the academic year 2020/2021 on the website SMU.

Exceptions

1st year: Medical chemistry:

practical exercises will be performed in distance form, final exercises full-time (in presence).

2nd year: Medical Biochemistry 2:

practical exercises will be performed in distance form, final exercises full-time (in presence).

Histology 2: practical exercises will be performed in a distance form.

3rd year: Pathological anatomy 1: practical exercises will be performed in a distance form; **Pathological physiology:** practical exercises will be performed in a distance form.

Microbiology: practical exercises will be performed in a distance form.

4th - 5th year: study program General Medicine

All lectures and theoretical seminars will be given in the distance form according to the valid schedule for the winter semester 2020/2021. The distance form of education will be performed online via the MS TEAMS (directly or recorded with voice commentary; instructions published on the SZU website).

Clinical internships

will be performed full-time (in presence) according to the valid schedule for the winter semester 2020/2021 in compliance with all anti-epidemic measures according to the instructions for ensuring the course of the winter semester of the academic year 2020/2021 given on the SMU website. Head of pedagogical departments will modify clinical internships so that, especially in contact teaching at the patient's bedside, they reduce it to the necessary minimum.

Exceptions and changes against the original schedule

4th **year: Laboratory medicine:** practical exercises will be performed in a distance form. **Endocrinology** within **Internal Medicine 2:** clinical internships planned at OÚSA will not take place, substitute consultation hours will be announced in December.

Nuclear medicine: clinical internships planned at OÚSA and at Sv. Michal a.s., will be performed in a distance form.

Neurosurgery: clinical internships planned in the hospital of St. Michala a.s., will be performed at the Neurosurgical Clinic of LFUK, SZU and UNB Kramáre in the original terms according to the schedule. **Internal medicine:** clinical internships planned in the hospital of St. Michala, a.s., will be performed according to the original planned time schedule at the Clinic of Internal Medicine of SZU UN Bratislava Kramáre.

Pediatric propaedeutics: Clinical internships planned at KDaD and the Neonatal Clinic (UNB Antolská) will take place according to the planned schedule, students will be informed by the guarantor of subject about the changes during clinical internships planned at NÚDCH and NÚSCH.

5th year: Dermatovenerology 1: Clinical internships will be performed in a distance form. Internal medicine: clinical internships planned in the hospital of St. Michala, a.s., will be performed according to the original planned time schedule at the Clinic of Internal Medicine of SMU UN Bratislava Kramáre.

Pediatrics 2: Clinical internships planned at KDaD and the Neonatal Clinic (UNB Antolská) will take place according to the planned schedule, students will be informed by the guarantor of subject about the changes during clinical internships planned at NÚDCH and NÚSCH.

6th year: study program General medicine

Block internships (seminars and practical training) of final state subjects will be performed full-time (in presence) according to the schedule valid for the winter semester 2020/2021 in compliance with all anti-epidemic measures according to the instructions to ensure the winter semester of the academic year 2020/2021 on the LF SZU website. The heads of pedagogical departments will modify block internships so that they reduce it to the necessary minimum level, especially during contact teaching at the patient's bedside. If it would be possible (technical, organizational and in terms of content), the heads of pedagogical departments may decide to perform some parts of the block internships in a distance form.

Exams and final evaluation

The continuous semester exams will take full-time (in presence), in compliance with all antiepidemic instructions to ensure the course of the winter semester of the academic year 2020/2021 listed on the website of the Faculty of Medicine, SMU.

In case that examination is performed by a test, the head of the pedagogical department may decide on a distance form examination.

The state final examinations will take place full-time (in presence), in compliance with all anti-epidemic instructions to ensure the course of the winter semester of the academic year 2020/2021 listed on the website of the Faculty of Medicine, SMU.

The guideline enters into force on 12.10.2020.

The instructions will be continuously updated according to the current situation.

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