

Medical Negligence

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7542LAWINF
Formal Module Title	Medical Negligence
Owning School	Law
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Informa Connect

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	30

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-PAR	PAR	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	This module will examine the substantive law principles underpinning actions for clinical negligence and the overall context in which the compensation operates and will critically appraise the operation of these principles and the fault-based framework as a whole in this jurisdiction.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Identify and prioritise source materials needed for a proper understanding of the subject
MLO2	2	Demonstrate a critical awareness of the factors which determine the degree of legal protection for medical negligence
MLO3	3	Analyse critically the practices within the field of medical negligence
MLO4	4	Apply knowledge concerning civil liberties in negligence, and the ability to apply it critically in a variety of contexts

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	1. Liability in contract and tort and contrasts between them 2. Liability in the tort of negligence: duty of care, breach of duty and causation, with special emphasis on approved practice and guidelines 3. Potential defendants: contrasts between vicarious and direct/primary liability, and Crown indemnity 4. Examples of liability from the spheres of diagnosis, treatment, communication and advice/information giving 5. Specific contexts e.g. obstetrics, surgery 6. Influence of resource issues on outcomes 7. Relationship between negligence liability and public law actions 8. Influence of Human rights legislation 9. Inherent problems with the tort/fault system of compensating victims
Module Overview	
Additional Information	There are no professional body requirements at this stage, however developments will be monitored and where appropriate, incorporated into module content.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay	50	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3
Presentation	Presentation	50	0	MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Emmanuel Guinchard	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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