Syllabus Introduction to Clinical Medicine I practice for 1st year students of General Medicine, Third Faculty of Medicine, Charles University.

Clinical practice is an integral part of the Introduction of Clinical Medicine I (ICM I) in the first year. It builds on theoretical and practical part of the ICM I focused on the general issue of patient care.

The goal of the practice

The goal of the practice is for the students to learn:

- the role of community care in taking care of the needs of seniors and people with health and/or mental disabilities who are at risk of impairment or loss of self care abilities, or are dependent on other person’s help;
- about the continuum of health and social care, forms of health and social services provided in the community as well as related legislature;
- the mission, organization and provided services of facilities that offer help to their clients.

The content of the practice

Because of the diversity of the community care facilities, it is not possible to determine a united syllabus.

In essence, this involves the students collaborating with direct care workers to meet the basic needs of clients/patients in given facilities, including creating activities and psychosocial care.

Emphasis is placed on acquiring communication skills.

Organization of the practice

1. ICM I practice in the 1st year takes place in community care facilities for 120 hours, from which 40 hours are allocated for studying literature, preparing for the practice, and making the final report, 80 hours are intended for the direct care itself.
2. The practice in the 1st year is completed by a credit. Requirement for the credit is an approved report and a positive evaluation of the student by the facility, where the practice took place.

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