



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

DEPARTMENT	Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica avanzata		
ACADEMIC YEAR	2021/2022		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE (BSC)	BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNIQUES		
INTEGRATED COURSE	CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY - INTEGRATED COURSE		
CODE	21908		
MODULES	Yes		
NUMBER OF MODULES	2		
SCIENTIFIC SECTOR(S)	BIO/12		
HEAD PROFESSOR(S)	BELLIA CHIARA	Professore Associato	Univ. di PALERMO
OTHER PROFESSOR(S)	GAMBINO CATERINA MARIA	Ricercatore a tempo determinato	Univ. di PALERMO
	BELLIA CHIARA	Professore Associato	Univ. di PALERMO
CREDITS	6		
PROPAEDEUTICAL SUBJECTS			
MUTUALIZATION			
YEAR	1		
TERM (SEMESTER)	2° semester		
ATTENDANCE	Mandatory		
EVALUATION	Out of 30		
TEACHER OFFICE HOURS	BELLIA CHIARA Monday 12:00 14:00 Sezione di Biochimica Clinica, Medicina Molecolare Clinica e Medicina di Laboratorio, Dipartimento di Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica Avanzata (BiND), Via del Vespro 129 Tuesday 12:00 14:00 Sezione di Biochimica Clinica, Medicina Molecolare Clinica e Medicina di Laboratorio, Dipartimento di Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica Avanzata (BiND), Via del Vespro 129 GAMBINO CATERINA MARIA Monday 14:00 15:00 Sez. Biochimica Clinica, Medicina Molecolare Clinica e Medicina di Laboratorio A.O.U.P. "Paolo Giaccone", Palermo.		

PREREQUISITES	The knowledge and skills defined annually by the ministerial decree for the admission test to the degree courses is required. Basic knowledge of physics, chemistry and biology and basic laboratory still represent essential points for the Integrated Course of Clinical Biochemistry.
LEARNING OUTCOMES	Targets of the Biochemistry and Clinical Molecular Biology Integrated course are to acquire the basic knowledge (theoretical and practical) to critically evaluate the biochemical data at the in relation to human disease. In particular: • knowledge of the main laboratory tests and the cellular, molecular and pathophysiological basis which are prerequisites and foundation. • critical interpretation of laboratory tests results with regard to analytical and biological variation; reliability of diagnostic laboratory tests, examples of correct forms of laboratory reports. • basic concepts on the most relevant methodologies used in Clinical Biochemistry and their limitations. • appropriate use of laboratory tests in screening, staging and treatment of the disease. • correct interpretation of laboratory tests results and their critical correlation with molecular and cellular events induced by the disease. • acquisition of a proper programming prescription of tests in relation to the diagnosis or monitoring. Knowledge of the main diagnostic tests used in the laboratory of Clinical Biochemistry and diagnostic significance of reference change values of the main laboratory parameters. Proper ordering for laboratory tests and using of guidelines and flowchart based on "Evidence Based Medicine". Be able to relate to colleagues and health operating in laboratory to understand and synthesize relevant information about all the problems, understanding their content and devising and agreeing on how to study. Perform adequately the request of the most common laboratory tests. Implement self-protection measures in the collection and handling of biological samples.
ASSESSMENT METHODS	The learning assessment consists in an oral examination. Oral examination consists in a conversation in order to check competences and basic knowledge. The evaluation is expressed in thirtieths. The exam will tend to test the knowledge of the student achieved by assessing a) the knowledge captured; b) the processing capacity, c) the possession of adequate exhibition capacity. The pass mark will be reached when the student will demonstrate the knowledge of the issues at least in general terms, and has minimal application knowledge in order to solve concrete cases; the student must also have oral presentation skills to allow the transmission of his knowledge to the examiner. Below this threshold, the examination will be insufficient.
TEACHING METHODS	The didactic activity takes place through lectures.

MODULE
APPLIED CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY

Prof.ssa CATERINA MARIA GAMBINO

SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Marcello Ciaccio. Trattato di Biochimica Clinica e Medicina di Laboratorio. Casa Editrice Edises. Edizione 2021.
Marcello Ciaccio. Elementi di Biochimica Clinica e Medicina di Laboratorio. Casa Editrice Edises. Edizione 2020.

AMBIT	10338-Scienze biomediche
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INDIVIDUAL STUDY (Hrs)	45
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COURSE ACTIVITY (Hrs)	30
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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE MODULE

Main targets of the course are: critical interpretation of medical laboratory tests in relation to analytical and biological variation; evaluation of the clinical performances of laboratory tests; how to report laboratory tests correctly; fully description of the techniques used in medical laboratories.

SYLLABUS

Hrs	Frontal teaching
4	Pre-analytical phase: preparation of the patient, collection of biological samples, processing and identification of biological samples. General laboratory techniques with descriptions of the principles. Post-analytical phase: data collection, calculation, automatic processing. Analytical variation, analytical error, quality control systems. Intra-individual and inter-individual biological variability, reference values, reporting laboratory tests. Clinical sensitivity and specificity, predictive laboratory tests.
4	Basics of immunochemistry. Competitive assays. Non-competitive assays. Homogeneous and heterogeneous immunoassays. Relationship between analytical signal and concentration.
4	Use of immunoassays for plasma measurement of hormones. Thyroid hormone metabolism. Diagnostics of hyperthyroidism, thyrotoxicosis and hypothyroidism.
8	Classification of autoimmune diseases. Diagnostics of non-organ-specific autoimmune diseases. Autoantibodies in autoimmune hepatopathies and autoimmune pancreatitis and determination. Celiac disease: pathogenesis and diagnostic algorithms in symptomatic and asymptomatic patients. Diagnostics of neurological autoimmune diseases. Detection of autoantibodies by indirect immunofluorescence and immunoenzymatic assays. ANA-reflex and fluoroscopic patterns.
4	Clinical application of genetic test. Predictive genetic tests and their application in hereditary thrombophilia. Pharmacogenetics and application to warfarin use. Liquid biopsy and its clinical applications. Biological samples and assays for genetic tests.
6	Basic biochemical technologies in clinical laboratory. UV-visible spectroscopy (absorption and emission; main components of a spectrophotometer, Lambert and Beer's equation, kinetic analysis). Main application of UV-visible spectrometry: serum creatinine, glucose, total cholesterol, LDL and HDL cholesterol, triglycerides, direct and indirect bilirubinemia, AST, ALT. Fluorometry (emission, main components of a fluorometer, quantitative analysis, main application in clinical biochemistry). Turbidimetry and nephelometry.

MODULE CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY

Prof.ssa CHIARA BELLIA

SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Ciaccio M. Elementi di Biochimica Clinica e Medicina di Laboratorio. Edises 2020. ISBN 978-88-3623-010-5
Ciaccio M. Trattato di Biochimica Clinica e Medicina di Laboratorio. Edises 2021. ISBN 978-88-3623-044-0

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE MODULE

The student will have to acquire the methodological and cultural bases, as well as the ability to use the clinical biochemical data as a diagnostic tool. Specific objectives of the module are to acquire the knowledge of the main laboratory tests and the biological, molecular and pathophysiological bases of the disease; to use laboratory tests correctly in screening, diagnosis and diseases monitoring; appropriate interpretation of results and their critical correlation with pathophysiological events; knowledge of the main biochemical methods used in the clinical laboratory.

SYLLABUS

Hrs	Frontal teaching
2	Laboratory tests: definition, types, requests.
5	Metabolism of glucose: Diabetes: biochemistry of DMT1 and DMT2; biochemistry of diabetes complications; clinical biochemistry diagnostics Hypoglycemia: clinical biochemistry.
4	Metabolism of lipids. Characteristics of lipoprotein. Primary and secondary dyslipidemia. Metabolic syndrome.
2	Myocardial infarction: risk factors, biochemical modification in the necrotic area; clinical enzymes, new markers of myocardial infarction. Heart failure: definition, biochemical-clinical alterations, diagnosis and role of circulating biomarkers.
4	Clinical Biochemistry of Liver Diseases. Bilirubin metabolism and clinical biochemistry diagnosis of jaundice. Clinical Biochemistry of pancreas.
4	Serum proteins. Plasma cells dyscrasia: clinical relevance, separative technologies; immunological typing; quantification of monoclonal component; Bence Jones protein. Main clinically relevant serum proteins.
4	Chronic kidney disease. Acute kidney disease. Contrast-induced acute kidney injury. Laboratory diagnostics of kidney diseases. Proteinuria. Urinalysis. Chemical and physical analysis. Analysis and identification of cells. Identification of crystals. Correct interpretation of urinalysis.
3	Laboratory investigations in neurodegenerative dementia. Beta-amyloid and Tau protein as CSF biomarkers of Alzheimer disease. Analysis of cerebrospinal fluid. Macroscopic evaluation and cellular analysis. Chemical and physical analysis.
2	Calcium and Vitamin D metabolism. Diagnostic algorithm of hyper- and hypocalcemia.