

**TOPIC: A-33 LEGAL ASPECTS OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

| OBJECTIVE   | KNOWLEDGE  | SKILLS/ATTITUDES   | LEARNING                       | ASSESSMENT                           |
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| <p>To be familiar and compliant with the legal aspects of Emergency Medicine.</p> | <p>Consent, capacity to consent, refusal to treatment, documentation.</p> <p>Reporting to the Coroner/Procurator Fiscal<br/>Coroners Rules 1984 and 1999</p> <p>The role of the Expert Witness**</p> <p>Privacy and confidentiality (Health Records Act 1990 /Data Protection Act 1998)</p> <p>Mental Health Act</p> <p>Child abuse, domestic violence.</p> <p>Medical conditions and driving.</p> <p>Living Wills.</p> <p>Death Certificates.</p> <p>Forensic: evidence, drug and alcohol testing, sexual assault.</p> <p>Road Traffic Act and Police Reform Act 2002, Giving evidence in Court.</p> <p>Freedom of Information Act 2000</p> <p>Children's Act 1989 and 2004</p> | <p>To always have the patient's interest as central, whilst working within the legal framework and with legal agencies.</p> <p>Seek senior advice, including Medical Defence Societies and hospital legal departments.</p> <p>To be sensitive and sympathetic.</p> | <p>LP<br/>LT<br/>GT<br/>PS</p> | <p>OC<br/>ME<br/>FFAEM<br/>MFAEM</p> |