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## PG DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL LAW, POLICY AND ETHICS

by

Gujarat National Law  
University (GNLU) And  
Indian Medical Association  
Gujarat State Branch (IMA-GSB)

Application Portal will open from October 2024

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## About Gujarat National Law University

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), located in Gandhinagar, India, was established by the Government of Gujarat under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003 and is recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and University Grants Commission (UGC). GNLU is a student-centric, multidisciplinary and research-focused University, dedicated to building an environment enabling critical thinking on fundamental legal issues. It offers B.A., LL.B. (Hon.), B.Com., LL.B. (Hon.), B.Sc. LL.B. (Hon.), B.B.A., LL.B. (Hon.), B.S.W. LL.B, LL.M. and Ph.D. in law and allied subjects. GNLU has been ranked among the Top 5 National Law Universities in India by NIRF 2023 Rankings and the Best Law School in Gujarat with 5 Stars by GSIRF. It is the only National Law University to have established its own satellite campus at Silvassa, UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.



## About Indian Medical Association - Gujarat State Branch

Indian Medical Association Gujarat State Branch (IMA GSB) was established in the year 1945. IMA GSB is a professional organization representing allopathy doctors across the state of Gujarat having more than 33620 registered members. These members are spread throughout the state and represent more than 113 local branches in Gujarat. Since its inception, IMA GSB is involved in various health related projects and activities in association with Govt. of India, the State Government and with the International Health Agencies like World Health Organization, UNICEF etc. The main activity of Indian Medical Association, Gujarat State Branch is to organize scientific programs (CME) for members of the association. The primary aim is to update its members with recent advances in the field of Modern Medicine.

## About the GNLU & IMA-GSB Collaboration

The collaborative initiative between Gujarat National Law University and the Indian Medical Association Gujarat State Branch is designed to educate medical professionals on the intricate legal framework governing the medical field. Its overarching objective is to furnish participants with valuable insights into the pivotal legal and regulatory aspects underpinning medical education, practice, and research. This comprehensive course seeks to instill in-depth knowledge on multifaceted subjects, including doctor-patient relationships, civil and criminal negligence, redressal mechanisms, a rights-based approach to healthcare, practical considerations, and issues related to intellectual property rights encompassing invention protection, intellectual property, and licensing. Furthermore, it encompasses the array of regulatory oversight mechanisms essential for medical practitioners and researchers to comply with. Recognizing the intricate legal challenges often encountered by medical professionals in their practice, this collaboration aims to ensure that enrollees in the PGDMLPE program acquire a holistic comprehension of the healthcare-related legal framework. Additionally, it offers a platform for medical professionals to augment their professional growth. Equipping them with a solid foundation in medical law, policy, and ethics, this course empowers them to adeptly navigate legal intricacies and make informed decisions within their clinical practice, thereby enhancing their overall competence and effectiveness as healthcare providers. Furthermore, this initiative strives to underscore the intricate ethical quandaries within the medical domain, fostering a profound understanding of the ethical principles guiding medical decision-making. This endeavor aspires to cultivate a culture of ethical practice and subsequently elevate the quality of patient care. The interdisciplinary learning environment it offers facilitates a nuanced comprehension of the legal perspectives and challenges encountered by healthcare professionals, promoting policy advocacy in the realm of medical law and ethics.



## About the Course

Doctors are bound by the laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine. It is crucial for doctors to have a solid understanding of these laws to ensure they comply with legal requirements. By learning these laws, regulations and guidelines governing the medical profession, doctors can navigate the complex legal landscape surrounding healthcare, ensure patient safety and rights, and effectively fulfill their professional responsibilities. It equips them with the knowledge and tools necessary to provide high-quality care while complying with legal requirements and ethical standards.

Failure to comply with applicable laws can lead to legal consequences, including disciplinary action, fines, or even the loss of their medical license. In addition, the laws related to patient safety, privacy, and informed consent are essential for doctors to protect their patient's well-being and rights. Understanding these laws enables doctors to provide appropriate care, maintain patient confidentiality, obtain informed consent, and address any legal obligations concerning patient records and information. A thorough understanding of medical laws can help doctors mitigate the risk of malpractice claims by adhering to legal standards and practicing within their scope of expertise.

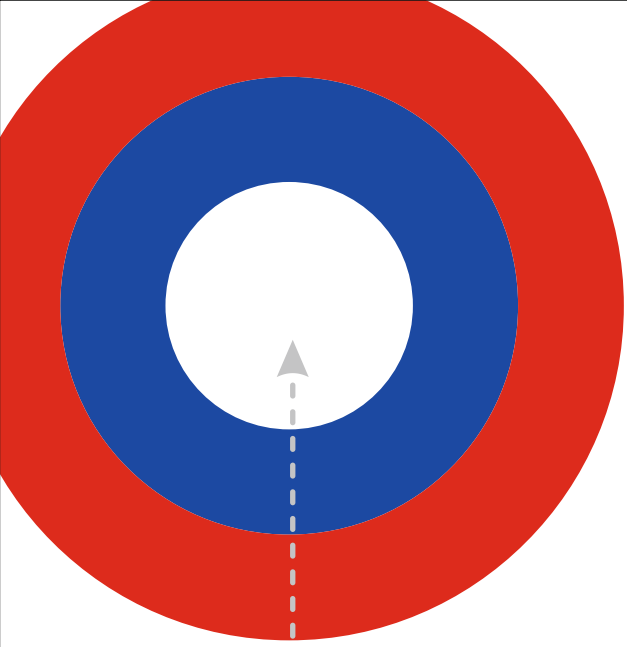
Medical law, policy and ethics play a crucial role in the healthcare system by providing a framework for ensuring the rights, safety, and well-being of patients, healthcare professionals, and society as a whole. It establishes legal standards and guidelines to protect the rights and interests of patients. These laws ensure that patients receive appropriate medical care, have access to necessary information, give informed consent, and are protected from harm or exploitation. It set forth the ethical responsibilities and professional standards for healthcare practitioners.



The medical laws and guidelines also help ensure that healthcare professionals uphold high ethical standards, maintain patient confidentiality, provide competent care, and avoid conflicts of interest. Further it emphasizes the importance of informed consent, which means that patients have the right to be fully informed about their medical condition, treatment options, potential risks and benefits, and alternative therapies. Informed consent allows patients to actively participate in their healthcare decisions and promotes patient autonomy. It goes on to highlight the importance of confidentiality and privacy. It imposes a legal and ethical duty on the healthcare professionals to protect patient information and maintain confidentiality unless there are compelling reasons to breach it, such as concerns for public health or safety. Medical laws also regulate the medical research involving human subjects. These regulations ensure that research is conducted ethically, with a focus on minimizing harm, obtaining informed consent, and protecting the rights and welfare of participants. It also covers end of life decisions, healthcare resource allocation, standard of care to be provided by the healthcare units etc.

In short, the medical laws provide a foundation for maintaining the integrity and trustworthiness of the healthcare system, promoting patient-centered care, and addressing the complex moral and legal challenges that arise in the field of medicine. By adhering to these principles, healthcare professionals can provide high-quality care and protect the rights and well-being of their patients.





## Goals & Objectives

- 01** To equip healthcare professionals with a comprehensive understanding of medical laws, regulations, and ethical principles.
- 02** To foster compliance with legal requirements and ethical standards to ensure patient safety and rights protection.
- 03** To enhance critical thinking and decision-making skills in navigating complex legal and ethical dilemmas in medical practice.
- 04** To promote professional integrity and ethical conduct among healthcare professionals.
- 05** To empower healthcare professionals to contribute to a trustworthy and patient-centered healthcare system.

## Course Learning Outcomes

- 01** Understand the legal framework governing the practice of medicine, enabling adherence to laws, regulations, and ethical standards essential for patient safety and rights protection.
- 02** Navigate complex legal landscapes surrounding healthcare, ensuring compliance with laws related to patient safety, privacy, informed consent, and medical record management.
- 03** Mitigate legal risks and safeguard against malpractice claims by applying comprehensive knowledge of medical laws and guidelines, practicing within scope of expertise, and upholding professional standards.
- 04** Evaluate ethical dilemmas in healthcare, demonstrating the ability to make informed decisions, maintain patient confidentiality, and promote patient autonomy through effective communication and informed consent practices.
- 05** Apply legal and ethical principles to real-world scenarios in medical practice, fostering patient-centered care, maintaining integrity in healthcare delivery, and addressing moral and legal challenges with competence and compassion.

## Duration, Classes and Subjects

### Duration

The duration of the course is 1 year. The course is offered from January to December every year.

### Classes

Regular classes will be conducted on weekends in Blended Mode i.e. in both online and offline mode.

\*\* Offline classes will be scheduled every last Saturday-Sunday of the month at GNLU, Gandhinagar. On other Saturdays and Sundays, online classes will be conducted.

### Attendance

As per the University policy, it is mandatory to maintain a minimum attendance of 70% in all subjects. Furthermore, it is also mandatory to attend 6 days of offline sessions (i.e. 3 weekends) in the span of two semesters (January to December).

## Subjects

### Semester I:

1. Introduction to the Indian Legal System
2. Healthcare Law and Policy
3. Doctor-Patient Relation: Issues and Concerns
4. Case Study/Dissertation
5. Elective Course for Semester I to be chosen from the list given below:
  - Forensic Medicine and Law
  - Indian Judiciary on Medico-legal Issues
  - Disability Law and Policy

### Semester II:

1. Healthcare Law and Policy II
2. Medical Law and Ethics: Emerging Issues and Concerns
3. Case Study and Report Submission
4. Elective Course for Semester II to be chosen from the list given below:
  - e-Health and Law
  - Patenting of Drugs and Access to Medicine
  - Law and Ethics relating to Biomedical Research

## Teaching Pedagogy and Attendance

- Lecture method
- Class discussions
- Flipped classroom
- Collaborative learning
- Real-world Case Studies
- Problem-Solving
- Case Discussions and Audio-visuals (Documentaries)





## Examination & Evaluation

The students are expected to appear for Internal Continuous Evaluation as well as the End-Semester examination.

To be eligible for the End Semester Examination, students must fulfill the minimum attendance criteria and obtain passing marks in the ICE (50 marks).

As per the university's policy, the passing mark for each subject is 50.

For candidates who could not appear for the examination, the university shall conduct a special examination in the month of February/March the following year.

The subject faculties will design the Internal Continuous Evaluation (ICE) and provide details through the course outline at the beginning of every semester. The ICE carries a maximum score of 50 marks per subject.

The university conducts the End-Semester examination every semester on the designated date at the University Campus (offline mode). The maximum score for the End-term examination is 50 marks per subject.

Candidates who could not clear the examination shall be given an opportunity to reappear for the examination in the following year by submitting the prescribed fee (Course Extension Fee)



## Application Process

- Before proceeding with the application, please review the eligibility criteria given in the Information Guide/ GNLU Website.
- For the link for application and payment visit GNLU website.
- A non-refundable application fee of INR 1000/- is applicable. Kindly refer to the website for details regarding payment methods and instructions.
- To complete your application process, you will need to upload a soft copy of the following documents:
  - Previous educational qualifications, including degrees, diplomas, or certificates.
  - Proof of MCI/NMC registration
  - Proof of IMA registration if registered
- Visit GNLU Webpage for the application process. The applications will open in October 2025.
  - Link: <https://www.gnlu.ac.in/GNLU/PG-Diploma-in-Medical-Law,-Policy-and-Ethics#parentVerticalTab11>
- Please DO NOT email us the documents for application. You need to upload them to the online portal. We will only accept applications through the ERP portal.
- Link for enrollment and payment shall be provided on the website from 20th October 2024 onwards and shall remain active till 20th November 2024.
- For any queries, write to us at [pgdmlpe@gnlu.ac.in](mailto:pgdmlpe@gnlu.ac.in)

## FEE

**Tuition Fee - INR 30,000/-**

**Course Extension Fee - INR 5,000/- per year**

## Important Dates & Contact Details

• Advertisement Date	:	20th October 2024
• Last Date of Application	:	20th November 2024
• Entrance Test (only if the number of applications exceeds 60)	:	5th December 2024
• Intimation of Selection	:	15th December 2024
• Last date for completing the admission process including payment of fee	:	25th December 2024
• Orientation for the batch	:	18th January 2025
• Commencement of Classes	:	18th January 2025

## Contact Details

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## External Resource Persons



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NLSIU, Bengaluru



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NIMHANS, Bengaluru



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Dean, Faculty of Law  
Professor and Head  
School of Indian Legal Thought  
Mahatma Gandhi University,  
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Director, Symbiosis Law  
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Faculty of Law, Symbiosis  
International (Deemed)  
University, Pune (SIU)



**Mr. Charan Tej**  
Assistant Professor of Law  
NALSAR, Hyderabad



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Assistant Professor of Law  
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**Dr. Sangeetha Sriraam**  
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Legal Consultant,  
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Assistant Professor of Law  
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## Internal Resource Persons



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Professor of Law  
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Assistant Professor of Law  
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**Ms. Anamika Shukla**  
Assistant Professor of Law  
GNLU

# Testimonials

## In their Voice - Batch 2024



**Dr. Shailesh Kamat**

Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Vasco, Goa

Law is my passion. For last 10 years or so, I was looking out for a course which would provide right direction to my passion. Full time course in law was not possible because of professional commitments. And I accidentally came to know about PGDMLPE course of GNLU. I was little skeptical to begin with since it was so far as I am based in Goa. It would mean every weekend there would be classes. But over last 5 months I haven't regretted my decision even for a second.

The faculty is world class. In fact, it looks like they love to impart knowledge more than we as students would like to imbibe. The syllabus is well thought out. It is just right blend of what is required for medical practice without any unnecessary baggage of unrequired details. As a faculty rightly put it, "We don't want to make lawyers out of you but we shall make you better doctors with sound knowledge of law". And anyone looking out for the course with above description, I have no hesitation in saying that PGDMLPE course of GNLU is the ultimate destination. It cannot be better.



**Dr. Rignesh Patel**

[M.C.E.M (U.K), EBCEM (Europe)]

Consultant, Department of Emergency Medicine,  
Zydus Hospital, Ahmedabad

I am an emergency medicine doctor and my primary job is to resuscitate and stabilize patients. After joining this course I realised how many ways I am legally vulnerable and how I am to safeguard myself and patients.

I must say that the structure and functions of course is executed in the utmost professional and meticulous manner. The efforts of the whole team including faculties and management team is the best I have ever seen. As a doctor we always talk about "prevention is better than cure" for any life, same way this course is teaching us how we can prevent and sustain our professional life effectively and successfully. The improved law knowledge is not only helpful for us doctors but also for our patients because this improves patient care and communication. I recommend this course to every medical professionals regardless of speciality.

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### **Dr. Naveen Kumar Singh**

[MBBS, DLO, DNB, FHNO MBA, PGD International Marketing, B.Sc. LL.B.]

Regional Head Project and Business Development,  
IOCI, India Senior consultant surgical oncology Fortis hospital

Academically, I have been part of many top Universities, but out of all now, being a part of GNLU fills me with immense gratification and pride.

Here, academic teaching is excellent. Everything is so well planned and executed as per schedule, but in a customized way which is rarely seen. This course gives a gross outlook on medical law and helps medical professionals to work more carefully and ethically.

GNLU provides the best faculty from across India and a good learning atmosphere to cover this course in a very friendly manner.

Here, offline and online classes are so interactive that the gap of medical law knowledge in our MBBS course is full filled satisfactorily.

Thanks to IMA-GSB and GNLU for creating such an outstanding curriculum for doctors.



### **Dr. Arpita Bhattacharya**

[MBBS, MD Microbiology, PGDHMM]

Senior Resident Department of Microbiology,  
PDU Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Rajkot

This course not only enriches the learning experience but also cultivates the adaptability and innovation necessary to thrive in an ever-evolving field. Students are exposed to a diverse array of perspectives, fostering a holistic understanding of the multifaceted challenges facing modern healthcare systems especially in Indian scenario. Each module is meticulously designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the legal frameworks governing medical practices, alongside the evolving

policies that shape healthcare delivery on a global scale. The faculty comprising of esteemed scholars brings a wealth of expertise and real-world experience to the classroom. Their guidance and mentorship not only enrich the academic discourse but also provide invaluable insights into the practical application of legal and ethical principles in healthcare settings.

Enrolling in the Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law, Policy, and Ethics has been one of the most rewarding decisions of my career. It has equipped me with the knowledge, skills, and ethical framework necessary to navigate the complexities of modern healthcare with confidence and integrity. Whether you're a seasoned professional looking to deepen your expertise or a newcomer seeking to make a meaningful impact in the field, I wholeheartedly recommend this program as a pathway to success in the dynamic landscape of medical law, policy, and ethics.

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The Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law, Ethics & Policy at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) in collaboration with Indian Medical Association has been a transformative experience for my career in the healthcare sector. This comprehensive course has profoundly enriched my understanding of the complex legal and ethical issues that medical professionals face today.

The curriculum, meticulously structured, covers patient rights, professional responsibilities, public health law, and negligence in healthcare. The blend of theoretical knowledge and practical case studies provided a well-rounded education that was both intellectually stimulating and highly applicable to real-world scenarios.

A significant benefit from this program is the enhanced ability to navigate the legal frameworks surrounding medical practice, enabling more informed and ethically sound decisions. Understanding how law works in healthcare makes us more protected from legal issues.

The faculty, leading experts in law, were exceptionally supportive and always available for guidance, ensuring we fully grasped and applied complex concepts. Despite classes being on weekends, they dedicated time to explain difficult law concepts and answered all our questions satisfactorily.

The collaborative environment with peers from diverse backgrounds facilitated rich discussions and networking opportunities, beneficial for professional growth and development.

I highly recommend the Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law, Ethics & Policy at GNLU to any medical professional or healthcare student looking to deepen their knowledge and enhance their career prospects. This program equips you with essential legal and ethical insights and empowers you to contribute positively to the healthcare sector.



### **Dr Krupal Patel**

[MS (General Surgeon)], Gandhinagar

I have joined PGDMPL course of GNLU in 2024 to gain knowledge about Medicolegal laws. We, doctors have lack of knowledge about laws and constitution which binds us to our duty and also gives us some rights. By attending this course, I could understand how law works, which laws are applicable in our practices, what precautions should be taken while treating a patient, while performing a Surgery and how to protect ourselves by the provisions of law. The faculties and teachers at GNLU are excellent. They thrive to teach with very good teaching methods and discussions.

This is a must to learn course in this growing era of medicolegal issues. Thank you GNLU for such a wonderful course.

## In their Voice - Batch 2024



### **Dr. Shailee Bhatt**

[M.S. OBGY]

Consultant at Chhaya Women's Hospital, Ghodasar, Ahmedabad

As a practicing gynecologist enrolled in the Medical Law course, I can confidently say it has been one of the most enriching experiences of my academic journey. The course offers a comprehensive exploration of the intricate relationship between law and healthcare, equipping us with a deep understanding of the legal principles that govern medical practice.

The curriculum is meticulously designed, covering a wide range of topics from informed consent and medical negligence to bioethics and healthcare policy. The

instructors are not only experts in their fields but also passionate educators who encourage critical thinking and active engagement.

One of the most valuable aspects of the course is its practical approach. Through interactive discussions and examples, we are given the opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios. This has significantly enhanced my analytical skills.

Ignorance of law is no excuse in the court of law.

I highly recommend this course to anyone interested in improving their confidence during practice.



### **Ashish J. Suthar**

[M.B.B.S., M.D. (U.S.A.), M.S. (Orthopedics)]

Assistant Professor- Orthopedics, Medical College, Baroda

This course gives phenomenal insight into the legal aspects of medicine and an in-depth knowledge of the interdependence and amalgamation of law and medicine in day-to-day practice. It establishes a base from which one can build a medical practice, covering multiple aspects of law and medicine with ease. A multi-faceted approach is critical in today's medical practice whether it is a small nursing home, a large corporate hospital, or a government setup.

I found this course a rich and rewarding experience not only to add to my resume but also to use the piece of knowledge, on legal medicine and medical jurisprudence, as a comprehensive tool in dealing with the challenging state of affairs involving complex interactions of moral, legal, and ethical dilemmas in everyday practice.

I am so happy that I signed up for this course. I am thankful to the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) Gandhinagar, and all faculties for giving me an opportunity to learn through online and offline sessions. Looking forward to more such courses.



## In their Voice - Batch 2024



**Dr Dipesh G Prajapati**

[MD Pathology]

Akshar pathology Laboratory, Mehsana

Enrolling in the Medical Law and Ethics course at Gujarat National Law University [GNLU 2024 Batch] has been a transformative experience. The curriculum is meticulously crafted, blending theoretical foundations with practical insights, and equipping students with a comprehensive understanding of the intricate relationship between law and healthcare. The distinguished faculty members bring a wealth of knowledge and real-world experience, fostering an engaging and stimulating learning environment. Through interactive lectures, case studies, and discussions,

the course delves deep into critical issues such as patient rights, bioethics, and medical negligence. Additionally, GNLU's state-of-the-art facilities and resources support an enriching academic journey. This course has not only broadened my legal acumen but also instilled a profound appreciation for ethical considerations in medical practice. I highly recommend GNLU's Medical Law and Ethics course to anyone seeking to excel in this dynamic and impactful field.



**Dr. Ashwin H. Thakker**

[M.S. (M.S.U.)]

Consultant Surgeon Rajkot, Gujarat

The inherent uncertainties in medical science have led to the noble medical profession often being viewed as a scapegoat during unpredictable outcomes, despite procedures and operations being performed with due diligence. In this context, the PG Diploma in Medical Law, Ethics & Policy (PGDMLPE) at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), in collaboration with the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Gujarat Branch, serves as an invaluable resource.

Consider this course as a guiding beacon for medical professionals navigating the complex legal landscape. It provides the necessary knowledge to withstand societal pressures and legal challenges until the esteemed status of the medical profession is fully restored. This will help to once again recognize doctors as pivotal, family-like figures.

Being well-informed is crucial for safety. This program offers an opportunity to dive into the ocean of legalities framed by Indian courts, equipping medical professionals with essential legal awareness and formalities not covered in traditional medical education.

I highly recommend this program for medical professionals to acquire the legal expertise needed to confidently defend themselves in court and prove their innocence. This ensures better outcomes in today's unpredictable society.

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**Dr. Umesh Bhammarkar**

Vitreoretinal Surgeon, Hyderabad

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**Dr Nidhi Mehta**

Consultant & Head - Transfusion Medicine  
Nanavati Max- Super Speciality Hospital

I am honoured to share my experience at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU). The PG Diploma Programme on Medical Law Policy, and Ethics offered by GNLU is truly meaningful meeting my expectations. The curriculum is comprehensively designed to provide a holistic understanding of the law in medical practice.

The faculty members at GNLU are highly qualified, supportive and approachable. Their vast knowledge and expertise in their respective fields is greatly contributing to my learning experience. They respond to every question raised

with multiple case scenarios and ensure that we the Doctor students grasp the concepts effectively. Guest lectures by eminent faculty from the legal fraternity has enriched my knowledge of Consent, Euthanasia, MTP Act etc.

GNLU campus is amazing, The Preamble, Shishya Bhawan, nomenclature of halls, greenery all around offers a serene environment that promotes academic excellence and intellectual growth. The state-of-the-art facilities including libraries, moot court hall, study areas, sports complexes, hostels, and food courts should be explored.

I am proud to be associated with Gujarat National Law University as it has equipped me with sound legal knowledge, encouraging critical thinking and fostering professionalism, and social responsibility.

Overall, "GNLU" enjoy reputation as one of India's premier law schools. I would highly recommend anyone seeking quality legal education combined with an enriching campus life experience should consider joining this esteemed institution without any hesitation!

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### **Dr. Smiti Navin Panchal**

Registrar in the Emergency Department,  
Sterling Hospitals, Ahmedabad

As a student pursuing this course, I am continually impressed by the depth and breadth of the program. The curriculum is rigorous, yet incredibly rewarding, offering a comprehensive understanding of the intersection between healthcare and legal systems.

The professors and lecturers are not only experts in their respective fields but also dedicated mentors who are always willing to provide guidance and support. Their real-world experiences and insights enrich the learning experience, making complex concepts accessible and engaging.

Thank you for the opportunity and overall the knowledge and experiences I've gained here have equipped me with the tools to make a meaningful impact in the field, advocating for policies that promote better healthcare outcomes and legal protections for all. I highly recommend this course to all health professionals.



### **Dr. Abhishek Sharma**

Emergency medicine - Head of Department,  
Sterling Hospitals, Ahmedabad

As a medical professional Pursuing this course has been one of the most transformative experiences of my journey. The program is comprehensively articulated and has an in-depth understanding of the ethical challenges and dilemmas faced in contemporary medical practice.

The faculty members are distinguished experts in the field, bringing a wealth of knowledge and real-world experience to their teaching.

The interactive seminars and discussions encouraged me to question assumptions and consider diverse perspectives, enhancing my analytical skills. One of the most valuable aspects of the course was the focus on real-world application.

Additionally, the course offered opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration, which enriched my learning experience. The knowledge and skills I have acquired through this program are invaluable to all health professionals.

## In their Voice - Batch 2024



### **Dr. Manesh Agarwal**

CEO & Chief of Medical Services  
Jivraj Mehta Hospital

The Post Graduate Diploma in Medico Legal Policy & Ethics (PGDMLPE) at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) has been an enlightening experience. This program uniquely blends legal and medical knowledge, offering a comprehensive understanding of the intersection between law, medicine, and ethics.

The curriculum covers healthcare regulations, medical negligence, patient rights, and ethical considerations. Faculty members, experts in their fields, deliver insightful lectures and engage us in thought-provoking discussions,

deepening our understanding.

A highlight of the PGDMLPE program is the practical learning opportunities. Through case studies, moot court simulations, and evaluation assignments, we gain hands-on experience with real-world medico-legal challenges. This practical exposure enhances our skills and prepares us to navigate the complexities of the healthcare industry confidently.

The supportive learning environment at GNLU fosters collaboration and intellectual growth. Faculty and staff are approachable and provide guidance and mentorship.

Overall, my experience with the PGDMLPE program at GNLU has been invaluable. It has equipped me with the knowledge, skills, and ethical framework necessary to contribute meaningfully to medico-legal policy and ethics. I highly recommend this program to anyone passionate about the intersection of law and healthcare.



### **Dr. Ketan D. Patel**

[FEM (UK), MRCEM (UK), FACEE, EBCEM]  
Consultant & Head, Dept. of Emergency Medicine Programme  
Director - EM Residency Zydus Hospitals & Healthcare  
Research Pvt. Ltd, Ahmedabad

I am heading an Emergency Medicine Department dealing very often with medico-legal cases, so the PGDMLE course at Gujarat National Law University has been a game-changer for me. As a healthcare professional, I was looking to expand my knowledge in medical law and ethics, and this course has exceeded my expectations. The program's hybrid format has allowed me to balance my work and studies seamlessly. The curriculum is well-structured, and the faculty is exceptional. The course has helped me

develop a deeper understanding of the legal and ethical aspects of healthcare, and I feel more confident in my ability to navigate complex issues in my practice. I would highly recommend this course to anyone looking to enhance their knowledge and skills in medical law and ethics.

Some key highlights of the course include:

Comprehensive curriculum, Flexible format, Exceptional faculties, More relevant for healthcare professionals and it is one-year duration.

## In their Voice - Batch 2024



### **Dr. Nirali Rushi Patel**

[MBBS, MD (Transfusion Medicine)]  
Consultant Transfusion Specialist, U.N.Mehta Institute of  
Cardiology & Research Centre, Medicity campus, Ahmedabad

There is a saying that your eyes can't see the things what your brain doesn't know.

In the today's Era of increasing violation against doctors, knowledge of Law & basic rights of patients & doctors is a must to know & also a need of a time. So, IMA in association with GNLU has come up with a well-designed course aiming the same for doctors with perfect course structure, timely organized lectures, easily understandable topics related to Medical Law & well known faculties. These course is

updated well enough with time to cover Telemedicine, e-health & latest Laws.. So, every emerging Doctor must enroll these course for their professional benefit, their safety & betterment.



### **Dr Rushi Rashmikant Patel**

Professor,  
Respiratory Medicine Department GCS Medical College,  
Hospital and Research Centre, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

In current era when medical practitioners face a lot more litigations than before, it is of utmost importance to have knowledge regarding various laws applicable to medical practice. This course is designed in coordination with IMA GSB, keeping in mind with what would be required to learn to safeguard our practice. Right from where patient enters in our room to he is done with the treatment, whatever is required to know in terms of legalities is is being covered in this course. These topics include consent, negligence,

aspects of health in view of Indian constitution, insurance to e-health, everything is included in this. This would be very useful for both naive and experienced doctors in similar manner.



### **Dr. Vivek Ambalia**

Consultant Emergency Medicine  
KD Hospital, Ahmedabad

This is Dr. Vivek Ambalia, Consultant Emergency Medicine Department at KD hospital, Ahmedabad. This program of PG diploma in Medical law, policy and ethics has opened up my dimensions of thought process in diverse ways. Considering the need of an hour, how the medical practices are becoming complex with legal issues intricately woven within it, it is very imperative to acquire knowledge of such legal aspect to our medical practise. The programme is very well designed to cover almost every significant facet of medical practice that needs the supporting pillars of our legal system. As an Emergency Medicine Physician, it has

enlightened my insight towards my high octane, quick decision making emergency practice into a stable and well supported legally covered one. Thanks to the amazing faculties and GNLU for designing such a amazing course for all of us.

## In their Voice - Batch 2023



### **Dr Rupal Kapadia**

Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology  
NHL Muni. Medical College, Ahmedabad

Being the first batch student of PGDMLPE, I am honoured to share my experience to upcoming medical law students. It was a totally new field to me. Our medical curriculum lacks the legal aspect of health care. This was the most ignored/overlooked subject. This course has changed my perspective towards patients, society, communication and documentation in medical practice.

The objective of this course is to connect the dots between the Government, Judicial system, Society and Doctors.

Once you know the LAW you will never feel LOW.

The faculties in this course have made the subject lucid and easily digestible. So it is recommended for newbies to join and participate in the changing era of 21st generation medical practice.



### **Dr Rajesh Desai**

[MD], Associate Professor GMERS Medical College and  
Attached Hospital, Gandhinagar

Grateful to have this opportunity to share my thoughts as we conclude the course of PG Diploma in Medical Law, Policy and Ethics at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar. First and foremost, the GNLU campus is such a delight to visit with lush green outfields and state-of-the-art infrastructure that can cater each and every requirement of its user or visitor. As we see a rise in legal complications in medical profession nowadays, the curriculum has been designed very thoughtfully to cover various facets and dimensions. Co-ordinators are caring and always eager to

offer any assistance required by participants. Prominent faculties teaching the subjects are renowned experts of their field and specialization. Hybrid model or blended mode of course is convenient for those who cannot visit the campus owing to distance. In a nutshell, this is a highly recommendable course for the medical professionals.

## In their Voice - Batch 2023



**Dr. Kalpana Ramesh**  
Senior Medical Officer  
District Hospital, Daman

I am currently pursuing a Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law and Ethics (PGDMLE) at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to study at this prestigious institution, and I highly recommend the PGDMLE program to anyone interested in this rapidly growing field of law.

The PGDMLE program at GNLU is a rigorous and comprehensive program that provides students with a deep understanding of the legal and ethical issues surrounding medical practice. The faculty are highly qualified and

experienced, and they are passionate about teaching the next generation of medical law professionals. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics, including medical negligence, medical malpractice, informed consent, confidentiality, and ethical issues in medicine.

In addition to the core courses, students also have the opportunity to take electives in specific areas of medical law. The program also provides students with the opportunity to gain real-world experience in medical law practice.

I am confident that the PGDMLE program at GNLU has prepared me well for a successful career in medical law. I am grateful to the faculty, staff, and my fellow students for their support and encouragement.

### **Specific things that I appreciate about the PGDMLE program at GNLU:**

- Rigorous and comprehensive curriculum
- Highly qualified and experienced faculty
- Broad range of electives to choose from
- Vibrant and supportive community



**Dr. Urvi Parikh**  
Associate Professor, Pathology  
B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad

GNLU has been instrumental in enabling me to realize my true potential. The institution presents a superlative learning milieu that facilitates both academic and personal progress. The faculty members are exceptionally qualified and exhibit an unwavering commitment to supporting students beyond the call of duty. Without hesitation, I wholeheartedly endorse GNLU as a premier destination for those in search of an unparalleled learning experience. The university is a truly global-class institution that proffers a diverse range of programs. Moreover, I would also like to

thank IMA-GSB for their untiring efforts for organizing this course for all their members & help them to raise their potential to learn medical law & ethics.

## In their Voice - Batch 2023



### **Dr. Arpit Prajapati**

Professor, Community Medicine Department,  
GCS Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Ahmedabad

This program has been an invaluable experience that has significantly enhanced my understanding of the complex ethical and legal issues that are an integral part of our medical practice.

Throughout the duration of this course, I have had the privilege of learning from a team of knowledgeable and experienced faculties all across the country who have provided insightful guidance and comprehensive coursework. The curriculum covered a wide range of topics, including Medical Negligence, Medical Ethics, informed

patient consent, Medicine and Patents and legislation, which are crucial aspects of modern medical practice.

One of the most notable aspects of this course was its practical approach to teaching. The real-world case studies allowed me to apply the theoretical knowledge I gained to practical scenarios, enabling me to develop the critical thinking skills necessary to navigate the intricate ethical and legal dilemmas that doctors often encounter. The course also fostered a collaborative learning environment, where I had the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions and debates with fellow healthcare professionals.

Furthermore, the program's flexibility in terms of scheduling and online accessibility allowed me to balance my professional responsibilities with my academic pursuits. This flexibility was crucial for me as a practicing physician, and I am grateful for the convenience it provided. I am immensely grateful for this educational opportunity and the positive impact it has had on my career.



### **Dr. Sanjay Bhatt**

[MBBS, MD]  
Private Practice

GNLU is playing a very significant and important role in mainstreaming sensitive issues like Medical Law, Policy and Ethics

I feel very proud to be a student of this course of PGDMLPE first batch.

I appeal to those who are interested in learning medical law in the most scientific way to join this course.

The knowledge, experience and teaching style of all faculties and coordinators are excellent and state of art.



## In their Voice - Batch 2023



### **Dr. Kruti Deliwala**

[MD, DGO, FICOG]

Associate Professor Smt. NHL Municipal Medical College, Ahmedabad

I feel immensely grateful for being a part of this outstanding academic community Gujarat National Law University. It has empowered me to pursue my post-graduate diploma in medical law & ethics and pursue incredible knowledge about medical law which will help me in my professional career. Throughout my academic journey, I was impressed by the faculty's dedication, expertise, and willingness to go the extra mile to support us. I would also like to thank IMA-GSB for their great efforts to initiate this course and give this golden opportunity to all their members.



### **Dr. Aayushi Chokshi**

Consultant Emergency Physician, Incharge - Department of Emergency Medicine, Marengo CIMS Hospital, Ahmedabad

In today's era of medical practice, just being an accomplished clinician alone isn't enough; in-depth knowledge regarding relevant medicolegal aspects is currently the need of the hour. This course is designed to fit this purpose perfectly and is a brilliant testimony to the inevitable overlap of medicine and law in the lives of today's doctors. IMA-GSB & GNLU's innovative initiative and hybrid model of learning offer the best of both worlds and the enriching interactions with the learned faculties widen our horizons to take on the world being medicolegally equipped

and ignited. PGDMLPE is one of the most treasured feathers I shall be adding to my doctor cap and I would highly recommend it to all doctors! To sum it up: "To be medicolegally 'negligent' would be a 'tort' for doctors in today's world!!"



### **Dr Malhar Shah**

[MD Dermatologist]

Consultant, Geetanjali Medical College and Hospital

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### **Dr. Rina A. Prajapati**

[D.C.P, DNB (Path), MBA (Hospital administration)]  
Consultant Pathologist, Ahmedabad

It is a nice initiative to start this very much-needed course among the medical fraternity as the time demands it, in terms of expanding the knowledge towards medicine for better practice and patient care with more deep sensitization. The course content is very well planned and the faculties are awesome in the knowledge and very nicely delivered the sessions. The provided materials are excellent. I feel very knowledgeable and proud to be a part of the first batch of this excellent course. Facilitation of course throughout the time is commendable. I would recommend the course to all my medico colleagues.



### **Dr Nidhi Bhatnagar**

Lead Assessor (NABH Blood Banks),  
Chairperson-ISBTI-Gujarat Chapter,  
Chairperson AATM WG Quality, Professor & Head Dept of  
Transfusion Medicine, B J Medical College, Ahmedabad

The PG Diploma in Medical Law, Policy and Ethics is a unique course offered by Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar. The course is one of its kind in India as it is for medical graduates who wish to learn and be updated regarding the legal requirements and statutes of Medical Practice. Apart from didactic lectures by eminent law practitioners as well as law faculty from across India, the highlight of the course is the classroom discussions on day-to-day pertinent topics giving real-life scenarios, problems and their solutions. The course is designed in such a way that it covers all relevant issues of medical practice, insight into newer technologies, ethical challenges associated with them and ways to avoid litigation of Medical negligence. In the present litigious times, ignorance of medicolegal aspects is not an option. To sum up, it is a “must do” course for all medical graduates as it enables one to become aware of the legal aspects of medical practice.

## In their Voice - Batch 2023



### **Dr Mukeshkumar B Vora**

[MBBS, MD, FAIMER]

Professor & Head, GMERS Medical College, Sola, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

I am honoured and extremely fortunate to be part of this prestigious institution, Gujarat National Law University (GNLU).

GNLU is a very special institute for me because they focus on our development and encouragement which builds up confidence and expertise in Medical Law, Policy and Ethics (PGDMLPE). The institution and faculty members kept up the spirit both in offline and online classes.



### **Dr Kamalesh Patel**

Trauma and Joint replacement surgeon,

JK Orthopaedic Hospital, Gandhinagar and Himatanagar

Healthcare is among the few disciplines that have set a code of conduct for its practitioners although medico-legal issues are still a somewhat grey area at present. There are a range of issues concerning ethics and medical practice that are increasingly coming before the courts.

Overall it was a well-designed and knowledge-enhancing course in the field of Medical Law and Ethics. I am very glad and thankful to GNLU and IMA-GSB for providing me with an opportunity to enhance my knowledge.



### **Dr. Dhiren Mehta**

Private Medical Practitioner

It was my dream to have knowledge of laws pertaining to the medical fraternity and profession. IMA- GSB has made it possible in association with GNLU. It was an excellent experience to get thorough knowledge of different aspects related to the medical profession from knowledgeable and expert faculties of GNLU online as well as offline at great ambience and perfect place of GNLU with good coordination and hospitality.

## In their Voice - Batch 2023



### **Dr. Piyush Patnaik**

[MBBS, DCP, DHA, CGC]

Vice-President, Clinical Operations, Sterling Accuris Wellness Pvt. Ltd.

It is an honour and privilege to be a part of this exceptional course which integrates the expertise and finesse of medical science with the intricacies and complexities of the legal profession. Being a part of the PGDMLPE course efficiently conducted by GNLU and initiated under the aegis of IMA, Gujarat has been a transformative experience.

The curriculum covers a wide range of relevant topics and is delivered in a manner that is both engaging and intellectually stimulating. Each module of the course is structured to provide a comprehensive understanding of

the subject matter, and the content is not only informative but also highly practical.

The faculty are not only experts in their respective fields but also possess a rare ability to convey complex concepts in a clear and understandable manner.

The course content is top-notch and the teaching methods are outstanding. My experience in this course has been nothing short of exceptional, and I am confident that others will find it equally valuable.

Thank you to IMA, Gujarat for creating such an outstanding educational opportunity, and kudos to GNLU for their unwavering dedication to education and making this program a stupendous success.



### **Dr Rutul Patel**

[MS, MCh, Gold medalist]

Consultant cancer surgeon, Director, Anamay Cancer Hospital, Ahmedabad, Visiting Oncosurgeon, Epic Hospital, Ahmedabad

Great academic experience of Swimming into whole new ocean of knowledge! Applauds to GNLU for pushing everyone beyond their limits. Really worthy course for dedicated practising doctor friends.

## In their Voice - Batch 2023



### **Lt Col Dr. S S Raja**

MO (Aviation Medicine) Army Medical Corps

My experience as part of the Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Law, Policy and Ethics at Gujarat National Law University so far has been full of learning and grooming. It has been a great experience studying at the university be it offline sessions or online sessions, a memory to cherish for a lifetime. The faculty's impressive expertise and unwavering dedication create an engaging and pragmatic learning environment. The course has given us the opportunity to delve into the broader field of law as it relates to medicine. The curriculum's exploration of healthcare regulations, medical ethics, and legal implications of emerging medical technologies in this era has been enlightening. I highly

recommend this program to anyone seeking a comprehensive and transformative education in this field and can surely join the university.



### **Dr. Nita D. Gosai**

[MBBS, DA, MD Anaesthesia]

Professor and Head of the Anaesthesia Department at Gujarat cancer and research institute affiliated to B. J. Medical College, Civil Hospital Campus, Ahmedabad

Though the Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Law, Policy, and Ethics course to be quite challenging, but I am thoroughly enjoying it. The course materials and the mentoring approach are of high quality, making it a fantastic course. I have gained a lot of knowledge in relation to medico-legal aspects and I believe that what I have learned will be applicable in my day-to-day practice.

## THE TEAM



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