

Postgraduate Training in Laboratory Medicine in Poland and the EC-4 European Syllabus 2012

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Health care professionals, which can specialize in laboratory medicine

Doctors

Scientists



LABORATORY MEDICINE



**Scientists = Laboratory
Diagnosticians**

Laboratory Diagnosticians

- Graduates of the Faculties of Laboratory Medicine at Medical Universities
- Pharmacists, biologists, biotechnologists, chemists and others - **after completing a two-year post-graduate studies at the faculty of laboratory medicine**



Laboratory diagnostitian

- Regulated profession - **the law on the laboratory diagnostics of July 27, 2001.**
- Professional corporation – **the National Chamber of Laboratory Diagnosticians**

KIDL (NCLD) is involved in postgraduate training of laboratory diagnosticians



Legislation



DZIENNIK USTAW
RZECZYPOSPOLITEJ POLSKIEJ

REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH
of April 26, 2004 on specialization and obtaining
the title of specialist by **laboratory**
diagnosticians (changed 20 December 2013)



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REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF
HEALTH of January 2, 2013 on
specializations of **doctors and dentists**





Medical Centre of Postgraduate Education

- ✓ Specialization programs
- ✓ Specialization courses
- ✓ Accreditation of institutions engaged in internships



Centre of Medical Exams

- ✓ Examination regulations
- ✓ Examination tests
- ✓ Examination commissions
- ✓ Administrative support

Specialisations for laboratory diagnosticians (scientists)

Medical laboratory diagnostics

Medical laboratory genetics

Medical laboratory immunology

Medical microbiology

Medical laboratory transfusiology

Medical laboratory toxicology

Public health

Environmental health

Medical laboratory hematology

Medical cytomorphology

Medical laboratory parasitology

Epidemiology

Forensic laboratory genetics

Forensic laboratory toxicology

Specialization can be started after two years of work in the diagnostic laboratory





Specialization program in laboratory diagnostics



- Doctors: **68 months**
- Scientists: **48 months**

- **Forms of training**
 - ✓ basic internship
 - ✓ targeted internships
 - ✓ compulsory courses
 - ✓ complementary courses

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Knowledge
Skills
Competencies

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Laboratory medicine: core **knowledge, skills and competencies**

- I. Basic knowledge requirements
- II. Indications for laboratory medicine procedures
- III. Influence of collection and storage of specimens
- IV. Analytical principles and techniques
- V. Analytical evaluation of laboratory methods
- VI. Clinical evaluation of laboratory methods
- VII. Case-related medical evaluation of laboratory tests
- VIII. Clinical training
- IX. Research and development; audit
- X. Laboratory management and quality assurance



Specialization program in laboratory diagnostics for doctors & scientists

- **General knowledge**

- ✓ Factors affecting results of laboratory tests including pre-, post- and analytical errors; biological variability
- ✓ Biological material collection and handling
- ✓ Reference ranges, cut-off values and allowable error limits
- ✓ Diagnostic assessment of the test – sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, ROC curves analysis
- ✓ Organization of the laboratory; LIS
- ✓ Quality management; accreditation
- ✓ Analytical techniques; analytical evaluation of laboratory methods



Specialization program in laboratory diagnostics for doctors

- **Competencies & skills to be acquired**
 - ✓ Ability to create diagnostic algorithms containing laboratory tests
 - ✓ Ability to consult the selection of laboratory tests and results interpretation
 - ✓ Ability to direct a diagnostic laboratory
 - ✓ Ability to participate in preventive medicine activities
 - ✓ Ability to direct the specialization in laboratory diagnostics
 - ✓ Ability to participate in the training of other health care professionals
 - ✓ Ability to participate in scientific projects



Specialization program in laboratory diagnostics for scientists

- **Competencies & skills to be acquired**

Ability to solve the problems associated with the total analytical process including the final authorization and laboratory interpretation of results

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Laboratory medicine disciplines: specialist knowledge

- ✓ Clinical chemistry/immunology
- ✓ Haematology/blood transfusion (including cells, transfusion serology, coagulation, and cellular Immunology)
- ✓ Microbiology/virology (bacteriology, parasitology, and mycology)
- ✓ Genetics, in vitro fertilisation



Specialization program in laboratory diagnostics for doctors

- **Laboratory medicine disciplines – specialist knowledge:**
 - ✓ Clinical chemistry
 - ✓ General analytics
 - ✓ Hematology, hemostasis
 - ✓ Toxicology & TDM
 - ✓ Immunology
 - ✓ Transfusiology
 - ✓ Microbiology (selected issues)
 - ✓ Organs injury & dysfunction
 - ✓ Pregnancy monitoring
 - ✓ Pediatric clinical chemistry



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EC4 new criteria for Equivalence of Standards 2013

Which topics of the EC4 Syllabus does the specialist training include? → **ALL**

Clinical chemistry

Immunology **Medical laboratory immunology**

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Medical laboratory hematology / transfusiology

Microbiology/virology (bacteriology, parasitology, and mycology)

Medical Microbiology

Genetics, In vitro fertilisation

Medical laboratory genetics



In summary.... Postgraduate training in Laboratory Medicine in Poland, albeit so complicated, is in accord with the EC-4 European Syllabus 2012

Thank you
for your
attention



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