

IS13. THE FUTURE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE AS A MEDICAL SPECIALTY IN GREECE AND IN THE EU

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Legal and Forensic Medicine is the application of medical knowledge and methodology for the resolution of legal questions and problems for individuals and society. Its core activities are Clinical Forensic Medicine and Forensic Pathology, but other areas of science and expertise including forensic toxicology, forensic psychiatry, forensic genetics, forensic anthropology may be required depending on the nature of the case.

The aim is to confront the existing European and USA specialty programs of Legal and Forensic Medicine and to propose a new specialty program for Greece and for the EU according to the European documents and the national and international bibliography.

The new program of Legal and Forensic Medicine has to have, as major topics the following: 1. Thanatology and Forensic Pathology, 2. Clinical Forensic Medicine, 3. Medical Law and related Jurisprudence. The training period should be a minimum of 4 years full-time work. Basic knowledge of Forensic Sciences and training in laboratory has to be included. The results of this presentation should also be useful for formulating future training objectives as forensic medicine becomes progressively more integrated with other forensic science disciplines.

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