





**Educational objectives :**

- C1. Making students familiar with interdisciplinary knowledge on problems of elderly people: different aspects of ageing process – biological, psychological and social; causes and mechanisms of ageing including modifiable and unmodifiable factors.
- C2. Obtaining by students a capability of performing the Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA), using tests evaluating everyday functioning and health state of elderly persons.
- C3. Getting knowledge about a specificity of course of diseases, diagnostic problems and treatment modes in the elderly patients.
- C4. Getting knowledge about problems connected with an iatrogenic syndrome in elderly patients.
- C5. Learning of organization and standards of geriatric care, and fundamentals of medical qualification of elderly patients to the various institutional forms of care.
- C6. Awareness of significance of Giant Geriatric Syndromes and a role of physician in the caring process.

**Education result matrix for module/course in relation to verification methods of the intended education result and the type of class**

Number of course education result	Number of major education result	Student who completes the module/course knows/is able to	Methods of verification of intended education results (forming and summarising)	Form of didactic class <i>**enter the abbreviation</i>
W01	E.W8	Student defines various aspects of the ageing process and describe the examinations creating the Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA).	Credit test	L
W02	E.W9	Student explains a specificity of diseases in elderly patients and defines the major problems and syndromes occurring in older adults (Giant Geriatric Problems)	Credit test	L
W03	E.W10	Students explains differences of pharmacotherapy (drugs doses!) and a risk of the drug-induced complications in the elderly	Credit test	L
W04	E.W11	Student describes standards of the elderly patients' hospitalization	Credit test	L
W05	E.W12	Student defines principles of the geriatric care and the burdens of caregivers of elderly persons	Credit test	L
U01	E. U1	Student is able to assess the medical, economical and social consequences of the ageing process	Assessment of practical skills	CC
U02	E.U3, E. U13	Student performs the patients' assessment using the particular clinical scales applied in Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA)	Assessment of practical skills	CC
U03	E.U3, E. U13	Student performs the physical examination in elderly patients manifesting disorders of the cardiovascular, pulmonary, alimentary and movement systems	Assessment of practical skills	CC
U04	E.U5	Student is able to examine patients with mental, cognitive, depressive and manic	Assessment of	CC



U05	E.U16	disorders, and with previous stroke episode  Student plans the diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive procedures in elderly persons	practical skills  Assessment of practical skills	CC
U06	E.U17	Student performs geriatric analysis of adverse effects of the individual medicines and is able to determine the interactions between the various medical preparations	Assessment of practical skills	CC
U07	E.U18	Student proposes in the elderly patients individualization of the obligatory therapeutic recommendations, as well indicates other methods of treatment in case of inefficiency of the standard therapy or contraindications to it	Assessment of practical skills	CC
U08	E.U22	Student can examine elderly patients manifesting somatic or/and psychic disability	Assessment of practical skills	CC

\*\* L - lecture; SE - seminar; AC – auditorium classes; MC – major classes (non-clinical); CC – clinical classes; LC – laboratory classes; SCM – specialist classes (magister studies); CSC – classes in simulated conditions; FLC – foreign language course; PCP practical classes with patient; PE – physical education (obligatory); VP – vocational practice; SS – self-study, EL – E-learning .

Please mark on scale 1-5 how the above effects place your classes in the following categories:

communication of knowledge, skills or forming attitudes:

Knowledge: 5

Skills: 5

**Student's amount of work (balance of ECTS points)**

Student's workload (class participation, activity, preparation, etc.)	Student Workload (h)
1. Contact hours:	40
2. Student's own work (self-study):	15
Total student's workload	55
<b>ECTS points for module/course</b>	<b>2,5</b>
Comments	-

**Content of classes** (please enter topic words of specific classes divided into their didactic form and remember how it is translated to intended educational effects)

**Lectures:**

1. Process of ageing in various aspects: biological, psychological and social.
2. Specificity of clinical management in elderly patients: taking of history and physical examination – Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA).
3. Giant Geriatric Problems: gait and balance disorders, falls, bedsores, urine and stool incontinence.
4. Impairments of cognitive functions in old age: dementia, delirium, depression, manic syndromes.
5. Specificity of diseases in elderly patients: unusual presentation and course of disease, multi-morbidity (multiple disorders), polypharmacy and polypragmasia, nutritional status.
6. Cardiovascular system in old age: heart failure, hypertensive disease, arrhythmias.
7. Frailty syndrome. Sarkopenia. Nutrition problems.
8. Disorders of mobility, falls, injuries, osteoporosis. Vision and hearing impairments.



9. Quality of life in old age, possibilities of its improving, compensatory care.  
10. Organization of care for elderly people in Poland. Examples of the geriatric care systems in EU.

**Clinical classes:**

1. Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA) in elderly patients in the geriatrics ward.
2. CGA – practical usage of tests and scales specifically purposed for elderly people.
3. CGA – examination of the elderly patient: the Tinetti test (risk of falls); the scales of Katz, Lawton, and Barthel (simple and complex everyday functioning); the scales of Norton, Braden's, Torrance's (risk of bedsores); the scale of Cummins (operation risk >70 years); the MNA (Mini Nutritional Assessment - general and antropometric assessment, assessment of diet, self-assessment of patient).
4. Examination of elderly patients with impairments of cognitive functions: dementia, depression.
5. CGA – assessment of mental and emotional state of the elderly patient – dementia assessment: the Folstein MMSE (Mini Mental State Examination) and the Clock Drawing Test ; depression assessment: the GDS (Geriatric Depression Scale by Yesavage), the Hamilton scale, the Beck scale.
6. Brain insult (stroke), parkinsonism, venous insufficiency, thromboembolic disease in elderly patients: clinical presentation, diagnosis and treatment in old age.
7. Cardiovascular diseases in elderly patients (coronary artery disease, arterial hypertension, heart failure) – clinical presentation, diagnosis and treatment in old age.
8. Diseases of the respiratory system (infectious, COPD, tuberculosis, tumors) – clinical presentation, diagnosis and treatment in old age.
9. Impairments of the locomotor system, disorders of the genital-urinary system – clinical presentation, diagnosis and treatment in old age.
10. Obesity, impairments of the thyroid gland and diabetes mellitus in old age.
11. Menopause and andropause – physiological and pathological consequences.
12. Traumatism, problems with miction and defecation, vision and hearing disorders – clinical presentation, diagnosis and treatment in old age. Compensatory care and method for improving quality of life in elderly people.
13. Examination of the elderly patients with Giant Geriatric Problems.
14. Qualification an examinations of the elderly patients in the care-and-treatment institutions.
15. Credit of the Course – skills in examinations of the old adults patients and colloquium in knowledge on geriatrics.

**Basic literature** (list according to importance, no more than 3 items)

1. F. Lally, Ch. Roffe Geriatric Medicine: an evidence-based approach, Oxford Medical Press, 2014.
2. JF Halter t al. Hazzard's Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, McGraw-Hill Education, 2017.
3. R. Kane, J. Ouslander: Essentials of Clinical Geriatrics, Mc Graw Hill Education,, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, 2013.

**Additional literature and other materials:**

1. Articles and presentations provided by the teacher.

**Didactic resources requirements:**

The 'old age' simulation suit, the hemiplegia simulation suit, CGA scales forms, stethoscopes, sphygmomanometer, multimedia projector, laptop

**Preliminary conditions** (minimum requirements to be met by the student before starting the course):

Basic knowledge on internal diseases, neurology and psychiatry

**Conditions to receive credit for the course** (specify the form and conditions of receiving credit for classes included in the module/course, admission terms to final theoretical or practical examination, its form and requirements to be med by the student to pass it and criteria for specific grades):

**NOTE:** Attendance at all classes is obligatory – in the case of absence (incl. rector's/dean's days/hrs) –



missing class must be made up on the rules agreed with a teacher.

CREDIT TEST – TO PASS STUDENT MUST GET min. 60% of the correct answers

Grade:	Criteria
Very Good (5.0)	95%-100% of proper answers
Good Plus (4.5)	88%-94% of proper answers
Good (4.0)	78%-87% of proper answers
Satisfactory Plus (3.5)	70%-77% of proper answers
Satisfactory (3.0)	60%-69% of proper answers

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