PSOM students: Options at Penn Law
Countless Opportunities – PSOM

How best to prepare?
• understand the law that shapes the field
• know the landscape to effectively navigate the many issues you will confront as:
  treating physicians, chief medical officers, health system leaders, researchers, product and pharma, biotech developers, insurers, employers, business owners….and so much more.
Why study law?

American Medical Association:

• “Health care's current landscape makes it more important than ever for practicing physicians to stay up to date on legal issues that could affect them and their medical practice.”
A few questions for you!

• Have you confronted any medico-legal issues yet in medical school?
• Can you imagine some of the issues you will face?
Some of the basics on which Physicians should be prepared:

- Stark Act
- Anti-Kickback Law
- False Claims Act
- HIPAA
- ACA – and imminent and evolving revisions
- EMTALA
- Duty of Care – Negligence Concepts
- Employment, Contracts
AMA: Physicians Should Be Prepared for Medical-Legal Issues They Will Face.

- Standard of Care
- Confidentiality
- *Respondeat Superior*
- Good Samaritan
- Peer Review
- Physician/Hospital Contracts
- Patient Contracts
- Business Legal Concepts
- Electronic Records
- Duty to Treat
- Medical Liability
- Medical Staff Privileges
- Telemedicine
- Protecting Your Practice and your Employer From Legal Claims
Options for PSOM Students at Penn Law

• Take a class

• Earn a Certificate in Law
  With four (3+1) classes from Penn Law build a broad foundation or focus your studies in one area

• Earn the Master in Law degree
  With six classes from Penn Law and two MS1 classes
  (MOD610 Respect for Persons and MOD320 Health Care Systems)

• Join us for seminars, events of interest
Master in Law – Health Track
Requirements

• 8 CUs (foundational and upper level law)
  – 4 foundational minimum, (511, 530, 528, 529)
  – 2 Upper Level Law
  – 2 PSOM: we accept for credit:
    • MOD610 Respect for Persons and
    • MOD320 Health Care Systems
      – At the end of MS1, you have completed 2 of your 8 course requirements
ML Foundational Courses

• Different Focus and Goals from Upper-level Courses – both have value for you
  – ML distills complex legal concepts you will encounter in your work giving practical knowledge of the law and legal process
  – integrate students into the law school style of education
    • Socratic Method, case-law method
• Lecturers in these classes are practitioners and academics with extensive practice experience in the areas in which they teach.
## (Sample) MASTER IN LAW – HEALTH TRACK

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### Additional ML Courses to Consider:

- Introduction to Technology Law / Ethics
- An Introduction to American Constitutional Law
- An Introduction to Patent Law
- Corporate Compliance
- Mental Health Law
- Intellectual Property and Patent Law
- Privacy Law
- Disability Law
- FDA Law & Policy
- Doctors, Death Panels, & Democracy
- Health Law, Economics, & Policy
- Advanced Regulatory Law
- Freedom and Responsibility
- Drug Product Liability Litigation
Dual MD/ML: Outcomes

- Develop Analytical Thinking & Problem Solving Skills
- Engage with Legal and Healthcare Policy Questions as an Insider
- Know the Healthcare Regulatory and Policy Landscape and Framework
- Create Rich Legal Network and Know Where to Get Answers (ML and JD classes)
- Understand Healthcare Legal-Business Issues such as Business Formation and Contracts – and so much more.
Recommended Plan for MD/ML

– This summer take 511 – evenings, condensed class, mid-June to late July
– Combined with 2 PSOM credits, you begin MS2 with 3 of the 8 required CUs completed
– Fall MS2 take core ML Health Law – 1 evening
– Spring MS2 take core ML #3 – 1 evening
Amy has remainder listed for you on your PSOM pages.
Financial Policies

- As a dual MD/ML candidate, total degree costs are far less than if earned separately:
  - Tuition required for only 3 classes:
    - PSOM additional course policy pays for 3 classes
    - Law accepts PSOM classes as 2 CUs
ML Application

- Online format via CollegeNet – fee waived for PSOM students
- Required: 2 LORs, transcripts, personal statement, resume, MCAT accepted.
Physician experience at Penn Law
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