

## **SEMINAR 7**

### **MORAL DILEMMAS IN ALLOCATING MEDICAL RESOURCES. PUBLIC HEALTH ETHICS.**

#### **Objective of the seminar 7:**

To enable the students to understand the ethical problems facing health policy today, to provide them with a broad understanding of the approaches to allocation of the resources in health care and to underline the conflict between justice and the other ethical principles.

#### **Enabling objectives:**

At the end of the seminar the students should be able to:

1. Determine the ethical dilemmas in allocating medical resources.
2. Distinguishing between macroallocation and microallocation.
3. Suggest appropriate solutions for particular cases related to distribution of resources in medical practice.
4. Decide when the principle of justice has priority over the other principles of medical ethics.
5. Discuss the basic principles of public health ethics.

#### **Syllabus of the seminar:**

1. Right to health. Conflict between different groups as regards health care. Principle of justice in medicine.
2. Theories of resource allocation.
3. Rationing health care on the society level. Health policy and ethics :
  - A) Factors that have to be taken into account
  - B) The scope of the health policy
3. The common good
4. Ethical questions of microallocation

#### **Practical work:**

1. Discussion of case vignettes.

#### **Required previous knowledge:**

- Readings in Bioethics. Silviya Aleksandrova-Yankulovska. Publishing Centre of Medical University of Pleven, 2016, **pp. 215-249**
- Lecture material.