

## **Medicine and the Law**

Tuesdays, October 15 to December 3, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
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**Course Overview:** This course will examine the many significant intersections between law and medicine in Canada. We will begin with an examination of the constitutional powers of the federal and provincial governments over “health”. Next, we will look at the important pieces of health legislation at both levels of government, such as the Canada Health Act, the Regulated Health Professions Act and complimentary legislation. The legal basis for the civil and criminal liability of health professionals will be examined. Another important area that will be considered is that of consent to treatment and the right to withdraw consent once it has been given. The subject of withdrawal of treatment and assisted dying will also be examined. And, finally, we will discuss the important constitutional challenges to our present healthcare system arising from the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

**October 15.** Healthcare under the Constitution Act, 1867 and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms’.

**October 22.** Regulation of healthcare professionals in Ontario.

**October 29.** Medical malpractice law.

**November 5.** Informed consent.

**November 12.** Medical malpractice and birth.

**November 19.** Medicine and death.

**November 26.** Medical products liability act.

**December 3.** Property in the human body.

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