Licenciatura em Ciências da Saúde

Course Title: Biomaterials and Medical Devices

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Teaching Language: Portuguese

Objectives, Learning Outcomes
To provide the students with an up-to-date knowledge of the development of Biomaterials and of the interactions between host tissues and foreign materials. Also to discuss the different classes of Biomaterials as well as its potential biomedical applications.

Contents
1. Introduction to Biomaterials: History and development of Materials Science; concept of biomaterial and biocompatibility
2. Classes of Materials used in Medicine: metals; ceramics; polymers (biodegradable, hydrogels) and composites
3. Mechanical and Surface properties of biomaterials
4. Interaction aspects between biomaterials and host: degradation of materials in the biological environment and host reaction to biomaterials (biological response to an implant: inflammation, foreign body reaction, angiogenesis, scar formation, toxicology, trombogenicity, infection
5. Application of Materials in Medicine: orthopedic applications; ophthalmological applications; sutures, burn dressings and skin substitutes; dental Applications; cardiovascular medical devices; drug delivery systems
6. Investigation in Biomaterials Science

Teaching Methods
Theoretical classes (2 h per week);
Practical classes (2 h per week): Evaluation of practical examples of application of biomaterials. Some classes will be given by renowned medicals and pharmaceuticals where biomaterials are applied in various areas of medicine.
**Evaluation type**

Theoretical: Final Exam (60%)
Practical: Evaluation of student’s oral presentation and participation in the classes (40%).

**Main Bibliography**


[5] Professor datasheets.