



COURSE SPECIFICATION

Medical Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Endocrinology, Diabetes, Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism

MD

Faculty of Medicine - Mansoura University

(A) Administrative information

(1) Programme offering the course.	Postgraduate MD program of	
4 // 4	Endocrinology, diabetes ,clinical nutrition and metabolism. EDCNM600	
(2) Department offering the programme.	Internal medicine department	
	(Endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism unit)	
(3) Department responsible for teaching	Internal medicine department	
the course:	(Endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism unit) Biochemistry & molecular biology department	
(4) Part of the programme.	First part (first semester)	
(5) Date of approval by the Department's council	12/7 / 2016	
(6) Date of last approval of programme specification by Faculty council	9/8 /2016	
(7) Course title:	Biochemistry & molecular biology	
(8) Course code:	EDCNM 604 /EDCNM 610 BC	
(9) Credit hours	2 hours	

(10) Total teaching hours:	30
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(B) Professional information

(1) Course Aims:

Provide candidate with a basic knowledge in modern biochemistry and molecular biology necessary for an understanding of diabetes, endocrine, clinical nutrition and metabolism at the molecular level

(2) Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

On successful completion of the course, the candidate will be able to:

A- Knowledge and Understanding

- A1 Recognise basics and biomedical importance of carbohydrate metabolism
- A2 Recognise basics of lipid metabolism
- A3 Recognise basics of protein metabolism
- A4 Recognise basics of Enzymes and biologic catalysis
- A5 Recognize Metabolic interrelation & minerals
- A6 Define Bioenergetics; fuel oxidation and the generation of ATP
- A7 Discuss Biochemical basis of mechanisms of action of hormones
- A8 Explain the biochemical basis of commonly occurring endocrine diseases with stress on insulin resistance, obesity
- A9 Recognize Biotechnology and concepts of molecular biology
- A10 Recognize Basic techniques in molecular biology
- A11 Define cytokine and growth factors
- A12 Recognize type of nutrient and molecular aspects of nutrition

B- Intellectual skills

- B1 Point-out the application of molecular biology in hormonal diseases
- B2 Interpret the clinical significance of plasma levels of glucose

(3) Course content:

Subject	Lectures	Seminar
1.Carbohydrate metabolism.	3	
Regulation and Biomedical importance of		
 glucose metabolism 		
 glycogen metabolism 		
 Fructose metabolism 		
Galactose metabolism		
2. Lipid metabolism	3	2
 Lipogenesis 		
 Lipoprotein metabolism 		
 Fatty acid oxidation 		
 Ketone bodies metabolism 		
 Cholesterol metabolism 		
 Phospholipid metabolism 		
 role of adipose tissue in lipid metabolism with stress 		
hormonal regulation		
3. Protein metabolism	2	
 Essential and non essential AA 		
Nitrogen balance		
4. Enzyme and biologic catalysis	1	
5. Metabolic interrelation & minerals	2	
 enzyme change in fed &fasting state 		
 role of (liver-adipose tissue-muscle-brain)in fed 		
&fasting state		
• macroelements & trace elements.		
 type of nutrients 		
6. Bioenergetic and fuel oxidation	1	
 electron transport chain 		
 oxidative phosphorylation 		
• bioenergetics (definition, first law c		

thermodynamics, gibbs free energy and standard		
free energy(
7.Mechanism of hormonal action	4	2
Hormone Receptors		
Classification of hormones		
Mechanism of action of hormones that bind to		
intracellular receptors		
Mechanism of action of hormones that bind to cell		
surface receptors		
Hormones that act through cAMP		
Hormones that act through cGMP		
Hormones that act through a kinase or phosphatase		
cascade (Intrinsic protein tyrosine kinase activities -		
Associated protein tyrosine kinase activities)		
8. Molecular biology	4	1
Basics of molecular biology		
Molecular analysis of endocrine diseases		
techniques in molecular biology		
9.cytokine and growth factors	2	
10.Biochemical and Molecular aspects of nutrition	2	
Total teaching hours		30

(4) Teaching methods.

4a Lecture

4b Seminar

(5) Assessment methods:

Written exam 160 marks MCQ Exam 40 marks

To be eligible for the final exam , the candidate must have , fulfilled the credit hours of the courses and log book activities .

The candidate must earn 60% of the marks to pass the exam.

(6) References of the course.

6a. Text books:

- 1. Williams textbook of endocrinology
- 2. Harper's Illustrated Biochemistry: 28th edition by Murray RK, Granner DK, Mayes PA, Rodwell VW, McGraw-Hill companies New York, 2009.
- **6b.** Websites: http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/ref/biochem.htm
 - Harvard Department of Molecular & Cellular Biology Links. http://mcb.harvard.edu/BioLinks.html

(7) Facilities and resources mandatory for course completion:

- Lecture rooms: available in the department
- library
- Computer laboratories with a wide range of software
- Intranet with a wide range of learning support material

Course coordinator.

Prof Nagy Shaaban, Head of endocrinology and diabetes unit
Prof Manal Tarshoby, Professor of internal medicine, endocrinology
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Head of the department.

Prof Salah Elgamal, Professor of internal medicine

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