

Medicinski fakultet u Rijeci

IZVEDBENI NASTAVNI PLAN 2026/2027

Za kolegij

Neurosurgery

Studij:	Medical Studies in English (R) Sveučilišni integrirani prijediplomski i diplomski studij
Katedra:	Katedra za neurokirurgiju
Nositelj kolegija:	doc. dr. sc. Šimić Hrvoje, dr. med.
Godina studija:	5
ECTS:	1
Stimulativni ECTS:	0 (0.00%)
Strani jezik:	Mogućnost izvođenja na stranom jeziku

Podaci o kolegiju:

The course in Neurosurgery is obligatory course during the fifth year of the medical studies, consisting of 8 hours of lectures, 4 hours of seminars and 8 hours of clinical practice, which is total of 20 hours (1 ECTS). It is performed in the wards of Clinic of Neurosurgery, Clinical Hospital Center Rijeka, in its operation theaters, and in the Lecture hall of Clinical Hospital Center Rijeka (Sušak). The aim of the course for the students is to adopt basic knowledge and skills in the neurosurgery and neurotraumatology. After getting information about specific neurosurgical approach to neurological diseases and neurotraumatological cases, the student will learn about advisable operative ways of their treatment.

The contents are a part of neurological contents that are already known to the students from the fourth year and represent its logical continuation offering modern methods of operative treatment. The importance of the decompressive and pathologic substrate ablation is stressed: be it a tumour, haematoma or malformation. Also, operations of the CSF diversion are shown, as well as the decompression of the spinal canal. A short description of the surgery of the inflammatory and purulent processes, and modern microsurgical methods, ventriculostomy, endoscopy and minimally invasive procedures will be given. In neurotraumatology the explanation of the common injuries to the neurocranium and spine, as well as to the brain and spinal cord and peripheral nerves will be given. The importance of the team approach in their modern complex treatment is explained (the teams consisting of the urgent medicine physician, intensive care unit – anesthesiologists and neurosurgeons and neurorehabilitationists is stressed. Upon completing the course student will be able to approach these patients with comprehension, be able to distinguish their illness, analyse symptoms and recommend best diagnostic and treatment options. The student will be able to do the follow up of such patient and recognize qualitative and quantitative disturbances of the consciousness, focal neurological deficits (such as monoparesis vs hemiparesis, aphasia, gait and coordination disturbances etc.), recognize the signs of elevated ICP, neurological signs in spinal cord injuries (para- and tetraplegia).

Popis obvezne ispitne literature:

1. A comprehensive script representing lectures will be issued
2. Fundamentals of Neurosurgery, A Guide for Clinicians and Medical Students; A.F Joaquim, E. Ghizoni, H. Tedeschi, M.A.T. Ferreira – editors; Springer V. 2019.

Popis dopunske literature:

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Nastavni plan:

Predavanja popis (s naslovima i pojašnjenjem):

L1 Introduction - what is Central Nervous System - how to treat it surgically and Historical development of Neurosurgery (NS)

Learning outcomes: to become familiar with the historical development of the neurosurgery, learn its subspecialties, become motivated in active taking part in the learning process.

L2 Patophysiology of the elevated Intracranial Pressure (ICP) - External CSL drainage

Learning outcomes: to understand what ICP is and about the basic patophysiology of the elevated ICP. The student will know in what ways the CSL can be derived and how to recognize and follow these patients.

L3 Spinal neurosurgery - degenerative spine

Learning outcomes: understand what discal hernia is, become able to indicate the best diagnostic methods and advice the treatment options – both for cervical, thoracic and lumbar spine.

L4 Pediatric neurosurgery

Learning outcomes: to be able to describe and recognize common congenital malformations, especially to be able to recognize early signs of congenital hydrocephalus and its treatment. The student will also be informed about the common tumours in childhood.

L5 Tumors of the brain and spine - principles of diagnostic, operative indications, basic operative techniques

Learning outcomes: the student will know which tumours are benign and malignant and their characteristics, will be familiar with the WHO grading – get the basic knowledge of the meningiomas, gliomas and metastatic brain tumours.

L6 Neurotraumatology - head injuries

Learning outcomes: to accept most important principle of ultimate urgency in the treatment of the severe head injuries; the student will be able to recognize the mild, moderate and severe head injury. The student will be able to understand and urgently react in treating the acute elevation of the ICP.

L7 Neurotraumatology - spine injuries

Learning outcomes: after completing the learning process the student will know the specifics in such injuries – stability of the spinal column, the neurological lesions and the principles of the treatment – decompression and stabilisation of the spine

L8 Vascular neurosurgery - intracranial aneurysms

Learning outcomes: to differentiate arterial and venous lesions; know where the most typical aneurysms are and what their symptoms are; know basic types of therapy – clipping, wrapping and coiling the aneurysms.

Seminari popis (s naslovima i pojašnjenjem):

S1 Basics in surgical neuroanatomy

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S2 CSL derivation - VPA

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S3 Contemporary and future treatment methods in NS

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S4 Exam preparations

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Vježbe popis (s naslovima i pojašnjenjem):

P1 Getting used to the NS wards, neurosurgical op. theater Intensive care unit in NS

Getting used to the NS wards, neurosurgical op. theater

Intensive care unit in NS

P2 Brain tumours

Brain tumours

P3 Degenerative spine diseases

Degenerative spine diseases

P4 Neurotraumatology, Neurorehabilitation

Neurotraumatology, Neurorehabilitation

P5 VPA systems; spine - immobilization; typical head bandages.

VPA systems; spine - immobilization; typical head bandages.

P6 Peripheral nerves - typical diseases and injuries

Peripheral nerves - typical diseases and injuries

P7 Ambulatory patients

Ambulatory patients

P8 Presence in the operating theater

Presence in the operating theater

Obveze studenata:

The student has to follow all the parts of the course and actively take part in practical learning. They should also use the literature advised.

Ispit (način polaganja ispita, opis pisanog/usmenog/praktičnog dijela ispita, način bodovanja, kriterij ocjenjivanja):

The ECTS system of cumulating the points will be applied: According to which the number of ECTS for the Neurosurgery is 1. The student's activity during all the modalities of the training will be followed, and the final written exam can bring up to 50 points (the first 50 points can be achieved during the training) The student has to gain minimally half of the maximal points – 25 to be able to take part in the written exam, and another 25 points on the written exam – totalling in min. 50 points. The final exam is done in the written form of a test – finally the student can successfully finish the course getting the mark – passed (final colloquium)

Ostale napomene (vezane uz kolegij) važne za studente:

The information to the students will be distributed via student representatives, through net – info of the Chair for the neurosurgery, and also will be presented individually on request (secretary of the Chair)

SATNICA IZVOĐENJA NASTAVE 2026/2027

Neurosurgery

Predavanja (mjesto i vrijeme / grupa)	Vježbe (mjesto i vrijeme / grupa)	Seminari (mjesto i vrijeme / grupa)
01.10.2026		
L1 Introduction – what is Central Nervous System – how to treat it surgically and Historical development of Neurosurgery (NS): • P5-111 (08:30 - 11:30) [295] ◦ 1 L2 Patophysiology of the elevated Intracranial Pressure (ICP) – External CSL drainage: • P5-111 (08:30 - 11:30) [295] ◦ 1 L3 Spinal neurosurgery – degenerative spine: • P5-111 (08:30 - 11:30) [295] ◦ 1 L4 Pediatric neurosurgery: • P5-111 (08:30 - 11:30) [295] ◦ 1		
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05.10.2026		
L5 Tumors of the brain and spine – principles of diagnostic, operative indications, basic operative techniques: • P5-111 (08:30 - 11:30) [295] ◦ 1 L6 Neurotraumatology – head injuries: • P5-111 (08:30 - 11:30) [295] ◦ 1 L7 Neurotraumatology – spine injuries: • P5-111 (08:30 - 11:30) [295] ◦ 1 L8 Vascular neurosurgery – intracranial aneurysms: • P5-111 (08:30 - 11:30) [295] ◦ 1		
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08.10.2026		

P1 Getting used to the NS wards, neurosurgical op. theater Intensive care unit in NS:

- KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke (08:00 - 14:00) ^[295]
 - NEURO 3
 - NEURO 2
 - NEURO 1

P2 Brain tumours:

- KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke (08:00 - 14:00) ^[295]
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P3 Degenerative spine diseases:

- KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke (08:00 - 14:00) ^[295]
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P4 Neurotraumatology, Neurorehabilitation:

- KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke (08:00 - 14:00) ^[295]
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P5 VPA systems; spine – immobilization; typical head bandages.:

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P6 Peripheral nerves – typical diseases and injuries:

- KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke (08:00 - 14:00) ^[295]
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15.10.2026		

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Popis predavanja, seminara i vježbi:

PREDAVANJA (TEMA)	Broj sati	Mjesto održavanja
L1 Introduction – what is Central Nervous System – how to treat it surgically and Historical development of Neurosurgery (NS)	1	P5-111
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VJEŽBE (TEMA)	Broj sati	Mjesto održavanja
P1 Getting used to the NS wards, neurosurgical op. theater Intensive care unit in NS	1	KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke
P2 Brain tumours	1	KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke
P3 Degenerative spine diseases	1	KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke
P4 Neurotraumatology, Neurorehabilitation	1	KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke
P5 VPA systems; spine – immobilization; typical head bandages.	1	KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke
P6 Peripheral nerves – typical diseases and injuries	1	KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke
P7 Ambulatory patients	1	KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke
P8 Presence in the operating theater	1	KBC Sušak - Neurokirurgija - soba za sastanke

SEMINARI (TEMA)	Broj sati	Mjesto održavanja
S1 Basics in surgical neuroanatomy	1	P5-111
S2 CSL derivation - VPA	1	P5-111
S3 Contemporary and future treatment methods in NS	1	P5-111
S4 Exam preparations	1	P5-111

ISPITNI TERMINI (završni ispit):

1.	27.10.2026.
2.	17.02.2027.
3.	28.06.2027.
4.	03.09.2027.
5.	18.09.2027.