Module Description

The course defines the history of pharmacognosy and pharmacy; Pharmacognosy during 1930 to 1960 and progress of the subject and pharmaceutical profession from 1960 till date. It touches on related, biologically active drugs separated also from animal source, derives some comparison between drugs stemmed from various sources. A typical example is the biologically active long-chain, polyunsaturated fatty acids ($\omega$-3, $\omega$6) that can be found in fish oils, and in some plant seeds as well (Nigella, Flax). The practical aspect of courses involves the various plant origins of drugs e.g. root drugs, barks, woods, leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds as well as chemical tests to evaluate their presence and quantity.