Module Description

The course focuses on the drugs of herbal origin including botanical origin, forms, constituents’ analysis, pharmacological actions, side and adverse effects. Definition of phytotherapy, homeotherapy, chemotherapy, alternative medicine and allopathic therapy. Ayurvedic medicine. Ethno botany and ethno pharmacology. History of Herbal medicine and herbal medicine today. Importance of phytotherapy. Factors that affect the quality of the drug and its active principles. Quality, safety and efficiency. Commerce and quality control of natural drugs. Advantage and disadvantages of natural therapy. Also standardization of phytotherapeutics, potential herb-drug interactions and contraindications. International and industrial techniques of herbal drug extraction. *Teaching will be shared with Pharmacology Staff.*