Dear ERASMUS+ Partner,

We have a couple of very important piece of information concerning the organization of the medical curriculum of NOVA Medical School Lisboa for the next academic year, which should be taken into consideration by all our partner Universities and the respective nominated Erasmus students:

**1)**

NOVA Medical School has introduced a slight change in the ECTS distribution of its medical curriculum.

As we informed you, the 5th year of our medical course will be affected by a curricular reform which is currently taking place. However, the ECTS distribution within the 5th year has been altered:

**Surgical and Medical Specialties III – 24 ECTS**

**Psychiatry – 8 ECTS**

**General and Familiar Medicine – 8 ECTS**

**Pediatrics – 8 ECTS**

We kindly ask you to please disregard the curriculum which has been sent before and consider the version attached. This change is still unofficial, but we thought it would be useful for the planning of the Learning Agreements of your *outgoing* students to know it as early as possible.

**2)**

The directing board of NOVA Medical School has revised the rules under which incoming students can attend the subject of Surgical and Medical Specialties III (SMS III). Until now, we have been informing students that the subject of SMS III could not be attended separately among its different blocks. Contrary to what we have been informing, in order to allow a greater flexibility of choice among the different medical areas, students will be allowed to attend the different blocks separately (expected to be 2 weeks each):

**Nephrology**

**Endocrinology**

**Hematology**

**Gastroenterology**

**Dermatology**

**Ophthalmology**

We draw the attention to the fact that no ECTS will be credited for the attendance of any SMS III blocks. The only way students can obtain full ECTS credits is by attending the whole subject and by sitting for its final exam.

We would be happy to answer any questions you or any of your students may have. This e-mail will also be forwarded to the Erasmus students who have been already nominated.

Yours sincerely,

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