Statistics teaching within UK degree programmes in Medicine and allied health sciences, including through undergraduate and postgraduate entry schemes and intercalation

Note. This particular form is not for inclusion of details of statistical teaching in Masters and PhD programmes.

Institution: UCL GOS INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH – Population, Policy, Practice Research and Teaching Department

Overview: We organize a module titled 'Health Research Methods' for undergraduate medical students enrolled in an intercalated bachelor programme (iBSC) Pediatrics and Child Health. The whole programme has a capacity of 20 students, and this module in particular is optional but a high proportion of 16-18 students typically enroll. This high proportion is due to most choosing a quantitative research project towards the end of the academic year. The module takes place weekly in 3 hour sessions over 10 weeks and is designed in a flipped lecture format. Students are given a lecture video one week in advance of each session and during the sessions students are taught how to apply what they learnt in the video through SPSS. The module starts with an introduction to research methods and study design. The rest of the module then focuses on quantitative data analysis progressing as far as linear and logistic regression.

Type of undergraduate students:						
Medical	\boxtimes	Dental	Biology			
Mathematics		Other [] (please state:)			
Estimated total number of students: 20, per group when separated:						
Academic years where medical statistics is taught: 2nd for undergrad						
No. estimated hours per academic year: 30						

Please add fields to the table below, where necessary, to reflect missing subjects. This can easily be achieved by right-clicking in the last row and choosing the option 'insert' to insert individual rows. You can in turn copy-paste the content from an existing row and edit the subject name to suit your purposes.

Subject	Concept	Calculations/equations*	Descriptions/comments
Types of variable			
Distributions			Normal distribution only
Summary Statistics		\boxtimes	
Concepts of population and sample			
Confidence intervals			
Hypothesis testing, p- values			
Comparing two means	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
Comparing two proportions			
Linear regression			
Logistic regression			
Graphs			
Survival analysis			
Multivariate analysis			
Critical appraisal			Some focus devoted to critical appraisal
Other (please state)			Bootstrapping, SPSS

^{*}If applicable.

Assessment details: iBSc students are examined at the end of the module via a 2.5hours SPSS exam done at computer rooms that counts for 100% of their module mark. They are given a dataset and asked a series of leading questions to comment on study design and run a statistical analysis. They are also indirectly tested through their end of year quantitative project.

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Recommended literature:

- 1. Practical Statistics for Medical Research, DG Altman, Chapman & Hall, 2006. ISBN 1584880392
- 2. Medical Statistics: A guide to data analysis and critical appraisal, J Peat & B Barton, BMJ Books, Blackwell Publishing, 2007. ISBN 978-0-7279-1812-3
- 3. Essential Medical Statistics, BR Kirkwood & JAC Sterne, Blackwell Science, 2005. ISBN 978-0-86542-871-3
- 4. An Introduction to Medical Statistics, M Bland, Oxford University Press, 2008. ISBN 978-0-19-263269-2
- 5. Medical Statistics at a Glance, A Petrie & C Sabin, Blackwell publishing, 2005. ISBN 978-1-4051-2780-6
- 6. Statistics with Confidence, DG Altman, D Machin, TN Bryant, MJ Gardner. BMJ books, 2005. ISBN 07279 1375 1
- 7. Presenting medical statistics from proposal to publication: A step-by-step guide. J Peacock & S Kerry, Oxfird University Press, 2007. ISBN 0-19-859966-8
- 8. Medical Statistics: A textbook for the health sciences. D Machin, MJ Campbell & SJ Walters. Wiley & sons, 2007. ISBN 978-0-470-02519-2
- 9. Discovering statistics using SPSS. Andy Field, Sage Publications Ltd, 2009. ISBN 978-1847879073

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