

# English for Medicine

The course aims to develop English language skills towards a C1 level with lexis and topics which are typical of the medical field. More specifically, the course will foster language competency as follows:

- **SPEAKING:** Employing a patient-centered approach, demonstrating empathy, encouraging patients to ask questions and establishing what they already know, asking about sensitive topics and for clarification, dealing with challenging patients and relatives, taking a history, giving instructions, explaining diagnosis and management, discussing treatment, giving bad news
- **WRITING:** opening and closing a letter, SBAR situations, discharge letters, case reports
- **Medical focus:** symptoms and signs, mental illnesses, the cardiovascular system, the respiratory system, describing pain, words used in medical English and their common equivalent
- **Grammar:** softening questions, quick tense review, the passive, conjunctions, prepositions
- **LISTENING:** listening comprehension will be developed thanks to audioclips on doctor-patient interaction and medical issues.
- **READING:** short texts (e.g. medical guidelines, emails) will be provided and analysed during the course