



**I.M.A  
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**ADMISSION OPEN  
FOR 2024**

**PG DIPLOMA  
IN  
MEDICAL LAW,  
POLICY AND ETHICS**

*Jointly offered by*

**Gujarat National Law University (GNLU)**

**And**

**Indian Medical Association-Gujarat State Branch (IMA-GSB)**

## About Gujarat National Law University

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), located in Gandhinagar, India, was established by the Government of Gujarat under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003 and is recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and University Grants Commission (UGC). GNLU is a student-centric, multidisciplinary and research-focused University, dedicated to building an environment enabling critical thinking on fundamental legal issues. It offers B.A., LL.B. (Hon.), B.Com., LL.B. (Hon.), B.Sc. LL.B. (Hon.), B.B.A., LL.B. (Hon.), B.S.W. LL.B, LL.M. and Ph.D. in law and allied subjects. GNLU has been ranked among the Top 5 National Law Universities in India by NIRF 2023 Rankings and the Best Law School in Gujarat with 5 Stars by GSIRF. It is the only National Law University to have established its own satellite campus at Silvassa, UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

## About Indian Medical Association- Gujarat State Branch

Indian Medical Association Gujarat State Branch (IMA GSB) was established in the year 1945. IMA GSB is a professional organization representing allopathy doctors across the state of Gujarat having more than 33620 registered members. These members are spread throughout the state and represent more than 113 local branches in Gujarat. Since its inception, IMA GSB is involved in various health related projects and activities in association with Govt. of India, the State Government and with the International Health Agencies like World Health Organization, UNICEF etc. The main activity of Indian Medical Association, Gujarat State Branch is to organize scientific programs (CME) for members of the association. The primary aim is to update its members with recent advances in the field of Modern Medicine.



# About the GNLU & IMA-GSB Collaboration

The collaborative initiative between Gujarat National Law University and the Indian Medical Association Gujarat State Branch is designed to educate medical professionals on the intricate legal framework governing the medical field. Its overarching objective is to furnish participants with valuable insights into the pivotal legal and regulatory aspects underpinning medical education, practice, and research. This comprehensive course seeks to instill in-depth knowledge on multifaceted subjects, including doctor-patient relationships, civil and criminal negligence, redressal mechanisms, a rights-based approach to healthcare, practical considerations, and issues related to intellectual property rights encompassing invention protection, intellectual property, and licensing. Furthermore, it encompasses the array of regulatory oversight mechanisms essential for medical practitioners and researchers to comply with. Recognizing the intricate legal challenges often encountered by medical professionals in their practice, this collaboration aims to ensure that enrollees in the PGDMLPE program acquire a holistic comprehension of the healthcare-related legal framework. Additionally, it offers a platform for medical professionals to augment their professional growth.

Equipping them with a solid foundation in medical law, policy, and ethics, this course empowers them to adeptly navigate legal intricacies and make informed decisions within their clinical practice, thereby enhancing their overall competence and effectiveness as healthcare providers. Furthermore, this initiative strives to underscore the intricate ethical quandaries within the medical domain, fostering a profound understanding of the ethical principles guiding medical decision-making. This endeavor aspires to cultivate a culture of ethical practice and subsequently elevate the quality of patient care. The interdisciplinary learning environment it offers facilitates a nuanced comprehension of the legal perspectives and challenges encountered by healthcare professionals, promoting policy advocacy in the realm of medical law and ethics.



# About the Course

Doctors are bound by the laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine. It is crucial for doctors to have a solid understanding of these laws to ensure they comply with legal requirements. By learning these laws, regulations and guidelines governing the medical profession, doctors can navigate the complex legal landscape surrounding healthcare, ensure patient safety and rights, and effectively fulfill their professional responsibilities. It equips them with the knowledge and tools necessary to provide high-quality care while complying with legal requirements and ethical standards.

Failure to comply with applicable laws can lead to legal consequences, including disciplinary action, fines, or even the loss of their medical license. In addition, the laws related to patient safety, privacy, and informed consent are essential for doctors to protect their patient's well-being and rights. Understanding these laws enables doctors to provide appropriate care, maintain patient confidentiality, obtain informed consent, and address any legal obligations concerning patient records and information. A thorough understanding of medical laws can help doctors mitigate the risk of malpractice claims by adhering to legal standards and practicing within their scope of expertise.



Medical law, policy and ethics play a crucial role in the healthcare system by providing a framework for ensuring the rights, safety, and well-being of patients, healthcare professionals, and society as a whole. It establishes legal standards and guidelines to protect the rights and interests of patients. These laws ensure that patients receive appropriate medical care, have access to necessary information, give informed consent, and are protected from harm or exploitation. It set forth the ethical responsibilities and professional standards for healthcare practitioners.

The medical laws and guidelines also help ensure that healthcare professionals uphold high ethical standards, maintain patient confidentiality, provide competent care, and avoid conflicts of interest. Further it emphasizes the importance of informed consent, which means that patients have the right to be fully informed about their medical condition, treatment options, potential risks and benefits, and alternative therapies. Informed consent allows patients to actively participate in their healthcare decisions and promotes patient autonomy. It goes on to highlight the importance of confidentiality and privacy. It imposes a legal and ethical duty on the healthcare professionals to protect patient information and maintain confidentiality unless there are compelling reasons to breach it, such as concerns for public health or safety. Medical laws also regulate the medical research involving human subjects. These regulations ensure that research is conducted ethically, with a focus on minimizing harm, obtaining informed consent, and protecting the rights and welfare of participants. It also covers end of life decisions, healthcare resource allocation, standard of care to be provided by the healthcare units etc.

In short, the medical laws provide a foundation for maintaining the integrity and trustworthiness of the healthcare system, promoting patient-centered care, and addressing the complex moral and legal challenges that arise in the field of medicine. By adhering to these principles, healthcare professionals can provide high-quality care and protect the rights and well-being of their patients.



# Goals & Objectives

## OBJECTIVE 1

To acquaint the medical professionals and the students of medicine and public healthcare with the legal frameworks on health and medicine



## OBJECTIVE 2

To study the healthcare reforms in India and the role played by International Law, Indian Judiciary and Legislature in recognizing Wealth as a Fundamental Right



## OBJECTIVE 3

To study the legal issues involving the medical profession and how the law can be used as a tool to resolve such problems



## OBJECTIVE 4

To sensitize the medical practitioners on their rights and legal duties towards the patients and the public in general



# Course Learning Outcomes

## CLO- 1

Appreciate and understand the legal framework surrounding medical education and Profession.



## CLO- 2

Appreciate the legal and ethical provisions involving the Medical Profession including Biomedical research.



## CLO- 3

Understanding on rights and duties of a medical practitioner initially as a citizen of India and as a medical professional and how some legal issues and situations arising out of negligence, malpractices and unethical practices are dealt with by the Indian Legal System.



## CLO- 4

Understanding on the need and significance of protection of Intellectual Properties under various legal frameworks.



# Duration, Classes and Subjects

## Duration

The duration of the course is 1 year. The course is offered from January to December every year.

## Classes

Regular classes will be conducted on weekends. Classes will be conducted in Blended Mode i.e. both online and offline classes will be conducted.

# Teaching Pedagogy and Attendance

## Teaching Pedagogy

- Lecture method (Online and offline)
- Flipped classroom
- Collaborative learning
- Real-world Case Studies
- Problem-Solving
- Case Discussions
- Audio-visuals (Documentaries)
- Quiz

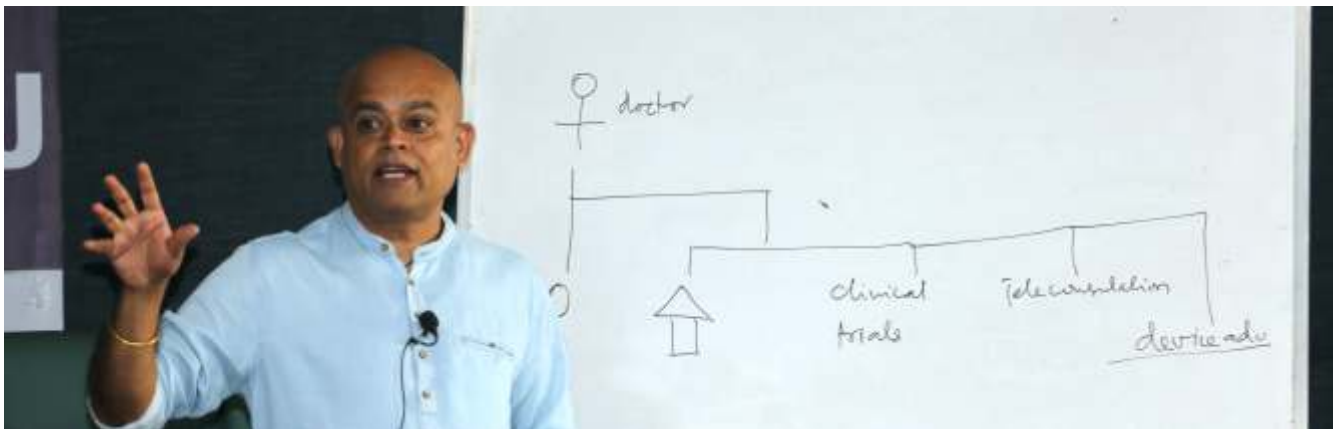
## Attendance

- In accordance with the University policy applied to all UG/PG programs, it is mandatory to maintain a minimum attendance of 70% in all subjects.
- Attending 6 days (3 weekends) of offline session is mandatory



# Examination & Evaluation

- The students are expected to appear for Internal Continuous evaluation as well as the End-term examination every semester.
- The subject faculties will design the Internal Continuous Evaluation (ICE) and provide details through the course outline at the beginning of every semester. The ICE carries a maximum score of 50 marks per subject.
- To be eligible for the End Term Examination, students must fulfill the minimum attendance criteria and pass the ICE.
- The university conducts the End-term examination every semester on the designated date at the University Campus (offline mode). The maximum score for the End-term examination is 50 marks per subject.
- As per the university's policy, the passing mark for each subject is 50.
- For candidates who could not appear for the examination, the university shall conduct a special examination in the month of December every year.
- Candidates who are unsuccessful in their exams in one year have the opportunity to reappear for the examination in the following year by submitting the required fee as prescribed.



# Eligibility & Selection Process

## Mandatory Requirements

- The candidate applying for this course should have completed the MBBS degree from any recognized national or foreign university.
- The candidate should have registered with the National Medical Commission/Medical Council of India.

## Selection Process

- Screening of the application form shall be conducted by the expert committee constituted by GNLU. Based on the above-mentioned criteria, the committee shall take the decision on the selection of the candidates.
- If the number of eligible applicants exceeds 60, GNLU will arrange an online entrance exam and admission offers will be determined based on the scores achieved.
- 30% seats of the total seats shall be reserved for applicants from Gujarat.

## Desirable Requirements

- Membership of the Indian Medical Association (Preference shall be given to the candidates registered with the IMA-Gujarat State Branch).
- A minimum of 2 years of work experience.



# Application Process

## Application Process

- Before proceeding with the application, please review the eligibility criteria given in the Information Guide/ GNLU Website.
- The application form can be found on our official website
- A non-refundable application fee of Rs. 1000/- is applicable. Details regarding payment methods and instructions can be found on the application form.
- To complete your application process, you will need to gather and submit the following documents;
  1. Provide a soft copy of your previous educational qualifications, including degrees, diplomas, or certificates.
  2. Proof of MCI/NMC registration
  3. Proof of IMA registration if registered.

## Submission Instructions

- Visit GNLU Webpage for the application process. Link : <https://www.gnlu.ac.in/GNLU/PG-Diploma-in-Medical-Law,-Policy-and-Ethics#parentVerticalTab11>
- For any queries, write to us at [pgdmlpe@gnlu.ac.in](mailto:pgdmlpe@gnlu.ac.in). We will only accept application through the ERP portal.
- Link for enrollment and payment are provided in the website.

## FEE

Tuition Fee : INR 30,000/-  
Course Extension Fee : INR 5,000/-  
per year



# Important Dates & Contact Details



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Coordinator-PGDMLPE



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# Testimonials 2023 Batch Of PGDMLPE Students



**Dr Rupal Kapadia**

Assistant professor of  
Anesthesiology, NHL  
Muni. Medical College,  
Ahmedabad

Being the first batch student of PGDMLPE, I am honored to share my experience to upcoming medical law students. It was a totally new field to me. Our medical curriculum lacks the legal aspect of health care. This was the most ignored overlooked subject. This course has changed my perspective towards patients, society, communication and documentation in medical practice. Objective of this course is to connect the dots between the Govt, Judiciary system, Society and Doctors. New governance (NMC) is reforming medical practice by making huge changes in law & regulation, which needs to be channelized by us (PGDMLPE) for medical practitioners.

This new field has limitless exploration in career. Once you know the LAW you will never feel LOW. The faculties in this course has made the subject lucid and easily digestible. So it is recommended for newbies to join and participate in the changing era of 21 generation medical practice.



**Dr. Dhiren Mehta**

Private Medical  
Practitioner

It was my dream to have knowledge of laws pertaining to the medical fraternity and profession. IMA- GSB has made it possible in association with GNLU. It was an excellent experience to get thorough knowledge of different aspects related to the medical profession from knowledgeable and expert faculties of GNLU online as well as offline at great ambience and perfect place of GNLU with good coordination and hospitality.



**Dr. Kalpana Ramesh**

Senior Medical Officer  
in District Hospital,  
Daman

I am currently pursuing a Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Law and Ethics (PGDMLE) at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to study at this prestigious institution, and I highly recommend the PGDMLE program to anyone interested in this rapidly growing field of law.

The PGDMLE program at GNLU is a rigorous and comprehensive program that provides students with a deep understanding of the legal and ethical issues surrounding medical practice. The faculty are highly qualified and experienced, and they are passionate about teaching the next generation of medical law professionals. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics, including medical negligence, medical malpractice, informed consent, confidentiality, and ethical issues in medicine.

In addition to the core courses, students also have the opportunity to take electives in specific areas of medical law. The program also provides students with the opportunity to gain real-world experience in medical law practice.

I am confident that the PGDMLE program at GNLU has prepared me well for a successful career in medical law. I am grateful to the faculty, staff, and my fellow students for their support and encouragement.

**Specific things that I appreciate about the PGDMLE program at GNLU:**

- **Rigorous and comprehensive curriculum**
- **Highly qualified and experienced faculty**
- **Broad range of electives to choose from**
- **Vibrant and supportive community**



**Dr Malhar Shah**

MD Dermatologist,  
Consultant, Geetanjali  
Medical College and Hospital

The course (PGDMLPE) offered at GNLU in collaboration with IMA-GSB is an eye-opener for all the medicos. It covers all aspects regarding the Laws and ethics and practical tips and tricks related to medical field. Thank you for the new insight.



**Dr. Arpit Prajapati**

Professor,  
Community Medicine  
Department,GCS  
Medical College Hospital  
and Research Center,  
Ahmedabad

I am pleased to provide my testimonial for the PG Diploma in Medical Law, Policy and Ethics course for doctors. This program has been an invaluable experience that has significantly enhanced my understanding of the complex ethical and legal issues that are an integral part of our medical practice. Throughout the duration of this course, I have had the privilege of learning from a team of knowledgeable and experienced faculties all across the country who have provided insightful guidance and comprehensive course work. The curriculum covered a wide range of topics, including Medical Negligence, Medical Ethics, informed patient consent, Medicine and Patent and legislations, which are crucial aspects of modern medical practice.

One of the most notable aspects of this course was its practical approach to teaching. The real-world case studies allowed me to apply the theoretical knowledge I gained to practical scenarios, enabling me to develop the critical thinking skills necessary to navigate the intricate ethical and legal dilemmas that doctors often encounter. The course also fostered a collaborative learning environment, where I had the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions and debates with fellow healthcare professionals. These interactions not only broadened my perspective but also enriched my learning experience, as I gained insight into different cultural, ethical, and legal contexts in healthcare.

Furthermore, the program's flexibility in terms of scheduling and online accessibility allowed me to balance my professional responsibilities with my academic pursuits. This flexibility was crucial for me as a practicing physician, and I am grateful for the convenience it provided.

I am immensely grateful for this educational opportunity and the positive impact it has had on my career



**Dr Rutul Patel MS, Mch,**

Gold medalist, Consultant  
cancer surgeon, Director,  
Anamay Cancer Hospital,  
Ahmedabad, Visiting Oncosurgeon,  
Epic Hospital, Ahmedabad

Great academic experience of Swimming into whole new ocean of knowledge! Applauds to GNLU for pushing everyone beyond their limits. Really worthy course for dedicated practising doctor friends.



**Dr. Kruti Deliwala**

MD, DGO, FICOG,  
Associate professor,  
Smt. NHL Muni. Medi.College, Ahm.

"I feel immensely grateful for being a part of this outstanding academic community "The Gujarat national law university Gandhinagar" that has empowered me to pursue my post graduate diploma in medical law & ethics and pursue incredible knowledge about medical law which will help me in my professional career. Throughout my academic journey, I was impressed by the faculty's dedication, expertise, and willingness to go the extra mile to support us." I would also like to thank IMA GSB for their great efforts to initiate this course & giving this golden opportunity to all their members.



**Dr. Aayushi Chokshi**

Consultant Emergency  
Physician, Incharge  
- Department of Emergency Medicine,  
Marengo CIMS Hospital, Ahm.

In today's era of medical practice , just being an accomplished clinician alone isn't enough ; in-depth knowledge regarding relevant medicolegal aspects is currently the need of the hour. This course is designed to fit this purpose perfectly and is a brilliant testimony to the inevitable overlap of medicine and law in the lives of today's doctors. IMA-GSB & GNLU's innovative initiative and hybrid model of learning offers the best of both worlds and the enriching interactions with the learned faculties widens our horizons to take on the world being medicolegally equipped and ignited. PGDMLPE is one of the most treasured feathers I shall be adding in my doctor cap and I would highly recommend it to all doctors ! To sum it up : "To be medicolegally 'negligent' would be a 'tort' for doctors in today's world !!"



**Dr Kamlesh Patel**

Trauma and  
Joint Replacement Surgeon,  
JK Orthopaedic Hospital,  
Gandhinagar and Himatnagar

Healthcare is among the few disciplines that have set a code of conduct for its practitioners although medico-legal issues are still a somewhat grey area at present. There are a range of issues concerning ethics and medical practice that are increasingly coming before the courts.

Overall it was a well-designed and knowledge-enhancing course in the field of Medical Law and Ethics. I am very glad and thankful to GNLU and IMA-GSB for providing me with an opportunity to enhance my knowledge.





**Dr. Rina A. Prajapati**

D.C.P, DNB (Path), MBA (Hospital administration), Consultant Pathologist, Ahmedabad

It is a nice initiative to start this very much needed course among the medical fraternity as the time demands it, in terms of expanding the knowledge towards medicine for better practice and patient care with more deep sensitization. The course content is very well planned and the faculties are awesome in the knowledge and very nicely delivered the sessions. The provided materials are excellent. I feel very much knowledgeable and proud to be a part of the first batch of this excellent course. Facilitation of course throughout the time is commendable. I would recommend the course to all my medico colleagues.



**Dr Rajesh Desai**

MD, Associate Professor, GMERS Medical College and Attached Hospital, Gandhinagar

Grateful to have this opportunity to share my thoughts as we conclude the course of PG Diploma in Medical Law, Policy and Ethics at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar. First and foremost, the GNLU campus is such a delight to visit with lush green outfields and state-of-the-art infrastructure that can cater each and every requirement of its user or visitor. As we see a rise in legal complications in medical profession nowadays, the curriculum has been designed very thoughtfully to cover various facets and dimensions. Co-ordinators are caring and always eager to offer any assistance required by participants. Prominent faculties teaching the subjects are renowned experts of their field and specialization. Hybrid model or blended mode of course is convenient for those who cannot visit the campus owing to distance. In a nutshell, this is a highly recommendable course for the medical professionals.



**Dr Mukeshkumar B. Vora**

MBBS, MD, FAIMER, Professor & Head, GMERS Medical College, Sola, Ahmedabad

I am honoured and extremely fortunate to be part of this prestigious institution, Gujarat National Law University (GNLU). GNLU is a very special institute for me because they focus on our development and encouragement which builds up confidence and expertise in Medical Law, ethics and Policy (PGDMPL course). The institution and faculty members kept up the spirit both in offline and online classes.



**Dr. S S Raja**

MO (Aviation Medicine),  
Army Medical Corps

My experience as part of the Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Law, Policy and Ethics at Gujarat National Law University so far has been full of learning and grooming. It has been a great experience studying at the university be it offline sessions or online sessions, a memory to cherish for a lifetime. The faculty's impressive expertise and unwavering dedication create an engaging and pragmatic learning environment. The course has given us the opportunity to delve into the broader field of law as it relates to medicine. The curriculum's exploration of healthcare regulations, medical ethics, and legal implications of emerging medical technologies in this era has been enlightening. I highly recommend this program to anyone seeking a comprehensive and transformative education in this field and can surely join the university.



**Dr. Nidhi Bhatnagar**

Lead Assessor (NABH Blood Banks),  
Chairperson-ISBTI Gujarat Chapter,  
Chairperson AATMWG Quality, Professor  
& Head Dept of Transfusion Medicine,  
B J Medical College, Ahmedabad

The PG Diploma in Medical law & Ethics is a unique course offered by Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar. The course is one of it's kind in India as it is for the medical graduates who wish to learn and be updated regarding the legal requirements and statutes of Medical Practice. Apart from didactic lectures by eminent law practitioners as well as law faculty from across India, the highlight of the course is the classroom discussions on day to day pertinent topics giving real life scenarios, problems and their solutions. The course is designed in such a way that it covers all relevant issues of medical practice, insight into newer technologies, ethical challenges associated with them and ways to avoid litigation of Medical negligence. In the present litigious times, ignorance of medicolegal aspects is not an option. To sum up, it is a "must do" course for all medical graduates as it enables one to become aware of the legal aspects of medical practice.



**Dr. Sanjay Bhatt**

MBBS, MD,  
Private Practice

GNLU is playing a very significant and important role in maistreaming sensitive issues like Medical Law ,Policy and Ethics. I feel very proud to be a student of this course of PGDMLPE first batch.I appeal to those who are interested in learning medical law in a most scientific way to join this course. The knowledge, experience and teaching style of all faculties and coordinators are excellent and state of art.



**Dr. Piyush Patnaik**

MBBS, DCP, DHA,  
CGC, Vice-President,  
Clinical Operations,  
Sterling Accuris Wellness  
Pvt. Ltd.

It is an honour and privilege to be a part of this exceptional course which integrates the expertise and finesse of medical science with the intricacies and complexities of the legal profession. Being a part of the PGDMLPE course efficiently conducted by GNLU and initiated under the aegis of IMA, Gujarat has been a transformative experience.

The curriculum covers a wide range of relevant topics and is delivered in a manner that is both engaging and intellectually stimulating. Each module of the course is structured to provide a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter, and the content is not only informative but also highly practical.

The faculty are not only experts in their respective fields but also possess a rare ability to convey complex concepts in a clear and understandable manner.

The course content is top-notch and the teaching methods are outstanding. My experience in this course has been nothing short of exceptional, and I am confident that others will find it equally valuable.

Thank you to IMA, Gujarat for creating such an outstanding educational opportunity, and kudos to GNLU for their unwavering dedication to education and making this program a stupendous success.



**Dr. Urvi Parikh**

Associate Professor,  
Pathology, B.J. Medical  
College, Ahmedabad

GNLU has been instrumental in enabling me to realize my true potential. The institution presents a superlative learning milieu that facilitates both academic and personal progress. The faculty members are exceptionally qualified and exhibit an unwavering commitment to supporting students beyond the call of duty. Without hesitation, I wholeheartedly endorse GNLU as a premier destination for those in search of an unparalleled learning experience. The university is a truly global-class institution that proffers a diverse range of programs. Moreover, I would also like to thank AMAGSB for their untiring efforts for organizing this course for all their members & help them to raise their potential to learn medical law & ethics.



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