**Testi in italiano**

**Lingua insegnamento**
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**Contenuti (Dipl.Sup.)**

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**Testi di riferimento**

- WHO Classification of Tumours, fourth edition (2016)
- IARC WHO Classification of Tumours, Louis, D.N., Ohgaki, H., Wiestler, O.D., Cavenee, W.K. IARC
  - Publisher: Springer; 2013 edition (November 9, 2012)
  - ISBN-10: 0857294571

Lecture slides (provided by the teacher) along with some key papers (cited in the slides).

**Obiettivi formativi**

To understand the basic principles of neuro-oncology, with special regard to the genetic and molecular mechanisms involved.

**Prerequisiti**

None

**Metodi didattici**

Frontal lessons

**Altre informazioni**

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**Modalità di verifica dell'apprendimento**

Written examination. 4 questions + 1 (bonus) to possibly get 'magna cum laude' score. 50 minutes will be given to complete the exam

**Programma esteso**

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