General embryology topics (issues):

## 17.-18.10.23

- I. Gametogenesis: meiosis, oogenesis, spermatogenesis
- 1. meiosis (all stages)
- 2. birth defects connected to chromosomal abnormalities
- 3. oogenesis
- 4. spermatogenesis
- II. 1st week: ovulation to implantation
- 1. two ovarian cycle stages and ovulation (+ hormonal regulation)
- 2. menstrual cycle of the uterus (4 stages)
- 3. fertilization (4 stages)
- 4. claevage of the zygot, blastocyst implantation, trophoblast formation

## 24.-25.10.23

III. 2nd-3rd week: germ disc; gastrulation; embryonic period

- 1. epiblast and hypoblast formation and differentiation during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week
- 2. gastrulation
- 3. derivatives of three germ layers during embryonic period
- 4. external appearance during the second month

IV. Fetal period – monthly changes; delivery time

- 1. monthly changes of fetal period
- 2. time of birth
- 2. parturition
- 4. prenatal diagnosis

## 7.-08.11.23

- V. Fetal membranes and placenta
- 1. early changes of the trophoblast
- 2. structure and function of the placenta fetal and maternal part
- 3. circulation of the placenta
- 4. amnion and umbilical cord
- VI. Molecular basis of development
- 1. regulation of genes expression
- 2. induction and organ formation
- 3. cell signaling
- 4. key signaling pathways for development

## 4.-15.11.23

VII. Principles of teratology and birth defects caused by genetic factors

- 1. types of abnormalities
- 2. varying risk of birth defects during embryonic and fetal period
- 3. defects caused by genetic factors
- 4. principles of teratology

VIII. Human birth defects caused by environmental factors (chemical, physical and biological)

- 1. infectious agents
- 2. radiation, hormones
- 3. drugs and chemical agents
- 4. maternal diseases and male-mediated teratogenesis