

SECTION - IV

MEDICAL ETHICS & MEDICAL EDUCATION

Sensitization and Practice

Introduction

There is now a shift from the traditional individual patient, doctor relationship, and medical care. With the advances in science and technology and the needs of patient, their families and the community, there is an increased concern with the health of society. There is a shift to greater accountability to the society. Doctors and health professionals are confronted with many ethical problems. It is, therefore necessary to be prepared to deal with these problems. To accomplish the Goal (i), General Objectives (ii) stated in Chapter II (pages 2.1 to 2.3), and develop human values it is urged that **ethical sensitization** be achieved by lectures or discussion on ethical issues, clinical case discussion of cases with an important ethical component and by including ethical aspects in discussion in all case presentations, bedside rounds and academic postgraduate programs.

Course Contents

1. Introduction to Medical Ethics

What is Ethics?

What are values and norms?

Relationship between being ethical and human fulfillment

How to form a value system in one's personal and professional life

Heteronomous Ethics and Autonomous Ethics

Freedom and personal Responsibility

2. Definition of Medical Ethics

Difference between medical ethics and bio-ethics

Major Principles of Medical Ethics 0

Beneficence = fraternity

Justice = equality

Self determination (autonomy) = liberty

3. Perspective of Medical Ethics

The Hippocratic Oath

The Declaration of Helsinki

The WHO Declaration of Geneva

International code of Medical Ethics (1993)

Medical Council of India Code of Ethics

4. Ethics of the Individual
 - The patient as a person
 - The Right to be respected
 - Truth and confidentiality
 - The autonomy of decision
 - The concept of disease, health and healing
 - The Right to health
 - Ethics of Behavior modification
 - The Physician – Patient relationship
 - Organ donation

5. The Ethics of Human life
 - What is human life?
 - Criteria for distinguishing the human and the non-human
 - Reasons for respecting human life
 - The beginning of human life
 - Conception, contraception
 - Abortion
 - Prenatal sex-determination
 - In vitro fertilization (IVF), Artificial Insemination by Husband (AIH)
 - Artificial Insemination by Donor (AID)
 - Surrogate motherhood, Semen Intra fallopian Transfer (SIFT),
 - Gamete Intra fallopian Transfer (GIFT), Zygote Intra fallopian Transfer (ZIFT),
 - Genetic Engineering

6. The family and society in Medical Ethics
 - The Ethics of human sexuality
 - Family Planning perspectives
 - Prolongation of life
 - Advanced life directives – The Living Will
 - Euthanasia
 - Cancer and Terminal Care

7. Profession Ethics
 - Code of conduct
 - Contract and confidentiality
 - Charging of fees, Fee-splitting
 - Prescription of drugs
 - Over-investigating the patient
 - Low – Cost drugs, vitamins and tonics
 - Allocation of resources in health cares
 - Malpractice and Negligence

8. Research Ethics
 - Animal and experimental research / humanness
 - Human experimentation
 - Human volunteer research – Informed Consent
 - Drug trials\
 - ICMR Guidelines for Ethical Conduct of Research – Human and Animal
 - ICH / GCP Guidelines
 - Schedule Y of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

9. Ethical work -up of cases
 - Gathering all scientific factors
 - Gathering all human factors
 - Gathering value factors
 - Identifying areas of value – conflict, setting of priorities,
 - Working our criteria towards decisions

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