

Bioethics—Medical Ethics

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Course Syllabus.

(Faculty of Medicine) (Year 3)

(28 hours)

Course objectives:

- a.) To enable students to recognize ethical issues when encountered in everyday clinical practice and research
- b.) To provide students with a conceptual-logical system, which helps them to address ethical questions and to resolve ethical dilemmas in an efficient way
- c.) To introduce students to a body of knowledge, which helps them to understand, respect and protect the rights of patient research subjects and fellow health care professionals
- d.) To help the would be health care professional to understand the responsibility of the individual, of the health care system and of the society as a whole in maintaining health

Lectures:

1. week. Lecture

Principles of Medical Ethics

(Jozsef Kovacs)

2. week. (Lecture)

Competence and Capacity to Make Health Care Decisions (Orsolya Peter)

3. week. (Lecture)

Informed Consent I. (Jozsef Kovacs)

4. week. (Lecture)

Informed Consent II. (Jozsef Kovacs)

5. week. Lecture

Reproductive Issues (Orsolya Peter)

6. week Lecture

Ethical Questions of Human Research (Jozsef Kovacs)

7. week. Lecture

Organ and Tissue Transplantation (Jozsef Kovacs)

8. week. Lecture

Information Disclosure to Terminally Ill Patients. Telling the Truth to Patients (Orsolya Peter)

9. week Lecture

End of Life Issues (Jozsef Kovacs)

10. week. Lecture

Confidentiality and Medical Records. Reportable Illnesses, HIV-Related Issues, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) (Orsolya Peter )

11. week Lecture

Doctor-Patient, Doctor-Doctor Relationship  
(Jozsef Kovacs)

12. week Lecture

Doctor and Society (Jozsef Kovacs)

13. week Lecture

Malpractice (Orsolya Péter)

14. week Lecture

The Rigths of Patients (Orsolya Péter)

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Course attendance statistics can be found on NEPTUN in the following way:  
Taken courses -- options -- Course details -- Attendance statistics.

#### List of questions

1. The principles of medical ethics
2. Competence and the capacity to make decisions
3. Paternalism in medical practice
4. Informed consent

5. Information disclosure for terminally ill patients
6. Withholding and withdrawal of medical treatment
7. Advance Directives
8. Do not resuscitate (DNR) orders
9. Withholding Fluids and Nutrition in terminally ill patients
10. Physician assisted suicide
11. Active and Passive Euthanasia
12. Terminal sedation and the law of double effect
13. Futile medical care
14. Determination of death and brain death
15. Ethical problems of live organ donation
16. Organd donation from brain-dead donors: the system of donor cards.
17. Organd donation form brain-dead donors: presumed consent
18. Reproductive issues (abortion, contraception, sterilization, donation of sperm and eggs)
19. HIV related issues (confidentiality, partner notification, HIV-positive health-care workers, refusal to treat HIV-positive patients) and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
20. Malpractice
21. Doctor-patient relationship (beginning and ending the relationship, gifts from patients, doctor/patient sexual contact)
22. Doctor and society (child abuse, elder abuse, impaired drivers, physician participation in executions, torture, spousal abuse, gunshot wounds, gifts and industry funding)
23. Doctor-doctor relationship (reporting impaired physicians, physician disagreements)
24. Confidentiality and medical records
25. Ethical Questions of Human Research
26. The Rights of Patients

Textbook:

**Conrad Fischer—Caterina Oneto (2016): Medical Ethics for the Boards. (Third edition)  
New York: McGraw-Hill Education.  
ISBN: 978-1-259-64121-3  
MHID 1-25-964121-X**

The textbook can be ordered in the following bookshop: Medicina könyvesbolt, Budapest, IX.  
Üllői út 91/a (tel: 06-1-215-3786)

Lectures: The power point slides of the lectures can be found at the Moodle site of the course,

and at:

<http://semmelweis.hu/magtud/en/education/faculty-of-medicine>

Password is given on the lectures

A thorough knowledge of the textbook is the absolute minimum for passing the exam, although in itself it may not be enough to pass it.

Because the power point slides contain only the outline of each lecture, participation on the lectures is indispensable for a full understanding of the subject.