

Medical Ethics (1200401)

Internal Medicine Department



Course committee:

Staff members of Department of Internal Medicine

Course description:

This course is intended to help the students to gain the basic knowledge and skills to deal with medical situations and problems with ethical rules and regulations which is governed by our religion (Islam) and other humanitarian ethical problems according to their beliefs and laws. The course is complementary to what the student has learned during the study of medicine. Beside the scientific knowledge and technical skills gained the student should be able to know the principles of medical ethics especially Islamic perspective of different issues as well as knowledge about legal regulations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Student should be able to deal with different ethical problems with patients, colleagues and other medical professionals

Course objectives

By the end of this course the student will be able to:

1. Recognize the principles of medical ethics, Islamic teaching being the bases of the medical ethics and challenges induced by technology.
2. Review the legal regulations and law in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that governs medical practice.
3. Justify decisions and actions in terms of valid ethical argument.
4. Demonstrate the ability to communicate ethical issues with patients, their relatives and other health care professionals.
5. Uphold and attitude of not only scientific and technical expertise but also other moral dimensions which include honesty, integrity and trustworthiness, empathy and compassion, respect, and responsibility



Course learning outcomes

CLOs		Aligned-PLOs
1	Knowledge:	
1.1	Identify the basic four principles of medical ethics and their Islamic perspectives, clinical applications in the different situations with ethical perspectives and how to deal with ethical dilemmas	K2
1.2	Identify rights and duties of the patients, colleagues, and paramedics issues of patients' referral with the concept of patient centered care	K2
1.3	Define the medical errors and its types and causes and legal issues.	K2
1.4	Recognize the principles of evidence-based medicine and patient centered care medical service	K5
2	Skills	
2.1	Solve the ethical problems in the related clinical situation	S2
3	Competencies	
3.1	Apply self-learning from trusted internet web resources	C1

Course contents

No	List of Topics	Contact Hours
Lectures		
1	Introduction to Professionalism and Ethics in Medicine	1
2	Autonomy and Consent	1
3	Confidentiality	1
4	Beneficence	1
5	Non-maleficence and Justice	1
6	Ending of life issues	1
7	Ethical issues of organ transplantation	1
8	Ethical issues of assisted reproductive techniques	1
9	Ethical issues of clinical genetics	1

No	List of Topics	Contact Hours
10	Patient-physician relationship	1
11	Medical errors and malpractice	1
12	Ethical issues of babies with ambiguous genitalia	1
13	Patient centered care	1
14	Breaking bad news	1
Total		14

Teaching and assessment methods table

Code	Course Learning Outcomes	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Methods
1.0	Knowledge		
1.1	Identify the basic four principles of medical ethics and their Islamic perspectives, clinical applications in the different situations with ethical perspectives and how to deal with ethical dilemmas	Direct instructional (Lecture)	- Witten exam (MCQs and SAQs) Assignment essay Rubric
1.2	Identify rights and duties of the patients, colleagues, and paramedics issues of patients' referral with the concept of patient centered care	Direct instructional (Lecture)	- Witten exam (MCQs and SAQs)
1.3	Define the medical errors and its types and causes and legal issues.	Direct instructional (Lecture)	- Witten exam (MCQs and SAQs)
1.4	Recognize the principles of evidence based medicine and patient centered care medical service	Direct instructional (Lecture)	Witten exam (MCQs and SAQs)
2	Skills		
2.1	Solve the ethical problems in the related clinical situation	Indirect instruction (Discussion)	Witten exam (MCQs and SAQs)
3	Competencies		
3.1	Apply self-learning from trusted internet web resources	SDL	Assignment

Marks of assessment

#	Assessment task*	Week Due	Percentage of Total Assessment Score
1	MCQ (Final)	2 nd week	60%
2	Quiz	1 st week	30%
3	Assignment essay rubric	2 nd week	10%

Best wishes



