



MEDICAL ETHICS

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LECTURES - OPTIONAL

Wednesday | OW | 17:00 – 18:30 | A - Novomeskeho 9 - Lecture Hall A

23. SEPT.

1. Introduction to ethics. Ethics and morality. Ethical theories. Moral reasoning. Ethics and law.

7. OCT.

2. Introduction to medical ethics. Terminology. Principles of biomedical ethics. Codes of ethics.

21. OCT.

3. Ethical aspect of giving information to patients. Informed consent / Informed refusal. Patient-centred communication

4. NOV.

4. Dignity. Charter of Patient Rights in EU. Physician and patient relationship. Paternalism and partnership.

18. NOV.

5. Ethical dilemmas in the beginning of human life (contraception, birth control, abortion).

2. DEC.

6. The introduction to the thanatology. Dying with dignity. Euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide.

16. DEC.

7. Ethics and biomedical research. Ethical committees.

SEMINARS – COMPULSORY

Small Lecture Hall | OW | Malá Hora 5 (Department of Nursing, first floor)

Monday:	11:00	Gr.: 7
Tuesday:	11:00	Gr.: 9,10
Wednesday:	11:00	Gr.: 1,2
Thursday:	11:00	Gr.: 3,4
Friday:	11:00	Gr.: 5,6

21. – 25. SEPT.

22.sept. (Gr.9,10) at 11:00 No classes due to the opening of the academic year.

The introduction in medical ethics. Hippocratic Oath / Medical Oath by WMA

5. – 9. OCT.

Case studies: Bioethical principles and moral dilemmas.

19. – 23. OCT.

Informed consent. Ethical aspect of communication between physician and patient. Delivering bad news.

2. – 6. NOV.

Dignity and illness in medical care. Credit test No. 1. – Topics: 1-4 (In person)

16. – 20. NOV.

Abortion as a moral dilemma.

30. NOV. – 4. DEC.

Issues of death and dying. Euthanasia and PAS as a moral dilemma.

14. – 18. DEC.

Credit test No. 2. – Topics: 5-7 (Online - One term based on agreement with students)

CRITERIA FOR IN-COURSE CREDITS

- 85 % attendance on seminars (**One seminar can be omitted.** No matter the reason.)
- Substitution of more than one missing practical in Medical Ethics:
 - There is possibility to substitute only another one practical. In this case, students have to write a paper (essay) on the topic of missed seminar as a substitution.
 - Minimum two pages per paper (3600 signs) are required with the list of used literature (for example: books, journals, and internet source – minimum 3 sources).
 - Please send the paper to juraj.cap@uniba.sk. Evaluation will be on next five days.

- Successful test (min. 60 %). Students can rewrite **only test under 60 % twice. There is no possibility to improve their successful test.**
- Evaluation of subject (**results of Tests I. and II.**) will be according this table:

A / 1	=	91 – 100 %
B / 1,5	=	81 – 90 %
C / 2	=	73 – 80 %
D / 2,5	=	66 – 72 %
E / 3	=	60 – 65 %
Fx	=	less 60 %

LITERATURE

Beauchamp L.T., Childress, F.J. *Principles of Biomedical Ethics*. 6th. ed. New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, 417 p. ISBN 978-0-19-533570-5.

Declaration of Geneva. World Medical Association. 2017.

Declaration of Helsinki - Ethical Principles for Medical Research Involving Human Subjects. World Medical Association. 2013

Declaration on the Promotion of Patients' Rights in Europe.

European Charter of Patients' Rights.

European Charter of Patients' Rights. Basis document [on-line]. Rome, November 2002.

http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_overview/co_operation/mobility/docs/health_services_co108_en.pdf

Medical Ethics Manual [on-line]. World Medical Association. URL: <https://www.wma.net/what-we-do/education/medical-ethics-manual/>¹

¹ Recommended study literature.