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EXAMINATION SYNOPSIS IN MEDICAL ETHICS 2015/2016 academic year

Specialty “Medicine”, Second year students
January 2016 examination session

1. Introduction to ethics – definitions, methods, theories.
2. Basic principles of medical ethics: respect for autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice.
3. Codes of ethics. *The Hippocratic Oath. The Declaration of Geneva. The International Code of Medical Ethics.*
4. Confidentiality.
5. Models of physician-patient relationships. Paternalistic model. Autonomous model. Partnership model. Emanuel & Emanuel classification.
6. Informed consent – definition, arguments in favour and against, criteria of validity, forms.
7. Human rights in patient care. *WMA declaration (Declaration of Lisbon).*
8. *Reproductive ethics.* Ethical aspects of contraception, sterilization.
9. *Reproductive ethics.* Abortion, sex pre-selection.
10. *Reproductive ethics.* Assisted reproductive technologies: artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, surrogate motherhood.
11. *Ethical issues at the end of life.* Definition of terminally ill, basic principles applied to terminally ill patients, ethical components of care for terminally ill.
12. *Ethical issues at the end of life.* Truth telling. Advance directives. Relief of pain and suffering.
13. *Ethical issues at the end of life.* The idea of “good death”. Palliative/hospice care.
14. Euthanasia – definitions, arguments in favour and against.
15. *Ethical problems of research and human experimentation.* The Declaration of Helsinki.

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16. *Ethical problems of research and human experimentation.* Problems of research in co-operation with developing countries. Bioethics committees.
17. *Ethical problems of organ transplantation.* Biological solutions of the supply/demand gap and related ethical problems.
18. *Ethical problems of organ transplantation.* Societal solutions of the supply/demand gap and related ethical problems.
19. Ethical issues in allocation of health care resources. Philosophical schools of thought considering resource allocation. Possible ways to resource allocation and related ethical considerations.
20. Clinical ethics consultation – definition, models. Models of ethical case analysis.

REFERENCE MATERIALS:

I. Main reference materials:

1. Bioethics. Basic course – textbook. Silviya Aleksandrova. Publishing center of Medical University of Pleven, 2008
2. Lectures 2015
3. Aleksandrova-Yankulovska, S., Henk ten Have. Ethical decision-making in health care. Publishing Center of Medical University of Pleven, 2014.

II. Additional reference materials:

4. Beauchamp T.L., Childress J.F. Principles of biomedical ethics. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.


Paper copies available at the library of Medical University-Pleven

5. Singer P.A. The Cambridge textbook of bioethics. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Paper copies available at the library of Medical University-Pleven

6. Community of Practice. Health Rights. Human Rights in Patient Care. Video Teaching resources.

Free access available in Internet at: <http://cop.health-rights.org/media/200/>

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7. World Medical Association - documents on ethics available through search field.

Free access available in Internet at:

<http://www.wma.net/en/10home/index.html>

8. International Network of the UNESCO Chair of Bioethics. Case book series.

Free download available in Internet at: <http://www.unesco-chair-bioethics.org/UI/F01.aspx>

9. UNESCO Bioethics core curriculum, Section 1 and 2

Free download available in Internet at:

<http://www.google.bg/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CCcQFjAA&url>

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10. Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy – articles on all topics available through search field.

Free access available in Internet at: <http://plato.stanford.edu/>

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