

# SEMINAR 1

## BASIC CONCEPTS OF ETHICS. CODES OF CONDUCT. PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS.

### Objective of the seminar 1:

To enable the students to understand the ethical problems facing the medical profession today and to get acquainted with the codes of conduct and basic principles of medical ethics.

### Enabling objectives:

At the end of the seminar the students should be able to:

1. Define the main areas of medical ethics.
2. Realize the increasing importance of medical ethics.
3. Determine ethical principles in ethical codes and their validity to contemporary medical practice.
4. Explain basic principles of medical ethics.

### Syllabus of the seminar:

1. Medical ethics - definition and importance for medical profession.
2. Ethical codes - overview.
3. The hippocratic oath - analysis; basic ethical principles and their validity for contemporary medical practice.
4. Declaration of Geneva. WMA International Code of Medical Ethics.
5. Basic principles of medical ethics: respect for autonomy, beneficence and non-maleficence, justice.

### Practical work:

1. Individual work on defining the common features in *the Hippocratic oath, declaration of Geneva and the international code of medical ethics*.
2. Discussion of case vignettes.

### Required previous knowledge:

- Readings in Bioethics. Silviya Aleksandrova-Yankulovska. Publishing Centre of Medical University of Pleven, 2016, **pp. 9-38**
- Lecture material.