

SEMINAR 4

ETHICAL PROBLEMS OF DEATH AND DYING. TRUTH TELLING. RELIEF OF PAIN. HOSPICE CARE. ETHICAL ASPECTS OF CARE OF AIDS PATIENTS.

Objective of the seminar 4:

To enable the students to understand the ethical problems facing death and dying, to identify and discuss the main medical tasks and the ethical questions relevant to the care of the terminally ill patients.

Enabling objectives:

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

1. Determine the focus of care and attention of the terminally ill patients.
2. Suggest solutions to the dilemma to tell or not to tell the truth to terminally ill patient and justify them.
3. Discuss the problems related with relief of pain.
4. Explain the gist of the *hospice care*.
5. Determine the ethical problems related to aids.

Syllabus of the seminar:

1. Definition for terminally ill patient.
2. Death – medical, philosophical point of view. Dignity. “good death”.
3. Ethical principles in care of terminally ill patients.
4. Telling the truth - arguments for and against. Stages of psychological reaction according to Kubbler-Ross. How to tell?
5. Relief of pain - ethical issues.
6. Hospice care - definitions, types.

Practical work:

1. Discussion of *video film* (Truth telling).
2. Discussion of case vignettes.

Required previous knowledge:

- Readings in Bioethics. Silviya Aleksandrova-Yankulovska. Publishing Centre of Medical University of Pleven, 2016, **pp. 119-141**
- Lecture material.