

## **Phase II Medical Ethics Lecture Objectives**

### **At the conclusion of this program, the student should:**

1. Be thoroughly familiar with the criteria necessary for him/her to make sound ethical decisions.
2. Know the existence of different methods used to identifying and analyzing ethical dilemmas in medical ethics.
3. To know the moral aspects of medical practice and to have a clear decision making strategy for clinical-ethical problems in medicine. These criteria will include an understanding of: (a) Beneficence; (b) Non-maleficence; (c) Autonomy; (d) Distributive justice; (e) Medical indications; (f) Patient preferences; (g) Quality of life preferences; (h) Other factors.
4. Explain the principles of biomedical ethics.
5. Know the definition of paternalism.
6. Know how to obtain informed voluntary consent.
7. Establish the connection between informed consent and respect for autonomy.
8. Know the description of vulnerable populations.
9. Know the description of presumed consent.
10. Know what to do if a patient refuses recommended treatment.
11. Know what to do about incompetent patients.
12. Know when it is morally justified to withhold information.
13. Know the description of confidentiality and when breaching confidentiality is justified.
14. Know how to manage patients with poor prognoses.
15. Know how to manage medical resources wisely.
16. Gain detailed knowledge of advance directives and the legal issues involved (institution, state).
17. Understand the basis of the physician's obligation to care for particular patients
18. Become aware of problems related to a futile therapy and the limits of patient's demands for "non-indicated" therapy.
19. Learn distinction between withholding and withdrawing life sustaining medical intervention; brain death, persistent vegetative state, and coma; assisted suicide and euthanasia versus allowing to die.
20. Appropriate care of HIV test, notification of third parties exposed to HIV, and maintaining confidentiality of HIV test results.
21. Explain the veracity in medical ethics.
22. Establish the connection between informed consent and veracity.
23. Explain the privacy relating to medical ethics.
24. Explain the fidelity relating to medical ethics.