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MEDICAL ETHICS
for the 6th year students, Medical Faculty

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LICZBA GODZIN: seminars – 40 hours

ECTS: 1

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Seminars are held at the Department of History of Medicine and Medical Ethics, Rybacka 1, Room 306

TOPICS OF SEMINARS:

1. Introduction to general ethics. Medical ethics as a specific form of professional ethics, its past and present. Bioethics. Principal documents and regulations concerning medical ethics. Medical corporations (national medical associations) and their tasks. Legal and professional responsibility of medical practitioners.
2. Physician's legal and ethical obligation to serve the sick. Patient's right to obtain appropriate medical care. Patient's valid consent and refusal to medical procedures. Surrogate decision making. professional confidentiality in medicine.
3. Risk in medicine. Diagnostic and therapeutic risk. Ethical dilemmas emerging from dynamic development of biosciences: Should we do everything we *can* do? Legal and ethical problems in transplantology.
4. Where does fight for life end? Ethical problems related to the end-of-life care. How to tell "bad news" to the patient and the patient's family? Futile care. Treatment Avoidance orders. Euthanasia.
5. Sexuality and procreation in medical ethics. Contraception. Abortion. Assisted reproduction procedures. Surrogate motherhood.
6. Medical research – legal and ethical regulations. Valid consent to partaking in clinical experiment. Common sources of unethical conduct in medical research. medical error and harm.
7. Public healthcare system – ethical aspects. Allocation of limited medical resources. Doctors on strike – is this ethical? Ethical problems in non-public healthcare. Physicians and pharmaceutical industry – possible conflicts of interests. Corruption in healthcare.
8. Case studies, discussion. Final written test. Obtaining credits.

REGULATIONS:

1. Medical Ethics is an obligatory subject for students of the 6th Year, Medical Faculty. It consists of 40 hours of seminars and ends with a credit.
2. Detailed list of topics and the timetable are presented on the board at the Department of History of Medicine and Medical Ethics.
3. The seminars are held at the Department of History of Medicine and Medical Ethics, Rybacka 1, room 306. **Participation in all seminars is obligatory.**
4. All meetings start on time – this rule applies to both teachers and students. Students who are late will not be allowed to enter the room.
5. Students must leave their outer clothes (eg. coats etc.) in the cloakroom (ground floor). Persons bringing the outer clothes upstairs will not be allowed to enter the room.
6. Students are obliged to prepare for each seminar. Students, who prove unprepared for a seminar and obtain failing grade, are obliged to correct the failing grade **within two weeks**.
7. In case of an excused absence students are obliged to make up for the seminar missed by reporting on the topic missed to the teacher in charge, **within two weeks**.
8. Credit will be granted to students who meet the above conditions and pass the final written test. The entry in the credit book should be as follows:

Subject	Head	Lectures	Laboratory
Medical Ethics	Prof. PAM dr hab. med. Aleksandra Kładna	block 40 hours	

CONTROL OF TEACHING RESULTS:

- Before or during each seminar there is an oral or written test.
- Subject MEDICAL ETHICS ends up with a final written test.

OBLIGATORY READING:

1. World Medical Association: International Code of Medical Ethics
2. Council of Europe: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine
3. World Medical Association: Declaration of Helsinki
4. Mappes T. A., DeGrazia D.: Biomedical Ethics (6th ed.), New York: McGraw-Hill, 2006
5. Beauchamp T. L., Childress J. F.: Principles of Biomedical Ethics (5th ed.), New York, Oxford University Press 2001

COMPLEMENTARY READING:

1. Other documents on medical ethics by World Medical Association
2. Jonsen A. R., Siegler M., Winslade W. J.: Clinical Ethics (6th ed.), New York, McGraw-Hill 2006
3. Students are encouraged to explore other print and Web sources in biomedical ethics.