**MEDICAL ETHICS EXAMINATION SYLLABUS**

1. History and development of medical ethics. Factors for the formation of contemporary medical ethics.
2. Moral dilemmas and moral reasoning. Tests of ethical theories. Moral and non-moral action-guides.
3. Teleological (Consequentialist) ethical theories. Utilitarianism. Act utilitarianism. Situational ethics. Rule utilitarianism. Advantages and limitations.
4. Deontological theories. Kant’s “categorical imperative”, Limitations of deontological ethics.
5. The language of rights. Human rights in medical context. Positive and negative rights Patient s rights.
6. The principle of autonomy. The concept of autonomy. The medical model dominated by autonomy. Informed medical of treatment.
7. Informed consent. Functions and elements-disclosure of information, comprehension of information, voluntary concept, competence to consent.
8. The principle of nonmaleficence. The concept of nonmaleficence. Malpractice and the standard of due care. The principle of Double effect.
9. Euthanasia as a moral problem. Killing and letting die obligatory and optional means of treatment. Ethical and legal regulations.
10. Proxy decision makers. Classes of proxy decision makers. Standards for competence and protection of in competent persons.
11. The principle of beneficence. Positive beneficence as a moral duty or a desirable act. The principle of utility. Cost-benefit analysis.
12. Paternalism. The paternalistic medical model. Strong and weak paternalism.
13. The principle of justice. The concept of justice. Comparative justice and the problem of scarce resources. Formal and material principles of justice. John Rawls s theory of justice.
14. Liberal, social and mixed models in health care. Public debate and health policies.
15. Macroallocation and health policy-economic and ethical dimensions.
16. Microallocation. Access to scarce resources. Criteria and standards-Interdependence of macro and micro levels.
17. Professional/patient relationships. Rules of veracity. Exceptions. “Benevolent deception’.
18. Professional patient relationships of Confidentiality and privacy. Justified breaches of confidentiality.
19. Ethical problems in transplantations. Donors and recipients. Ethical guidelines and legal regulations.
20. Ethical problems in human reproduction: contraception, sterilization, abortion, artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization and embrio transfer, surrogate motherhood.

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