M362: Medical Ethics
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Course Credit: 1 Credit Hour
Semester: First

Course Description:
M362 Medical Ethics (One credit hour)
This course covers selected issues in the biomedical ethics. The course focuses on prominent ethical topics and new medical ethics issues appeared with recent development in medicine. The course includes careful examination of the philosophical theories of ethics which have guided medical ethics since its inception.

This course will take an in-depth of a selection of issues in biomedical ethics. The issues will focus on what have been prominent in recent years and will likely to continue to occupy a prominent place in the field over the next decade. The course will include careful examination of the philosophical theories of ethics which have guided medical ethics since its inception.

Course Objectives:
By the end of this course, the student is expected to:
1. Understand the social evolution of medical practice.
2. Appreciate the models of patient-health provider relationship.
3. Formulate opinion regarding certain ethical issues faced in medical practice including:
   1. the “informed consent” and competence.
   2. the eligibility criteria for signing the informed consent
   3. “confidentiality” and the “right to know” issues
   4. truth telling
   5. end-of-life issues
   6. ethical issues surrounding AIDS.
   7. Ethical issues in human experimentation
   8. Ethical issues in health care.

Evaluation:
First Exam 30%
Second Exam 30%
Third Exam 40%

Recommended Textbooks:
2. Handouts and lectures.
Course Content:
1:  - Over view of the course outline
    - Medicine as a social institution
2:  - Nature of bioethics and ethical theories
3:  - Models of patient – physician relationship
4:  - Informed consent.
5:  - Assessing decision-making for incompetent patient
    - Confidentiality
6:  - Right-to know
    - Telling patient the truth
7:  - Ethical aspects of AIDS
8:  - Ethical issues in Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) communication
9:  - Health communication