

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE - (DSE-9) – Medical Ethics: From Principles to Practice**CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE**

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSE 9 Medical Ethics - From Principles to Practice	4	3	1	Nil	12th Passed	None

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Learning Objectives

- The course aims at ethical analysis of the topics within the realm of bio-medical sciences and legal studies.
- It is a career-oriented curriculum which enables students to develop competence in policy making and participation in ethics committee of various medical and care institutes.
- It sensitizes the minds towards the ongoing ethical dilemmas.

Learning Outcomes

The learning outcomes of this course are multidimensional.

- It forms a strong base in the field of research of medical ethics
- It would also increase the student's ability to identify serious concerns regarding the expanding field of medicine and appreciate ethical concerns in new areas of medical research
- It increases the student's general awareness about public health ethics

UNIT 1- Introducing Medical Ethics**(9 Hours, 3 Weeks)**

1. Tracing the past of medical ethics
2. Scope of Medical ethics

Essential/Recommended Readings

A.F.Cascais (1997), "Bioethics: History, Scope, Object," In *Global Bioethics*, 10:1-4, 9-24. Retrieved on 13 July 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1080/11287462.1997.10800712>.

UNIT 2- CORE CONCEPTS

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Philosophical Issues of Informed Consent
2. The concept of Confidentiality

Essential/Recommended Readings

Williams, J. R. "Consent". In *Cambridge Textbook of Bioethics*, Edited by P. Singer and A. M. Viens, 11-16. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Beauchamp, Tom L. "Informed consent: Its Historical Meaning and Present Challenges" In *Bioethics: An Anthology* 3rd ed. Edited by Helga Kuhse, UdoSchuklenk and Peter Singer, 635-641. UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2015.

Slowther, Anne and Irwin Kleinman. "Confidentiality" In *Cambridge Textbook of Bioethics*, Edited by P. Singer and A. M. Viens, 43-48. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

UNIT-3 ETHICAL DILEMMAS

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Mothers: Biological and Other
2. Moral Status of Animals

Essential/Recommended Readings

Steinbock, Bonnie. "The Surrogate Motherhood as Prenatal Adoption." In *Law, Medicine and Healthcare* 6, no. 1 (1988): 44-50.

Darr, Judith. "The Reproductive Revolution". In *The New Eugenics: Selective Breeding in an Era of Reproductive Technologies*, 1-27. USA: Yale University Press, 2017.

Use of animals in medical experimentation and research

Bernard. E. Rolling. "The Moral status of Animals and their use as Experimental Subjects." In *A Companion to Bioethics* 2nd Ed. Edited by Helga Kuhse and Peter Singer, 495-509. UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2009.

UNIT 4 Medical ethics: Death and Dying

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Death and Dying
2. Jain Fasting to Death (*santhara*)

Essential/Recommended Readings

Donaldson, B., & Bajželj, A. (2021). Calculations of Death. In *Insistent Life: Principles for Bioethics in the Jain Tradition* (1st ed., pp. 182–212). University of California Press. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv2rb75qt.11>.

Crawford, S. Cromwell, "The Ethics of Death and Dying." In Crawford, S. Cromwell. *Hindu Bioethics for the Twenty-first Century*, 188-198. New York: SUNY, 2003.

Suggestive Readings

Jecker, Nancy S., Albert R. Johnson, and Robert A. Pearlman, eds. *Bioethics: An Introduction to the history, method and practice*. New Delhi: Jones and Barlett, 2010.

Arthur Caplan and Robert Arp, eds. *Contemporary debates in Bioethics*. UK: Blackwell Publishing Ltd, 2014.

Steinbock, Bonnie, ed. *The Oxford handbook of Bioethics*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.

Donaldson, Brianne. "Outlawing the Jain Fast-Unto-Death is a Bioethical Issue," *Patheos* 2015. Retrieved on 13 July 2022. [Outlawing the Jain Fast-Unto-Death Is a Bioethical Issue | Guest Contributor \(patheos.com\)](https://www.patheos.com/guest/brianne-donaldson/outlawing-the-jain-fast-unto-death-is-a-bioethical-issue)