

← الأخلاق في الطب

# Morality in Medicine

Course: Laws and ethics of medical lab science (BCLS2100)

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## Introduction

← حياة معقدة كذلك في الطب

Life is complicated as well as in Medicine

- **Doctors and healthcare providers are** highly educated and their decisions, may mean the difference between **life and death**,
- Healthcare providers are held to a higher standard of behavior and conduct.
- And because **patients** are so vulnerable when they're sick, the conduct of providers must be of the highest moral quality.
- Healthcare providers: are held upright and moral; but have the potential of being unethical!
- Throughout history, codes of ethics have been developed to help guide physicians.

← لديهم القدرة على ان يكونوا جي (فلا يتركون)

فستكونوا اولاً حيولة

## Ethics, Morality and Law

- Ethics is all about asking the question, "What is the right thing to do?"
- What is morality? It's choosing the right beliefs or behavior in a difficult situation.
- Ethics is then reflecting on those moral standards and acting upon them.
- Ethics sets moral standards for behavior in many professions.
- With the four principles of medical ethics, providers often must weigh and balance one against another.
- When these principles seem to contradict, deciding which one has more moral weight, based on moral arguments, is the task of medical ethics.

اعتماداً على المعتقدات أو القيم  
الاجتماعية (في وضع الصواب)

## Ethics is not Law, .... How?

- Ethics is not restricted to the study of religion or philosophy, ethics became part of the practice of medicine through interdisciplinary studies.
- Many laws are derived from ethical or moral precepts, ethics and morality are not the same as the law. For instance:
- Some laws uphold ethical standards. Example: confidentiality
- Some ethical standards are stricter than the law. Example: stating political views is legal but unethical.

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## Ethics is not Law,.... How?

- Sometimes ethics partially conflict with laws. Example:  
Some are ethically opposed to abortions and will not perform them. *لا يوافقون*
- Some laws are directly opposed to ethical standards. For instance,  
lethal injection is, in many countries, used as a means of capital punishment *الحقن المميت*

## Ethics is not Law,.... How?

- Summary: *الخلاصة*
- Ethics are not enforced by law!
- But approved guidelines for healthcare providers
- Good ethics take over when legal sanctions end!

## Hippocratic Oath (قسم أبقرات الطبي)

- Hippocratic Oath is a list of statutes, originating around 400 BCE in Ancient Greece.

← يعود القسم (المواثيق) للأطباء على تراثهم كالأخلاق وعلاقتهم بالمرضى.

- It governs the ethical behavior of the physician and addresses both physician behavior and the doctor-patient relationship.

- The Muslim Doctor Ishaq Bin Ali Al-Rohawi: wrote the first text dedicated to medical ethics in ~900AD, called "The conduct of a physician" (كتاب أدب الطبيب،

(اسحق بن علي الرهاوي)

- The Hippocratic Oath was updated, but has been re-written several times?
- The original Oath states:
- *"I swear by Apollo Physician and Asclepius and Hygeia and Panacea and all the gods and goddesses, making them my witnesses, that I will fulfill according to my ability and judgment this oath and this covenant ....."*

- Some words and phrases are NOT relevant nowadays and irrelevant to some cultures, ...

← بعض الكلمات والعبارات الجارية في النبأ على لسان ذات صلة بالثقافة لا تناسب بعض الثقافات

## Taking a new Oath at graduation

- **The Hippocratic Oath has been rewritten in modern language:**
- I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.
- I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures [that] are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.
- I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug
- I will not be ashamed to say, "I know not," nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery
- I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know.



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**قسم المهنة**

أقسم بالله العظيم

أن أكون مخلصاً للوطن وأن أدؤي أعمالي بالأمانة والشرف

وأن أحافظ على سر المهنة وأخلاقياتها وأحترم قوانينها وأنظمتها

وأن أبذل جهدي للإستكمال ومتابعة تحصيلي العلمي

والإرتقاء بمعرفتي لخدمة المريض

## القسم الطبي حسب المؤتمر العالمي الأول للطب الإسلامي

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم.  
أقسم بالله العظيم أن أراقب الله في مهنتي. وأن  
أصون حياة الإنسان في كافة أدوارها، في كل  
الظروف والأحوال، بادلًا وسعي في استنقاذها  
من الموت والمرض والألم والقلق، وأن أحفظ  
للناس كرامتهم، وأستر عوراتهم، وأكتم سرهم.  
وأن أكون على الدوام من وسائل رحمة الله، بادلًا  
رعايتي الطبية للقريب والبعيد، الصالح والطالح،  
والصديق والعدو. وأن أثابر على طلب العلم،  
أسجّره لنفع الإنسان لا لأذاه. وأن أوقر من  
علمني، وأعلم من يصغرني، وأكون أخًا لكل زميل  
في المهنة الطبية في نطاق البر والتقوى. وأن  
تكون حياتي مصداق إيماني في سري  
وعلايتي، نقيًا مما يشينني أمام الله ورسوله  
والمؤمنين. والله على ما أقول شهيد.

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