BIO-ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING IN NURSING PRACTICE

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Nurses through their involvement in patient care are faced with decisions that demand much more than scientific knowledge, if they are to act with wisdom and justice. For example, dilemmas arise for the nurse concerning the patient’s right to know, the impact of parental decisions for newborns and children, consent for life-prolonging procedures. Lectures and discussion will aim toward an increased awareness of fundamental, ethical and legal principles which can provide a clearer basis for decision-making.

OBJECTIVES:

To help the participants find their way through tangled administrative, legal, medical and personal issues in order to see more clearly the ethical issues and more particularly

- to help the participant to sort out and articulate the ethical problems and the relevant ethical components
- to see what principles are at stake
- to pursue the various lines of reasoning relevant to making moral decisions.
PROGRAM:

9AM to 10AM  General discussion: ethical issues and allow to die. An attempt to identify the relevant ethical issues, dilemmas and problems surrounding the matter of helping or allowing patients to die.

10-10:30  Film: "Please Let Me Die"

10:30-10:45  Discussion of the film

10:45-11:00  Coffee Break

11:00-11:45  Lecture: Clarifying and systematizing the philosophical and ethical aspects of the problem

12:00-1:00  Lunch

1:00-2:00  General discussion: Informing the patient, rights and obligations

Participants' cases raised by clinical experience

2:00-3:00  Lecture: Systematic presentation of point, principles, and perspectives of the problem

3:00-3:15  Break

3:15-4:00  Discussion and summary

Conference evaluation