

## **GSMC-MUHS-UNESCO Bioethics Unit**

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### **Report of the Module 2 of Bioethics session for first year MBBS students**

**Date: 3rd February 2017**

A session for first year MBBS students based on Module 2 of UNESCO Bioethics curriculum was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 in the MLT between 10:30 am to 1pm. The faculty members of the GSMC Bioethics Unit conducted the session that included 5 lectures and was attended by approximately 150 students.

The special features of this session were the introduction of pre-session assessment, post-session assessment and feedback from the students for the first time in any teaching session conducted by the unit.

The session began with a pre-test that was attempted by 104 students. The questionnaire included 15 questions on the topics to be covered in the session. This was followed by recapitulation of various bioethical principles taught in the previous session on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

#### **Lecture 1: Topic: Autonomy                      Speaker: Dr Swarupa Bhagwat**

The aspects covered: Definition and significance of autonomy and its evolution, the 3 pillars of autonomy, how to respect autonomy, ethical dilemmas faced, autonomy is not absolute and how it is linked to consent and individual responsibility.

#### **Role play 1: paternalism**

#### **Role play 2 : autonomy**

These role plays were enacted by Dr Sandesh, Dr Swapnil and Dr Alisha, residents from the Dept. of Transfusion Medicine, thus sensitizing the postgraduate students to the principles of Bioethics.

#### **Lecture 2: Topic: Consent                      Speaker: Dr Kinjalka Ghosh**

The subtopics covered: Types of consents, what informed consent means, the situation where informed consent is required, the components and elements of informed consent, assent and proxy decision making.

**Lecture 3: Topic: Responsibility**  
**Nachankar**

**Speaker: Sister tutor Mrs Pradnya**

The facets highlighted: Responsibility and accountability, domains of responsibility, elements of ethical responsibility of the healthcare provider with people, practices, society, co-workers and profession.

A video clip: the responsibility of the society towards environment.

**Lecture 4: Topic: Equality and Justice**

**Speaker: Dr Venkatesh Rathod**

Subtopics covered:

Definitions of equality, justice and equity; different types of justice, different concept of distributive justice, disparities in health status and role of healthcare professionals.

The difference between equality and justice was depicted with a nice, appealing cartoon.

**Lecture 5: Topic: Non-stigmatization and Non-discrimination** **Speaker: Dr Yuvaraj Chavan**

The topic began with an activity where student volunteers were told to choose any one from the given list of famous personalities and link them to some characteristic or label. This was to show how easily we form an image of a particular person and carry it in our mind throughout.

The aspects covered: stigmatization, discrimination, positive or reverse discrimination, grounds for discrimination, limitations and expectations and conditions.

Post-test questionnaire and feedback forms were administered to students at the end of the session. Total 142 students submitted the post-test and feedback. These were analyzed and indicated positive impact of the training session.