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GSMC-MUHS-UNESCO Bioethics Unit

**Report of the Module 1 of Bioethics curriculum for first year MBBS, Occupational Therapy and
Physiotherapy students on 13th December 2016 at GSMC.**

The first lecture series for Module 1 of UNESCO Bioethics curriculum was organized on 13th December 2016, at M.L.T auditorium, Seth G.S.M.C from 10.30 a.m to 1.00 pm for first year MBBS, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy students. The objective of the lecture series was to sensitize the students to the core concepts and principles of Bioethics through audio-visual aids and interactive sessions. The module was conducted by the members of the GSMC BIOETHICS UNIT. Approximately 145 students attended the lecture series.

The workshop began with address by Dr.Avinash Supe, Director (ME & MH) and Head of **GSMC-MUHS-UNESCO Bioethics Unit**. He emphasized the need of understanding principles of Bioethics through a solid curriculum right from the first year of medical course to enable students to play a vital role in health research and decision making in health related issues. Following lectures were conducted using video clips:

Lecture 1: Introduction to Principles of Bioethics by Dr.Anjali Telang. Students were sensitized to principles of Bioethics through use of video clips.

- : Video clip 1(Munnabhai MBBS) -Principle of Confidentiality.
- : Video clip 2(Aaghat) – Principle of Privacy
- : Video clip 3 – Principle of Justice.



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Lecture 2: History of Bioethics by Dr.Kanchan Kothari. This lecture gave the students an overview of origin of bioethics; right from cadaver oath, Nuremberg code to formation of MCI guidelines for medical ethics and medical research.

Lecture 3: Human Dignity & Human Rights by Dr. Monty Kajanji and Dr.Kinjalka Ghosh.

: Video clip 4 (Munnabhai MBBS) - Human Dignity.

: Case discussion on inclusion of prisoners in medical research.

: Video clip 5(Walking a tight rope-Pakistani video clip) – Confidentiality.



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Lecture 4: Cultural Diversities by Dr.Padmaja Samant and Dr.Rathod.

: Video clip 6 -English Vinglish:

Video clip 7 – Dr. Prakash Baba Amte.



The lecture thoroughly discussed about differences in approach towards health in different cultures; the cultural-competence continuum and the LEARN model.

The Head of the steering committee, Dr.Santosh Salagre facilitated discussions post video clips. The students were able to point out the various principles of bioethics like Autonomy, truth, confidentiality, justice & empathy in the interactive session moderated by bioethics unit.

The session ended with address by Dr.Santosh Salagre,Head of Steering committee, Seth GSMC Bioethics unit. He highlighted on the need of Bioethics curriculum and attendance by students for future modules as well. Sir also declared the process of formation of Students wing of Bioethics for the year 2017.

