

**GSMC -MUHS UNESCO Bioethics Unit
(UNESCO chair in Haifa)**

held on March 11, 2019 at 1.45 PM to 4.00 PM

The sessions of bioethics as per Module 2nd of the UNESCO bioethics curriculum for first MBBS, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy students were held on March 11th 2019, Monday in MLT of College building. There were 4 sessions. The faculty members of GSMC -MUHS UNESCO Bioethics [Haifa] Unit (GMUBU): Dr. Jyotsna Thosar, Dr.Usha Kasar, Dr. Venkatesh Rathod, Dr.Trupti Ramteke, Dr Padmaja Samant and Dr. Yuvaraj Bhosale, Dr Praveen Iyer, Dr Anjali Telang conducted sessions on Equality & Justice ,Nondiscrimination & Non stigmatization, Autonomy and Responsibility, Informed Consent and Assent.

One twenty-five first MBBS students, thirty-five Physiotherapy students and thirty-five Occupational Therapy students attended this event. The first session on 'Equality & Justice' was conducted by Dr. Jyotsna Thosar and Dr.Usha Kasar. The session began at 1.45 pm with a video clip of "Tathastu" movie. Images were also displayed showing equality and equity concept. Factors affecting equality in health care were also discussed. In the end a sample ethical question was put forward and discussed. The session on Nondiscrimination & Non stigmatization, was conducted by Dr. Venkatesh Rathod and Dr.Trupti Ramteke. They explained this concept by giving an example of leprosy. Also, informed the audience about recent cases at national and international level to show the importance of this concept currently. It was also discussed "How stigmatization and discrimination affects health care and how it may be prevented".

Dr Padmaja Samant and Dr Yuvaraj Bhosale discussed the concept of Autonomy and Responsibility –Its definition and application in clinical scenario. Also, collective autonomy, relational autonomy, negative autonomy, Jehovah's witnesses were described. A sample case from Indian journal of medical ethics was discussed where there was a conflict where reproductive rights of mentally retarded girl were concerned. A case of hysterectomy in girl with intellectual disabilities also discussed. Responsibilities - social and personal were covered.

Dr. Praveen Iyer and Dr. Anjali Telang conducted session on Informed Consent and Assent They showed a video clip and discussed what is consent, types of consent, components of fully informed consent, guidelines for informed consent and assent in detail.

Session was concluded with a vote of thanks.



