

Medical ethics issues

● Patients right

- Compiling patients right charter
- Defining the components of patients right in Islamic Republic of Iran

● Professionalism

- Evaluating conflict of interest by focusing on fee splitting, self-referral and informal payments; compiling an ethical guideline
- The status of medical error in Iran and providing a model for documentation and report; compiling an ethical guideline for medical error in Iran



● End of life

- End of life ethical decision making; comparison between Islamic and non-religious thinkings



● Philosophy

- Comparative philosophical study of four bioethics principles
- The gap between comment and ethical action in medicine
- Comparative intra-cultural study of common morality and its position in modern medical ethics



● Education

- Compiling ethical guideline for medical education
- Comparative study of medical ethics PhD curriculum
- Curriculum development for fellowship in medical ethics

● Research

- Road map of research in medical ethics

● Beginning of life

- Ethical and legal consideration of ART based on different religious teachings
- Ethical considerations of birth control based on Islamic teachings
- Ethical considerations of abortion based on Islamic teachings



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Medical Ethics and History of Medicine Research Center (MEHMRC) of Tehran University of Medical Sciences,

as the pioneer research center in the domain of medical ethics, established in 2001 with the purpose of promoting the level of health and medical treatment from ethical point of view and based on Islamic background, teaching medical ethics in various medical disciplines, performing research on existing hurdles and problems and applying it across the medical society. MEHMRC follows its mission based on a strategic plan which is updated every 4 years. The main goals of the strategic plan of medical ethics are as follows:

1. Creating a fundamental framework based on the Islamic ethical values and in accordance with the latest findings in the field of medical ethics;
2. Forming an international archive of legislations defining medical ethics standards;
3. Adapting and implementing policies, forming organizations, and securing necessary funds for medical ethics activities;
4. Eliciting advocacy and support from major medical ethics stakeholders;
5. Supporting and conducting high quality, cutting –edge research in bio-ethics;
6. Promoting education in the field of medical ethics;
7. Employing the full capacity of domestic and international interactions in the field of medical ethics;
8. Establishing the comprehensive strategic planning system;

Accordingly, the MEHMRC is mainly conduct its activities in 3 main domains including ethics education & ethics in medical education, research ethics and clinical ethics.

Objective:

● In Medical ethics Department:

- To manage and advance medical ethics education in the undergraduate and postgraduate levels;
- To establish a systematic network for exchange and dissemination of knowledge by contribution of all stakeholders and holding national and international seminars, and congresses;
- To advance research in the field of medical ethics
- To compile and adapt guidelines, declarations and regulations in medical ethics
- To develop practical ethics by institutional amendments
- To compile and develop up to date syllabus, curriculum, and textbooks for teaching medical ethics

● In the field of History of Medicine:

- To safeguard our precious national history of medicine
- To collect, categorize, and introduce valuable historical documents at the purpose of presenting Iranian history of medical sciences
- To publish books, journals, brochures, soft wares and to gather data bank of medical manuscripts



What to do in MEHMRC

● Training

- Summer schools in research ethics and teaching ethics
- Curriculum development
- Teaching integrity

● Research

● International links

- Journal publication: <https://jmehm.tums.ac.ir>

Medical ethics development in Iran

