



Bioethical Voices

Newsletter of the International Chair in Bioethics

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Editorial

YOU CANNOT FIGHT FOR A BETTER WORLD WITHOUT EVERYONE'S COMMITMENT

Appointment in Porto 7-10 March 2022

Let's start with an easily shared consideration. We all have a great and justified need for clarity and security. In times of great crisis like the ones we are experiencing, the need to get out of them (which is first of all the desire to leave the pandemic behind us as soon as possible, if ever possible, and to quickly overcome the state of emergency) we would all like to have only certainties and precise and indisputable answers to some undeniably obvious questions. When will the already long night of Covid end, if it ever ends? Are we fighting it everywhere in a hopefully decisive way? What will we be like when we finally see the light at the end of the tunnel? And what will the conditions be in our communities and in the various countries, the rich and the poor, those in the North and those in the South of the planet? What will happen if some country or continent lasts hopelessly behind in an increasingly interconnected world?

We'll try to answer everything. It will depend on a virus not yet fully known and its variants, on the more or less widespread diffusion of vaccines in different areas and on the evolution of the global situation in the coming months. This is the common-sense answer. Critical thinking, that is scientific, cannot but indulge, according to its own principles, such caution and in the meantime call all of us at all levels to their own responsibilities. Further warning that if the crisis is not governed in politics with both timely and rigorous measures, getting out of it as we wish could seem like a gamble.

Unfortunately, however, the most bizarre theses and the most vulgar rumors still persist in much of the world under the banner of denial and conspiracy capable of attributing to the role of hidden forces of a new hypothetical world order both the virus and everything that has to do with the measures put in place by the States to fight the pandemic: both the vaccine and the obligation of a green pass. It remains incomprehensible how positions such as these are sometimes shared indeed even by some so-called no vax doctors. This also happened. The answer from the scientific world can only be clear-cut. Those who do not have faith in science and medicine cannot be physicians. But that's not all yet.

Humanistic and scientific thought on the subject of Covid have not always and not everywhere spoken in harmony or in the same way, adopting the same arguments and using the same language in recent months. We consider completely deadly any unscientific thought that seems even underestimate, still at this stage, the gravity of the situation and that continues to ignore that this is a tragedy not yet over. Those who explicitly or not would like to make us believe that the pandemic is already over or that it is not an unprecedented planetary calamity to be fought

with emergency instruments is wrong. In addition, pretending not to notice that Covid has ushered in a disturbing era without any of us being able to reasonably know how we will have changed tomorrow. The almost principled skepticism and the battle of some men of culture against the measures taken to deal with the pandemic such as the Green Pass have proved as ruinous as simple credulity. Because their theses and their arguments have ended up being instrumentally taken up by the tout court deniers and by the craziest conspiracy theorists, effectively creating further confusion in public opinion. On the other hand, on the verge of absurdity in an equally ruinous crescendo of controversies, to the impromptu exits of dissenting intellectuals against the green pass, someone, generalizing beyond measure, has seen fit to respond by generally attacking all humanistic and philosophical thought, in the name this time of a dogmatic scientism. We have thus witnessed in some countries the reappearance of a pernicious contrast between the humanities and scientific research. A contrast to be beset, too, with force.

We therefore feel an urgent return to the spirit of our origins, when 50 years ago the pioneers of bioethics understood the need to deepen alongside the scientific aspects also the philosophical-anthropological ones to offer a complete and exhaustive reference framework, but above all to promote the value of health above all and always putting the dignity of the human person in the first place. Since then, the interaction between science and ethics qualifies the nature of bioethics which promotes the dialogue between scientific disciplines and the humanities ones to build a just society.

Today this commitment is even more binding, when it is the public opinion of the various countries that claims to be correctly oriented and informed by doctors and scientists. By asking the researcher to assume all their responsibilities, not to shy away from dialogue and to be able to speak clearly to everyone and with the right words that are never equivocal.

You will also find some ideas in our newsletter which, in the meantime, re-proposes the debate that has animated our latest activities related to the World Bioethics Day (WBD). Therefore, in the following pages, we will give a detailed account of the celebrations of the various WBDs around the world that took place despite the strong limitations imposed in 2021, too.

The ball is now being relaunched up to Porto at the planned World Bioethics Congress, foreseeing from now on that the value and the meaning of ethical reflection in the medical-scientific field - in the Covid season an issue all the more highly topical - will certainly also be a central theme of the works.

For our Chair of Bioethics Porto will be the most evident symbol of the partnership reached with the prestigious World Medical Association WMA. So, an appointment in Portugal, 7-10 March 2022 under the lead of Prof. Amnon Carmi, always ready to tell us that in bioethics as well as in the fight against Covid, individual behavior counts. Each of us must play his/her own part; no one can escape from the commitment. You cannot fight for a better world without everyone's involvement. Indeed, everyone can have an impact with their own personal engagement. And the example we provide with our behavior is always the highest form of teaching.

Giacomo Sado, Editorial Board Director

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PROF. CARMI

I met Amnon Carmi more than thirty years ago and I discovered that ...

There are terms that we all instinctively group in with one another. So, if we talk about bubbles we immediately think of champagne and France. When I, in turn, hear the word Israel, I immediately relate it to: innovation, modernity, promptness, efficiency ... Do you know what I mean?

Well, when somebody asks me about Amnon Carmi which are the words that automatically come to mind enough to relate them with him? **Clarity**, first of all. No one will ever be able to say that they did not understand what Professor Carmi meant and could never blame him for not having been able to explain himself more than well. I met him at a crucial stage in my journalistic career when I was at the helm of a small editorial office that, also because of its limited size, was really left free and autonomous. Left free to experiment, too. We were in the 90s of the last century, and I wanted to innovate the way of communicating news. Well before storytelling became fashionable and taught at the University. Just hearing Prof. Carmi speak, I understood that it would be necessary to turn news into stories. And I did it without stopping. His solution has undoubtedly proved to be a winner. The keystone, the secret of disclosure on the radio, on TV, through a book and now also by digital communication lies in the ability to tell. It is Columbus's egg of the narrative because everyone knows or should know it. Let's choose a difficult, serious and complex topic like science: programs or books that talk about it work, show up or sell when they deal with it as a storytelling subject, proposing stories to us, indeed making more characters move on the stage of history as in theatre, on stage. This is also the case with social media. The important thing is to do it correctly, scientifically flawless, but always in a seductive way. Those who succeed without falling into trivialization are good in order to be likeable. Someone who knows how to handle contents with competence but also slightly. I therefore think of Prof. Carmi as a pioneer in communication as well.

I still have other words to relate to him, but I choose only one other: **consistency**. A few years ago, I attended a very substantial debate on bioethics, listening to the conclusions of an internationally renowned academic. He extremely gruff with everyone, spoke at length of kindness; for almost half an hour he explained to everyone that there was an essential and urgent reform to be done in the hospitals: combining high professionalism and humanity. I barely knew that luminary, but I did not ignore how he treated even his closest collaborators: with sure inhumanity and genuine cruelty. He was a champion of bullying, not to mention real brutality. I was a little sorry not to be able to ask Prof. Carmi what he could thought of this obvious contradiction be-

tween theory and practice. But it was enough for me to imagine what he would suggest to me. "Don't worry about what he does", before adding maliciously "but what he says is right."

He, Professor Amnon Carmi per se does not need to distinguish between theory and practice, sermons and behaviours. No, he doesn't just explain in words what and how to do it; he also shows it. Just look at him. He does it even with apparent detachment, as I do.

Example is the highest form of teaching for him. But remember this, too: teaching must also be captivating. Always brilliant.

Giacomo SADO, journalist



World Bioethics Day 2021

Revered Members of the International Chair in Bioethics,

Greetings from WBD Department,

This year we all celebrated **6th World Bioethics Day** on **19th October 2021** on the theme of **“Informed Consent”**. We all understand the importance of informed consent not only in the medical practice, but also in varied fields involving interaction between humans. The theme, as usual, was based on one of the articles (‘Article-6: Consent’) of the *Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights*.

It is overwhelming to know that many Units across the world did celebrate this important day to mark the adoption of declaration by UNESCO and as a sign of pledge to continue their sincere attempts in propagating bioethical principles. At this opportunity, I also want to request all the Units, which celebrated the occasion to share the WBD celebration reports, so that the Chair is aware of the Units which marked the day and that the same can be published in the official newsletter of the Chair. This year the World Bioethics Day Department has received reports from 27 Units listed below:

Bulgarian Unit
Cyprus Unit
Finland Unit
Georgia_Tbilisi Medical Academy Unit
Greek Unit
India_ DPU Pune Unit
India_ DYP Kolhapur Unit
India_GSMC MUHS Unit
India_Gujarat Unit
India_MAEER'S Physiotherapy College Talegaon Unit
India_MIMER Medical College Talegaon Unit
India_NITTE University Unit
India_PIMS Jalandhar Unit
India_PIMS Loni Unit
India_SGRDUHS Amritsar Unit
India_Sree Gokulum Medical College Unit
India_SRIHER Unit
India_SRM IST Unit
India_Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Unit
Italy Unit
Nepal Unit
Pakistan_Islamabad Unit

Pakistan_Lahore Unit
Romania Unit
Taiwan_Mackay Medical College Taipei Unit
USA_Milwaukee Unit
USA_New Haven Yale University Unit

On behalf of the Chair, Prof. Amnon Carmi, World Bioethics Day Department, and my own behalf, I congratulate above Units, Unit Heads, Steering Committees, and Institutes for their outstanding efforts in celebrating WBD and thank them for sharing their reports.

Next, on behalf of Prof. Amnon Carmi, WBD Department and my own behalf, I thank all the Students, Heads of Units, members of steering committees, Institutes, and administrative teams for the enthusiastic participation in International Competitions held on occasion of World Bioethics Day 2021.

I am delighted to share that this year the committee received entries from 23 Units from different parts of the world and a total of 68 entries in various categories of competitions were received. The Units, which participated in International Competitions are:

Brazil Real Hospital Unit
Croatia Split Unit
India Adesh University Unit
India AIIMS Jodhpur Unit
India CMC Ludhiana Unit
India DPU Pune Unit
India DYP Kolhapur Unit
India GSMC Mumbai Unit
India MAEER Physiotherapy Unit
India MIMER Pune Unit
India NITTE University Unit
India PIMS Jalandhar Unit
India Santosh University Unit
India Sree Gokulum Medical College Unit
India SRIHER Unit
India SRIPMS Unit
India SRM Unit
India Sumandeep University Unit
Kyrgyz Unit
Malaysia Cyberjaya Unit
Nepal Unit
Pakistan Lahore Unit
Romania IASI Unit

I am sure, it was a tough job for the jury to evaluate the entries as all of them were so genuine and outstanding works of science and arts. This year the committee had introduced 'Poem Competition' for the first time, and I am pleased to share that we received second highest number of entries in this category only after artistic posters, which remained highest participated category.

Below, I share the results of the International Competitions with top three winners in each category. In artistic poster category at 2nd and 3rd positions there is tie between two Units each.

Competitive Category	1 st Position	2 nd Position	3 rd Position
Artistic Posters	Ms. Tushita Krishnan, India DYP Kolhapur Unit	Ms. R. Sivani, India SRIPMS Unit	Ms. Dina Mercela, Croatia Split Unit
		Mr. Sashank Bhattarai, Nepal Unit	Mr. L. Kartheek Reddy, India NITTE University Unit
Photography	Ms. S. Eswari, India SRIPMS Unit	Dr. Takhellambam Priyanka, India Santosh University Unit	Ms. Fathima A. S., India Sree Gokulum Unit
Poem	Ms. Manhar Kaur, India Adesh University Unit	Mr. Pratham Shawn Smit Hugo Countinho, India DYP Kolhapur Unit	Ms. Mansimran Johal, India DPU Pune Unit
Scientific Posters	Mr. Yash Kamlesh Majithia, India MIMER Pune Unit	Ms. Aruna E., India SRIHER Unit	Ms. Shravya Shankar Shetty, India DYP Kolhapur Unit
Short Films	Ms. Tushita Krishnan, Pakistan Unit	Mr. Aakul B. Bhuyan, India DPU Pune Unit	Mr. Thanzeem N. A. Razak, India SRM Unit

Name of the Student	Name of the Institute	Name of Students' Association
A. Artistic Posters:		
Lina Johanna Ardila Tarazona	Universidad Industrial de Santander	ICBSA
Sharon Gracia Glenn	Sri Muthukumaran Medical College, Hospital and Research Institute	RC CAD
Aricia Bahl	KMC Manipal	IAGSC
B. Scientific Posters:		
RAJSHRI R	Sri Ramachandra Dental College, Chennai	RC CAD
Aminna Rajesh Duthie	Heritage Institute of Medical Sciences, Uttar Pradesh	AMSA India
Ayushi Rajendra Payghan	Topiwala National Medical College, Mumbai	AMSA India

C. Poems:			
First Position	Faizan Quraishi	IGGMC, Nagpur	AMSA India
Second Position	Jessica Jayesh Rana-wat	SMBT Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Center, Maharashtra	RC CAD
Third Position	Esha Verma	Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (DU)	RC CAD

Further, I am pleased to share that this year, WBD Department on proposal of Prof. Russell D'Souza and in collaboration with the Department of Education, conducted International Competitions for the Students' Associations which are associated with the Department of Education and otherwise do not belong to Units of the Chair. Below, I am sharing the results of the competitions organized for the Students' Associations.

I extend heartiest congratulations to all the winning Students, Heads of Units, and Institutes on behalf of WBD Department.

I take this opportunity to thank all the jury members for their cooperation in the difficult task of evaluating the entries. I also thank Prof. Miroslava Vasinova and editorial board of 'Bioethical Voices' for providing space to publish the winning entries in this issue of the official newsletter. Please also visit the official facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/internationalchairbioethics>) of the WBD Department for view the winning entries including short films.

Best Wishes and Regards

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Winning Entries of Units

ARTISTIC POSTER

First Position: Ms. Tushita Krishnan, India DYP Kolhapur Unit

INFORMED CONSENT
Everything You Need to Know

Informed Consent is the process in which a health care provider educates a patient about the risk, benefits and alternatives of a given procedure of intervention.

Principles of Informed Consent:
Disclosure of Information
Comprehension of Information
Voluntary Consent
Competence to Consent

Basic Elements of Informed Consent

1. Risks of Clinical Investigation
2. Risks and Discomforts
3. Benefits
4. Alternative Procedures or Treatments
5. Confidentiality
6. Compensation and Medical Treatment in event of Injury
7. Contacts
8. Voluntary Participation

Made by- Tushita Krishnan, MBBS - 9th Term
Kolhapur - India Bioethics Unit
D.Y. Patil Education Society
(Deemed to be University)

CONSENT IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

Is patient unconscious?

- Where a patient is unconscious, doctor should provide the medical treatment that is in the patient's best interest and immediately necessary to save the life.

Is it an emergency?

- A consent is required before any investigation, clinical examination or treatment. This can be verbal instead of written but should be documented in patients notes.
- A patient must not be pressured into making decision but must be made aware of any potential harm that could be caused.

Does the patient speak English ?

- If patient does not speak English, interpreters should be used, hospital staff should be used only in emergency situation.
- Family & friends should not be used as translators, they can unfairly influence the decision.
- In emergency if translator is not present, doctor should act in the best interest of patient and document the decision.

What if the patient withdraws consent?

- Patient can withdraw consent to treatment at anytime.
- If a procedure is already started, it should be stopped when safe to do.

Second Position: Ms. R. Sivani, India SRIPMS Unit and Mr. Sashank Bhattarai, Nepal Unit

What is INFORMED CONSENT?

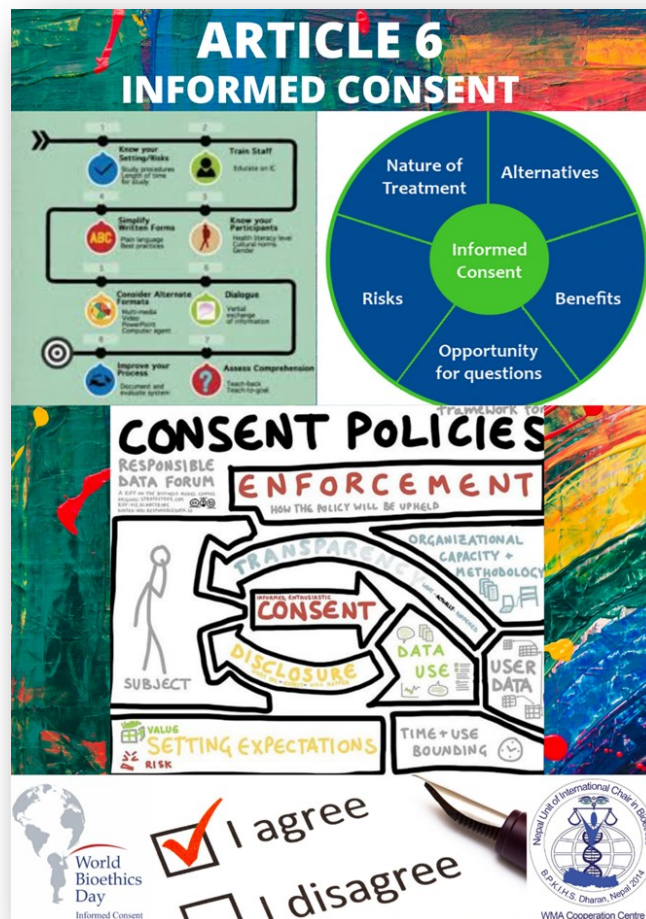
Informed consent is a process of communication between you and your health care provider that often leads to agreement or permission for care, treatment, or services.

Every patient has the right to get information and ask questions before procedures and treatments.

The informed consent process makes sure that your health care provider has given you information about your condition along with testing and treatment options before you decide what to do.

Signing informed consent means?

1. You have received all the information about your treatment options from your health care provider.
2. You understand the information and you have had a chance to ask questions.
3. You use this information to decide if you want to receive the recommended treatment option(s) that have been explained to you. Talk to your health care provider about your options.
4. If you agree to receive all or some of the treatment options, you give your consent (agree) by signing a consent form. The completed and signed form is a legal document that lets your doctor go ahead with the treatment plan.

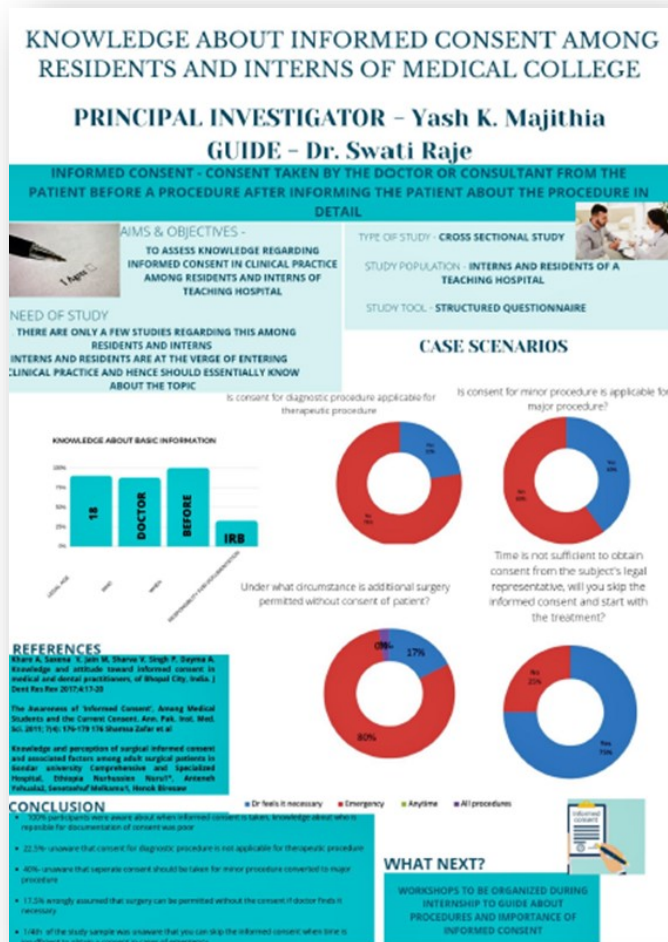


Third Position: Ms. Dina Mercela, Croatia Split Unit and Mr. L. Kartheek Reddy, India NITTE University Unit

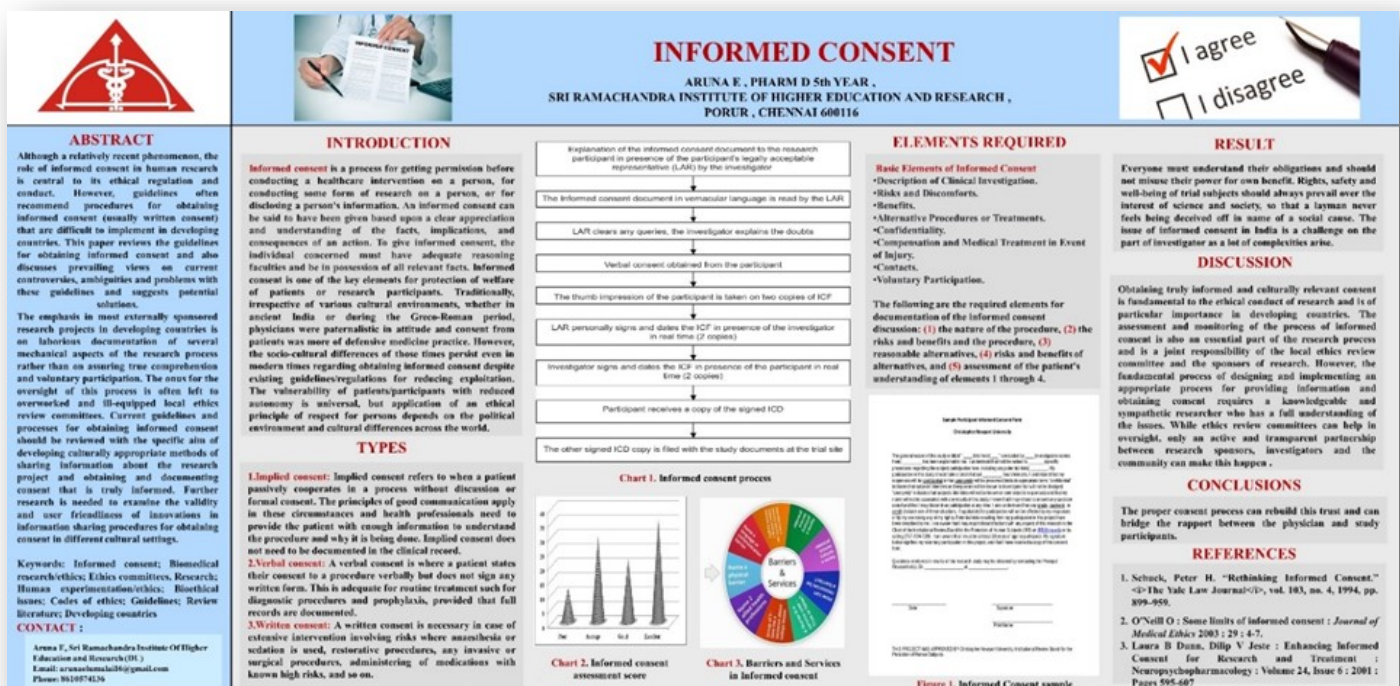


SCIENTIFIC POSTER

First Position: Mr. Yash Kamlesh Majithia, India MIMER Pune Unit



Second Position: Ms. Aruna E., India SRIHER Unit



Third Position: Ms. Shravya Shankar Shetty, India DYP Kolhapur Unit

UNDERSTANDING CHANGING SCENARIOS IN INFORMED CONSENT: PAST,PRESENT,FUTURE.

-Shravya Shankar Shetty 2nd MBBS, KOLHAPUR INDIA BIOETHICS UNIT, D.Y. PATIL EDUCATION SOCIETY, KOLHAPUR.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.To understand the reason for Implementation of Informed Consent.
- 2.To document the changes made in informed consent to date.
- 3.To review the guidelines regarding the concept of Informed consent and quality improving measures of the process in the future.

INTRODUCTION

Informed consent (IC) is described as “voluntary authorization, by a patient or research subject, with full comprehension of the risks involved, for diagnostic or investigative procedures, and for medical and surgical treatment.^[1] Informed consent is one of the primary principles on which the framework of protections for human subjects in research is built.^[2]

MILESTONES IN EVOLUTION OF ETHICS FOR INFORMED CONSENT

- Tuskegee Syphilis Study (1932)**
Ethical problems with research identified.
- Nuremberg Code(1946)**
First internationally recognized ethical standards.Benefits must outweigh risks.
- Declaration of Helsinki(1964)**
Informed Consent, Benefit should exceed risks.
- The Belmont Report(1979)**
Fundamental principles including respect for person, Beneficence and justice were advocated.
- ICMR Guidelines-INDIA (1980)**
Policy Document on Ethical considerations.
- ICH-Tripartite GCP (1997)**
13 Principles included such as Consent, Ethical Principles etc.
- EU Directives(2001)**
-Guidelines on Consent under Regulation(2016-2017)
- Revised ICMR Guidelines (2019-20)**
-For Indian Stakeholders.

RESULTS

IMPROVEMENT IN INFORMED CONSENT GUIDELINES

INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURES

PAST

The concept of informed consent has a relatively short history, beginning with a series of judicial decisions in the early 20th century. In olden era, doctors requested a “hold harmless contract” to absolve them of any future liability to the patient or family if something bad happened as a result of therapy.^[3]

PRESENT

Based on historical cases and legislation, IC is supported by three cornerstones: “preconditions, information and consent”. Any violation committed by a physician or researcher may result in civil criminal liability.^[4]

FUTURE

A computer may aid the doctor help his patient receive high-quality surgical Informed consent for elective procedures. Incorporating diagrams of relevant anatomy into surgical consent forms has the potential to improve patient understanding.^[5]

CONCLUSION

In ancient times, physicians had a paternalistic approach toward their patients, and patient consent was more of a defensive medicine practice. The socio-cultural differences of those times persist even in modern times regarding obtaining informed consent. Respect for individual autonomy, a basic element of medical ethics, underpins the importance of informed consent. Well-informed patients will be more satisfied and file fewer legal claims. The use of interactive computer-based programs and incorporating anatomical structures provides opportunities to improve the process.

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“Informed Consent is required for every Medical Procedure, from getting your ear pierced to having an abortion”-Bob McDonnell.

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Second Position: Dr. Takhellambam Priyanka, India Santosh University Unit



Third Position: Ms. Fathima A. S., India Sree Gokulum Unit



POEMS

First Position: Ms. Manhar Kaur, India Adesh University Unit

Oh my Doc !

On every crisis, we bow down and utter ``oh my God “
and when it is medical crisis, we look for you and say ``oh my Doc”
Humans have never seen God in actuality
But white coat substitute is the reality.
We bow down in reverence, before you, our dear doctor,
Whether its E- room or OT, you are our true proctor.
Believing in you as much we do in almighty,
We give into your command and just say H0- Righty.
Oh, dear Doc, we ask for little more,
if you can open a little more that right to information door.
Communicate openly, my dear health provider
Let’s discuss it all without any rider.
Over my silly questions, don’t get annoyed, just alleviate my fears.
Having knowing it all, will add to my cheer.
Help me decide, suggest risk and alternative
If all this is done, you will be the superlative.
Handle me with care and tell me all, and you will look always taller than tall.
My right of information, will avoid confusion
For our trust to build this is the conclusion.
Tell me cost, benefits and even freedom to withdraw,
And it shall protect us both in the court of law.
Without my feeble nod, they don’t even grant me Euthanasia “my Happy Death”
Look at world’s legality even in pain they don’t let me take my own `` last breath”.
My savior, verbal, written, take whatever is meant
In the name of God always take from me the **Informed consent**.

A THEFT OF A KIND

If i'd steal a poem
and call it mine,
wouldn't that be
A theft of a kind?

Consent therefore,
is very important;
Be it a poem
or a healthcare system.

Info we must,
briefly provide;
And ask the patient
if he wishes to comply.

It is the right
of every soul;
to know if a treatment
is accurate or foul .

He could desire,
to withdraw anytime.
But pressurizing to participate
would be a crime.

Informed consent,
is to be kept in mind.
Else you will indulge
in a theft of a kind.

Third Position: Ms. Mansimran Johal, India DPU Pune Unit

Informed Consent

Consent; granting permission

Informed consent; granting permission with complete knowledge and complete understanding

Granting permission with complete cognition

Informed consent

I entered this building today

Exhaust and sweat

Excitement and fear

Chaos, controlled chaos

Arriving, leaving, then arriving again

An inexhaustible stream

Blood in and blood out

Sadness and anger

Hopes and dreams

Truth and illusions

Beginning and ending

Never ceasing

Beginning and ending

I entered this building today

Cold and hazy

Bleak and endless

Informed consent; granting permission with complete knowledge and complete understanding

Granting permission with complete cognition

Informed consent

Lying in this bed

A tangle of tubes and wires

I'm fragile

And I'm frail

Lying in this bed

A tangle of tubes and wires

I'm tender

And I'm pale

I lay here

Writhing in pain

Watch you walk towards me

And suddenly,

There's hope

Watch you walk towards me

And suddenly,

There's fear

You come
You speak to me
We don't talk
You speak to me
You speak to me
In words I don't comprehend
You speak to me
In a language I don't understand
A language, which to me, feels foreign
I try
I try to make sense of it all
I try and I fail

You hand me a piece of paper
You ask me to sign it
Which I do, almost immediately
Without thinking twice
Mostly cuz I just don't know
What to think
And what not to
You take the paper back
You thank me
And you leave
I watch you walk away
And suddenly,
The hope's all gone
But the fear, it stays
The fear, it magnifies

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I'm tender
And I'm pale

I lay here
Writhing in pain
Watch you walk towards me
And suddenly,
There's hope
Watch you walk towards me

And suddenly,
There's fear

You come to me
You speak to me
You speak to me
And I speak to you
We talk
You make me understand
You make sure that I understand
Tests and treatment
Risks and recovery
You make me understand
You make sure that I understand

You hand me a piece of paper
You ask me to sign it
Which I do, almost immediately
Without thinking twice
Mostly cuz I just don't have to
Mostly cuz I know now
And I understand
I understand everything.
You take the paper back
You thank me
And you leave
I watch you walk away
And suddenly,
The fear's all gone
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The hope, it magnifies

I'm leaving this building now
Exhaust and sweat
Excitement and fear
Chaos, controlled chaos
Arriving, leaving, then arriving again
An inexhaustible stream
Blood in and blood out
Sadness and anger
Hopes and dreams
Truth and illusions
Beginning and ending
Never ceasing
Beginning and ending
I'm leaving this building now
Cold and hazy
Bleak and endless
Bleak, on the outside

But brimming with hope
Bristling with hope
On the inside

Winning Entries of Students' Associations

ARTISTIC POSTERS

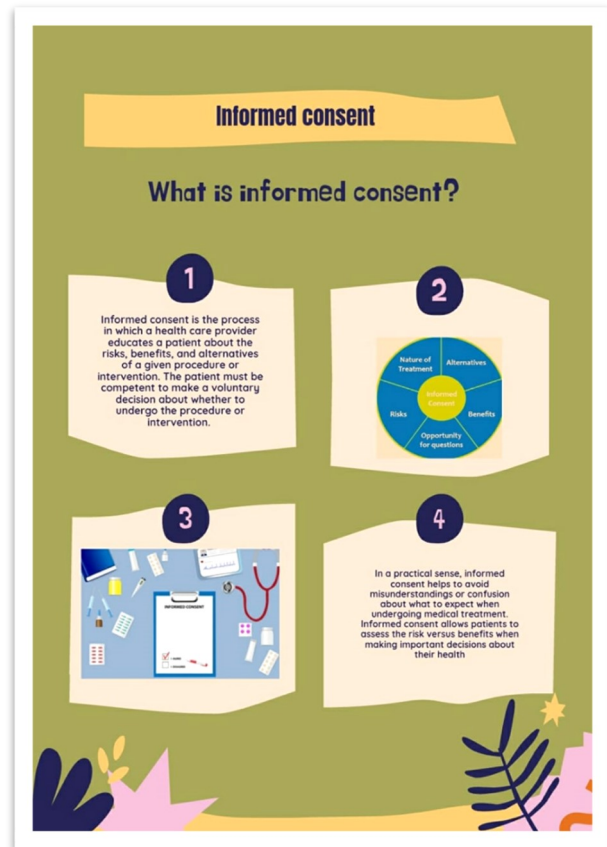
First Position: Ms. Lina Johanna Ardila Tarazona of Universidad Industrial de Santander, Colombia. International Chair in Bioethics Students' Association



Second Position: Ms. Sharon Gracia Glenn of Sri Muthukumaran Medical College, Hospital and Research Institute, India. Rotaract Club of Caduceus.

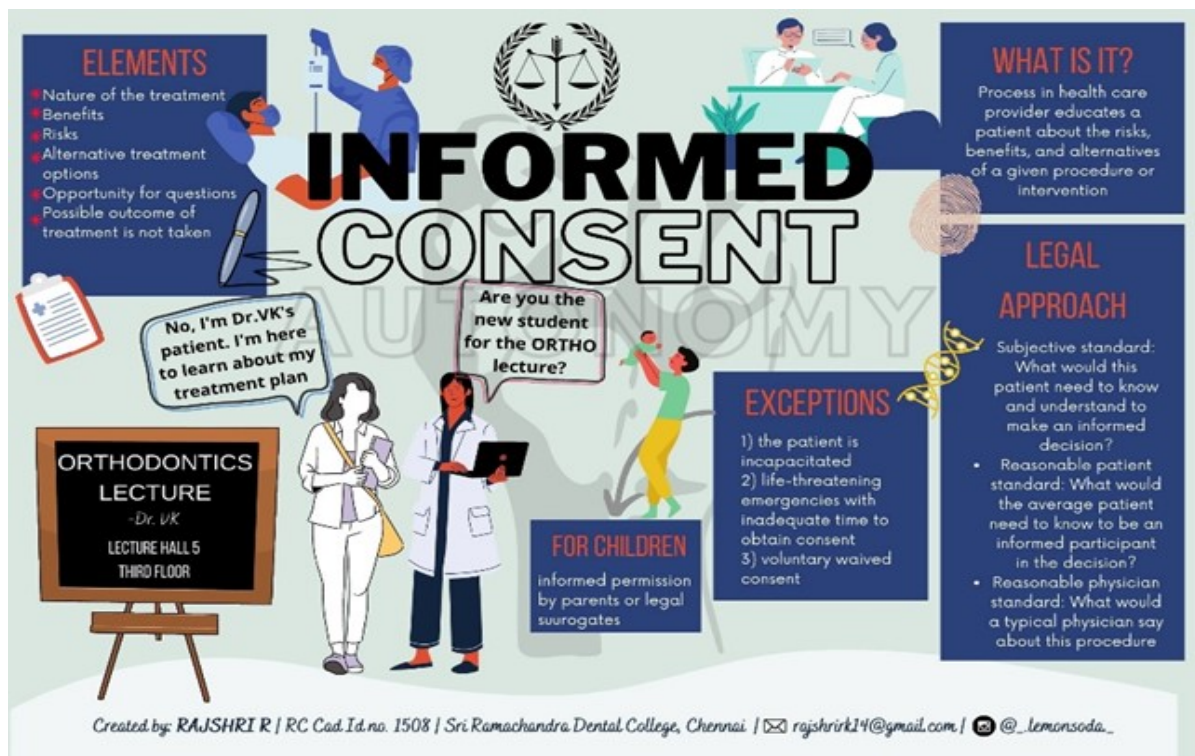


Third Position: Ms. Aricia Bahl of KMC Manipal, India. IAGSC

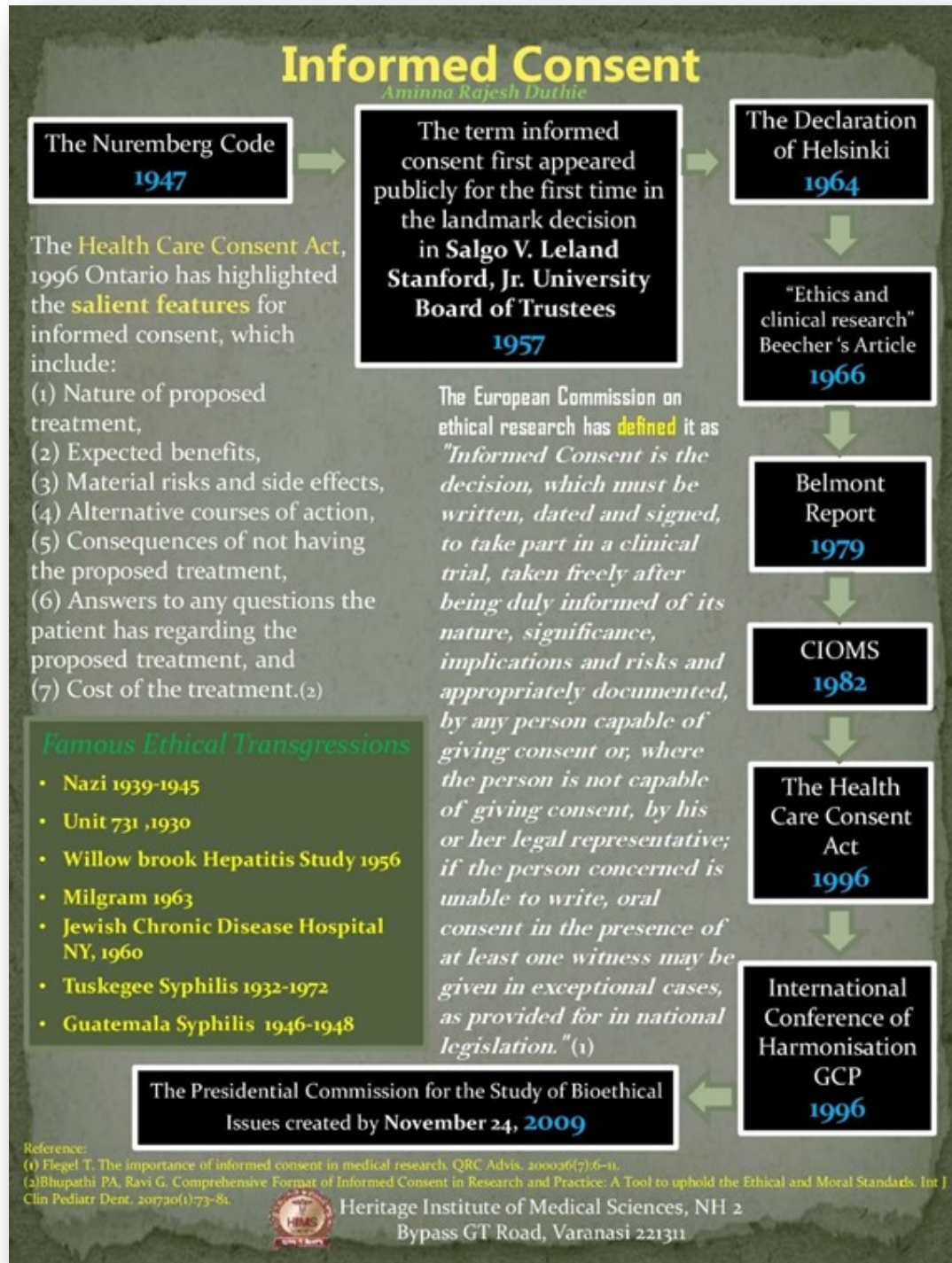


SCIENTIFIC POSTERS

First Position: Ms. RAJSHRI R of Sri Ramachandra Dental College, Chennai, India. Rotaract Club of Caduceus.



Second Position: Ms. Aminna Rajesh Duthie of Heritage Institute of Medical Sciences, Uttar Pradesh, India.
AMSA India.



'Reinforcing Doctor-Patient Relationship' INFORMED CONSENT

WRITTEN CONSENT IS MUST!





COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY!



Informed consent is a *process* where healthcare provider gets *permission* from the patient before conducting a healthcare intervention or research or for disclosing a person's information.

Elements of informed consent:

Doctor explains-	Patient-
• medical condition that calls for a test, procedure or treatment. • nature, purpose, benefits and possible complications of the same. • other treatment options, their relative benefits and risks.	• comprehends the relevant information & asks doubts. • makes autonomous decision to accept or refuse the treatment. • grants consent voluntarily without coercion.

Significance of informed consent:

- Ensures that patients understand the risks involved.
- Grants patients their right to autonomy.
- Creates trust and understanding between doctor and patient.
- Doctors are at less risk of legal action.



[Made by Ayushi Payghan, 2nd Year MBBS, TNMC Mumbai]

POEMS

First Position: Mr. Faizan Quraishi of IGGMC, Nagpur, India. AMSA India

The patient says yes.

The patient says yes.
Yes to what?
He does not know.
But the patient says yes.

To drugs and scrubs,
To bills and pills,
To costs and risks,
The patient says yes.

To incisions and decisions,
that were made by others.
To the hospital charges,
That were paid by others.

The patient sits uninformed,
Knowing nothing, permitting everything.
In this Illusion of a choice,
The patient says yes.

Second Position: Ms. Jessica Jayesh Ranawat of SMBT Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Center, Maharashtra, India. Rotaract Club of Caduceus.

A White Virtue

Let me take you back to the time,

When treating someone to earn a dime
was the only rule that had to be implied.

The Holocaust from where it all started,
The study in Tuskegee was also included
The time where everything was ethically questioned?
Demanded the need of a PAPER for permission.

History showing repetition of misfortunes
Due to lack of ethical knowledge in professionals
A change to be brought, a chance to be given
For the process of 'Asking' before 'Doing.'

A paper packed with procedure of performance
A statement including important instructions
An ideation of Thinking before Touching the patient
Are steps to be followed, to seek permission

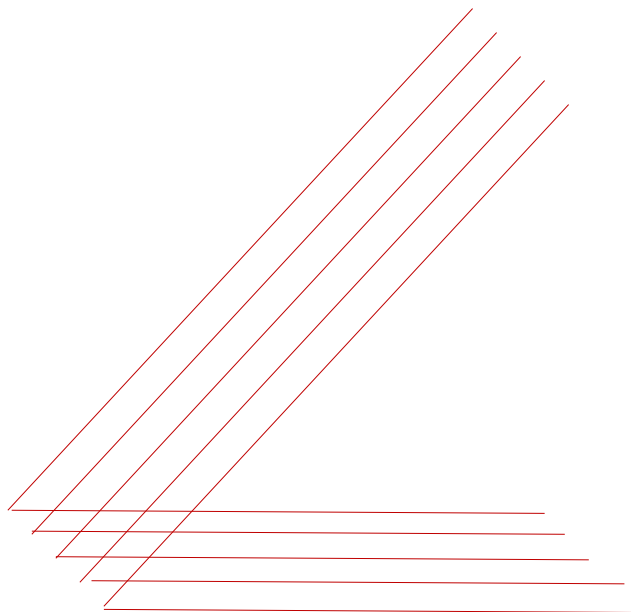
A routine checkup, a complicated surgery
Right from Auscultation to Stapedectomy
Only benefit, no harm is the Oath
But before that, Consent is a quote!

Third Position: Ms. Esha Verma of Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (DU), India. Rotaract Club of Caduceus.

Rooting for Root Canal

Intense pain awoke her-
Screamed the young adult.
Skipped her steaming hot chocolate;
A dentist she had to consult
"We're going to do a root canal for you"
Came a complacent diagnosis.
Shackles of mistrust bound her,
"A canal in my mouth? What bogus!"
Confused, she crawled back home,
More dejected than ever;
But the temptations took over,
And then began the chocolate fever!
She switched her endodontist;
His clinic spick and span.
Formally greeted, history taken,
The doctor explained her treatment plan.
"Doc, why am I in so much pain?"
She questioned with a scrunched up face.
"Your pulp has been infected,
The bacteria have set their base."

"Pulp? Bacteria?" rose an eyebrow.
Her dentist drew a figure to explain-
"Pulp is the living tissue of your tooth-
Where the bacteria have attacked again and again."
"That little radiolucency has travelled inward,"
She gazed at her monochromic tooth.
"We shall clean and fill the pulp,
Since restoration is our gospel truth."
"We cannot go for a filling,
As the pulp has been infected;
Neither do we recommend an extraction,
To some complications you might be subjected."
Beneficence and safety ensured,
There was clarity about the procedure.
For hot chocolate again,
She was an eager beaver!
She envisaged and embraced,
Her doctor's advice at hand,
And signed the informed consent-
To book the doctor-in-demand!



WBD UNITS REPORTS

BULGARIAN UNIT

REPORT WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2021 *Informed Consent*

Name of the Institute: Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria, Faculty of Public Health “Prof. Tze-comir Vodenitcharov, MD, PhD, D.Sc”

Name of the Unit: Bulgarian Unit

Name of Unit Head: Assoc. Prof. Alexandrina Vodenicharova, PhD

Date of Establishment of Unit (dd/mm/yyyy): September 2010

Program Details (Date of Celebration of event): 19 October 2021

Program:

Session I (Morning Session):

Part 1. 10:00 am – 10:30 am

Opening speech by Head of Unit/Institute:

1.Name: Alexandrina Vodenicharova, PhD

2. Title: Assoc. Prof.

3. Name: Lachezar Traikov, MD, D.Sc.

4. Title: Academician, Rector of the Medical University-Sofia

Speeches by Representatives of Institutions and Professional Organizations:

1. Name: Prof. Magdalena Aleksandrova, PhD

Title: Dean, Faculty of Public health, Medical University of Sofia

2. Name: Prof. Dimitar Bulanov, MD, PhD

Title: Dean, Medical Faculty, Medical University of Sofia

3. Name: Student Ludmila Borisova

Title: Chairman of Student Council, Medical University of Sofia

4. Name: Mr. Hristo Georgiev

Title: Representative of UNESCO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

5. Name: Dr. Sofia Stoimenova

Milka Vasileva.

Title: Head of the Bulgarian Association of Healthcare Professionals

6. Name: Plamen Taushanov

Title: Head of the Bulgarian Association for Patient Protection

7. Name: Daniel Parushev

Title: Head of the National Representation of the Student Councils

Received greetings notes from:

Name: Dr. Vania Kastreva,

Title: Head, Management of Education Department, City Council of

Sofia Name: Prof. Bojidar Jordanov

Title: Dean, Dental Faculty, Medical University of

Sofia Name: Prof. Zaharina Savova, PhD

Title: Director, Medical College, Medical University of

Sofia Name: Dr. Ivan Madjarov

Title: Head of the Bulgarian Medical Union

Part 2. Details of Guest lecture/ Panel Discussion/ Symposium:

Timings and duration of Part 2: **10:30 am-12:00 pm**

Moderator:

Head of the Bulgarian Unit - Assoc. Prof. Alexandrina Vodenicharova, PhD Scientific Presentations:

Discussion on the topic: Health - a fundamental right to every person. Name of the speaker: Prof. Tzecomir Vodenitcharov, MD, PhD, D.Sc

Title: Department of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Public Health, MU - Sofia

Discussion on the topic: Informed consent - the practice in every day medical practice and health institutions

Name of the speaker: Plamen Taushanov

Title: advocate, Head of the Bulgarian Association for Patient Protection

Discussion on the topic: Informed refusal - part of the informed consent.

Name of the speaker: Assoc. Prof. Natalia Shtereva- Nikolova, MD, PhD and Assoc. Prof. Radka Goranova- Spasova, MD, PhD

Title: Department of Bioethics, Faculty of Public Health, Medical University of Sofia

Discussion on the topic: Informed consent - legal aspects.

Name of the speaker: Assoc. Prof. Neli Gradinarova, PhD, Desislava Kameno-va, PhD Title: Department of Bioethics, Faculty of Public Health, Medical University of Sofia

Discussion on the topic: Informed consent and vaccines against Covid-19. Name of the speaker: Assoc. Prof. Nikolai Hristov, MD, PhD

Suggestions on Informed consent.

Session II (Afternoon Session): 12:00 pm –

1 pm Moderators:

Head of the Bulgarian Unit - Assoc. Prof.

Alexandrina Vodenicharova, PhD

Member of the Steering Committee, Bulga-

rian Unit - Prof. Sashka Popova, MD, PhD

Essay: This year in the competition for essays participated 22 students.

Scientific Paper/ Poster Presentation/ Student Debate: 4 students sent Poster Presentations.

Drawing/ Rangoli/ Poetry Competition: One student wrote a short poetry inspired from the topic Informed consent, which was read in front of the audience.

Display of entries for Scientific/ Artistic Poster/ Short film/ Photography Competitions: None.

The awarded students of this year's competitions of essays and posters are as follows:

7 students for essays and 1 student for poster.

Awarded students were from specialties: medicine, nursing, dental medicine and pharmacy.

Place: We celebrated the event online via Google Calendar link especially made for the event, because of additional COVID 19 restrictions announced two days before the event.

Date: 19.10.21

Signature of the Unit Head:

Name: Assoc. Prof. Alexandrina



Vodenicharova, PhD

FINLAND UNIT

World Bioethics Day 2021

The Finnish unit organised an online celebration of World Bioethics Day on October 19, 2021. The global theme of informed consent was dealt in a blog post and the unit also compiled two short videos of researcher from different fields discussing ethical aspects of informed consent in their research and disciplined. Susanne Uusitalo, the chair of the Finnish unit, wrote the blog post that was published at the University of Turku philosophy unit's blog.

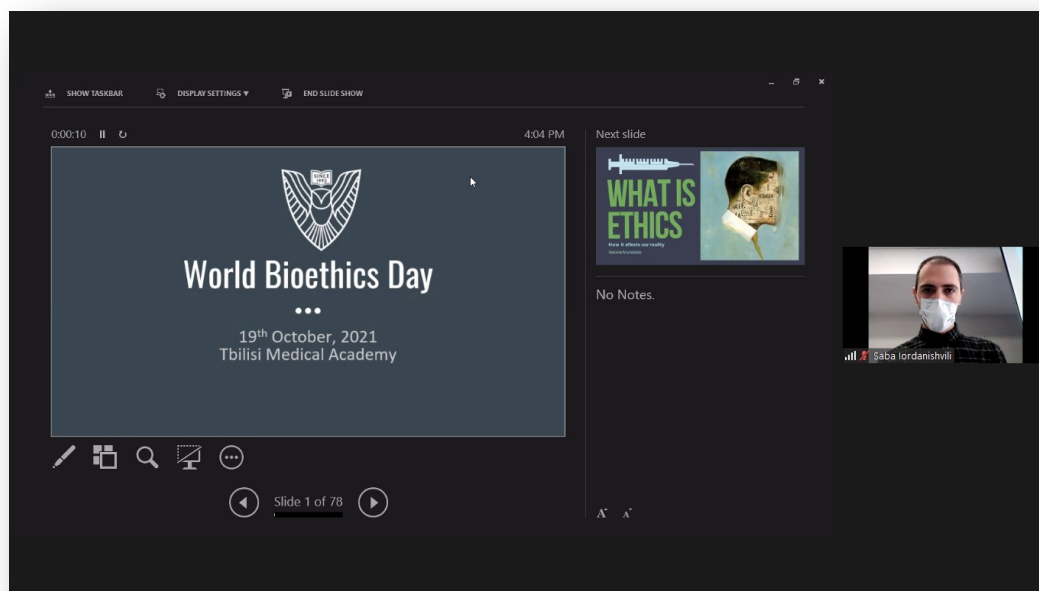
The blog post in Finnish: <https://blogit.utu.fi/filosofia/2021/10/19/hyvaa-maailman-bioetiikkapaivaa/>

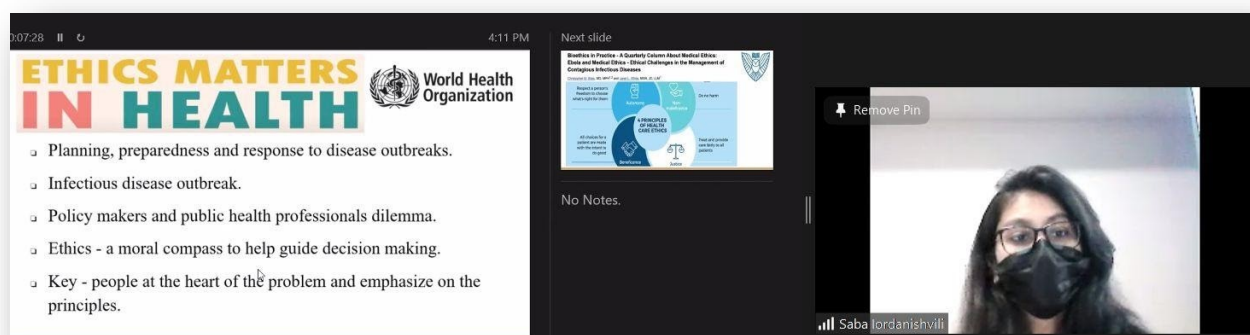
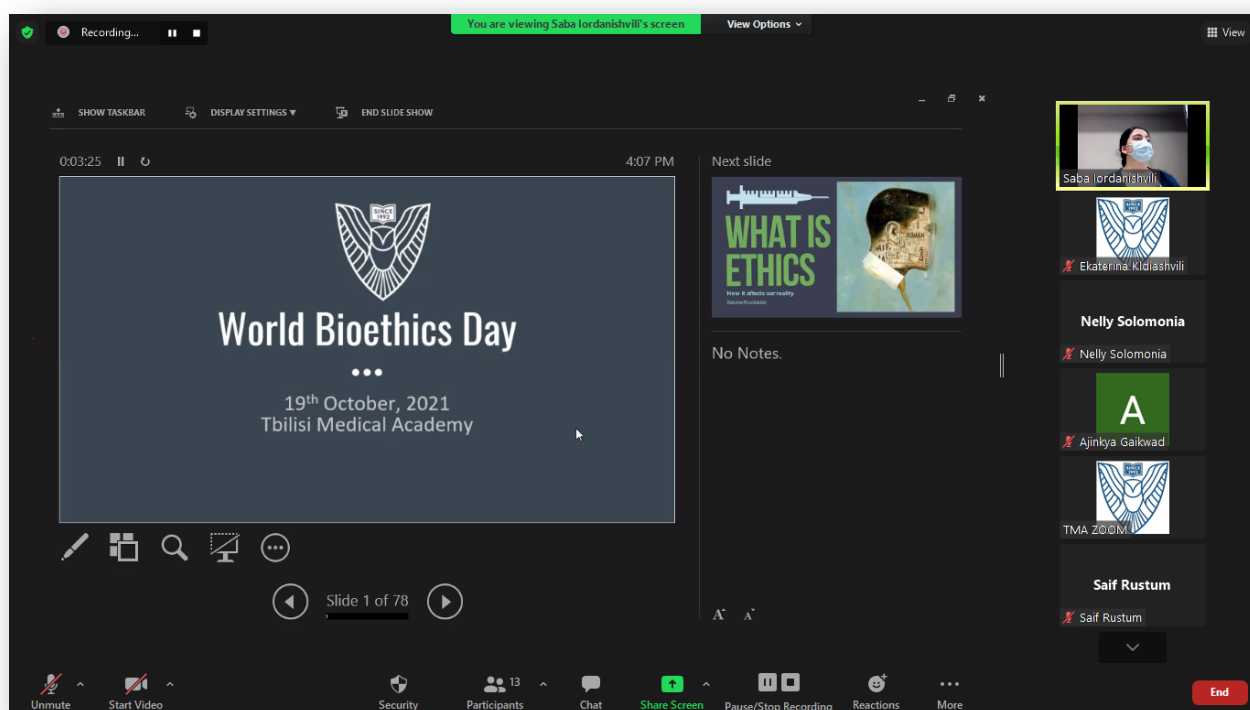
The event description in Finnish: <https://sites.utu.fi/icb/fi/news/maailman-bioetiikkapaiva-2021-tietoon-perustuva-suostumus/>

GEORGIA UNIT

World Bioethics Day 2021

On October 19, 4pm there were performed the hybrid event organized by TMA students (Ajinkya Naresh Gaikwad, Aleksandre Saghliani, Ana Turnava, Ankith Kavintarikath, Ginu Joseph, Nino Gagua, Rishu G. Shah, Salome Mumladze, Tamar Dandurishvili) to discuss bioethic issues of mandatory vaccination, along with the bioethical analysis of the movie Contagion.







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4:22 PM



Contagion Movie Plot

Student Name: Ankith Kavintarikath

Semester: III



NOTHING SPREADS LIKE FEAR

CONTAGION

SEPTEMBER 9

Next slide

- The spread of a virus transmitted by respiratory droplets and fomites
- Attempts by medical researchers and public health officials to identify and contain the disease
- Loss of social order in a pandemic
- Introduction of a vaccine to halt its spread.

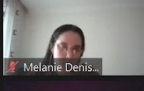
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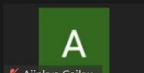
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WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2021

Session I: 7th October 2021: 11:00 am to 1 pm

Time	Session	Speaker	Topic
11.00 - 11.03 am	Welcome	Dr Anita Gune Secretary of the unit	
11.03-11.06	Lamp Lighting		
11.06 am-11.09 am	Speech by Lead Chair	V.C Dr Rakesh K Mudgal, Lead chair of the unit	
11.09-11.12 am	Speech by Co-lead chair	Dean Dr. R.K. Sharma, Co-lead chair of the unit	
11.12-11.15 am	Speech by Head of the unit	Pro .V.C Dr. Shimpa Sharma, Head of the unit	
11.16-11.45 am	Speech by Guest	Dr. Pragnesh Parmar Introduction of speaker by Dr. Ashutosh Potdar	Ethics of recording AV consent
11.46-11.55 am	Annual Report	Dr. Anita Rahul Gune Secretary of the unit	Annual Report of Bioethics unit 2020-21
11.55-12.30 pm	Panel Discussion	Dr. Padmaja Desai & Dr. Ravindra Patil	Pandemic, Perspective of pedagogy.
12.31-12.35 pm	Booklet of consent in different languages	Dr. Milind Sabnis and Dr. Arun Karmalkar	
12.36-12.40 pm	Essay Competition	Dr. Sunita Patil	Challenges in obtaining written consent in community based studies
12.41- 12.50 pm	Role play by P.G students	Dr Vaishali Gaikwaid and Dr. Sushma Jotkar	
12.51-12.55 pm	Presentation of awards	By V.C Dr Rakesh K Mudgal, Lead Chair	Award to Ms Vedangi Patil
12.56-1.00 pm	Vote of thanks	Dr Milind Sabnis	

Moderators: Miss. Shravya Shetty & Mr. Archit Somani

Session II: 8th October 2021: 11:00 am to 1 pm

Time	Session	Speaker	Topic
11.00 am-11.03 am	Welcome	Dr Suhas Kulkarni	
11.03 am-11.40 am	Debate	Dr. Anjali Wagh and Dr. Sunita Patil	Written consent versus A.V consent
11.40-12.00 noon	Theme Singing	Dr. Roma Chougale and Dr. Umiya Pathyan	Informed consent
12.00-12.15 pm	Skit	Mrs. Suchitrani Rathod and Mrs. Sheetal Kamble	Damage Control
12.15 -12.45 pm	Speech by UNESCO chair of Other Unit	Dr Derek D'Souza Introduction of speaker – Dr. Devvrat Harshe	Informed consent
12.45 - 12.50 pm	Speech by student of Bioethics wing	Miss Shravya Shetty	Challenges obtaining informed consent : Students' perspective
12.51-12.55 pm	Display of entries for WBD Competition	Dr. Anita Rahul Gune	
12.55 -1.00 pm	Valedictory Function	Dr Sunita Patil	

Moderators: Miss. Nidhi Joshi & Mr. Anunay

Organizing Committee:

Chairperson: Dr Shimpa Sharma

Secretary: Dr Anita Gune

Members:

Dr M Sabnis,	Dr Sushma Jotkar,	Dr Anjali Wagh,
Dr Vaishali Gaikwad,	Mrs Suchitra Rathod,	Dr Suhas Kulkarni,
Dr Roma Chougale,	Dr Padmaja Desai,	Dr Ravindra Patil,
Dr Umiya Pathan,	Dr Sunita Patil,	Dr Arun Kalmalkar,
		Mrs Sheetal Kamble



Figure 1 (L to R) Dr Ashalata Patil (Vice Principal DYPMC), Dr V V Bhosale (Registrar University), Dr Shimpa Sharma (Pro VC, Head of Unit), Dr R K Mudgal (VC, Lead Chair), Dr R K Sharma (Dean, Co-Lead Chair), Dr Anita Gune (Secretary of Unit)



Figure 2: Release of Multilingual Informed Consent Booklet

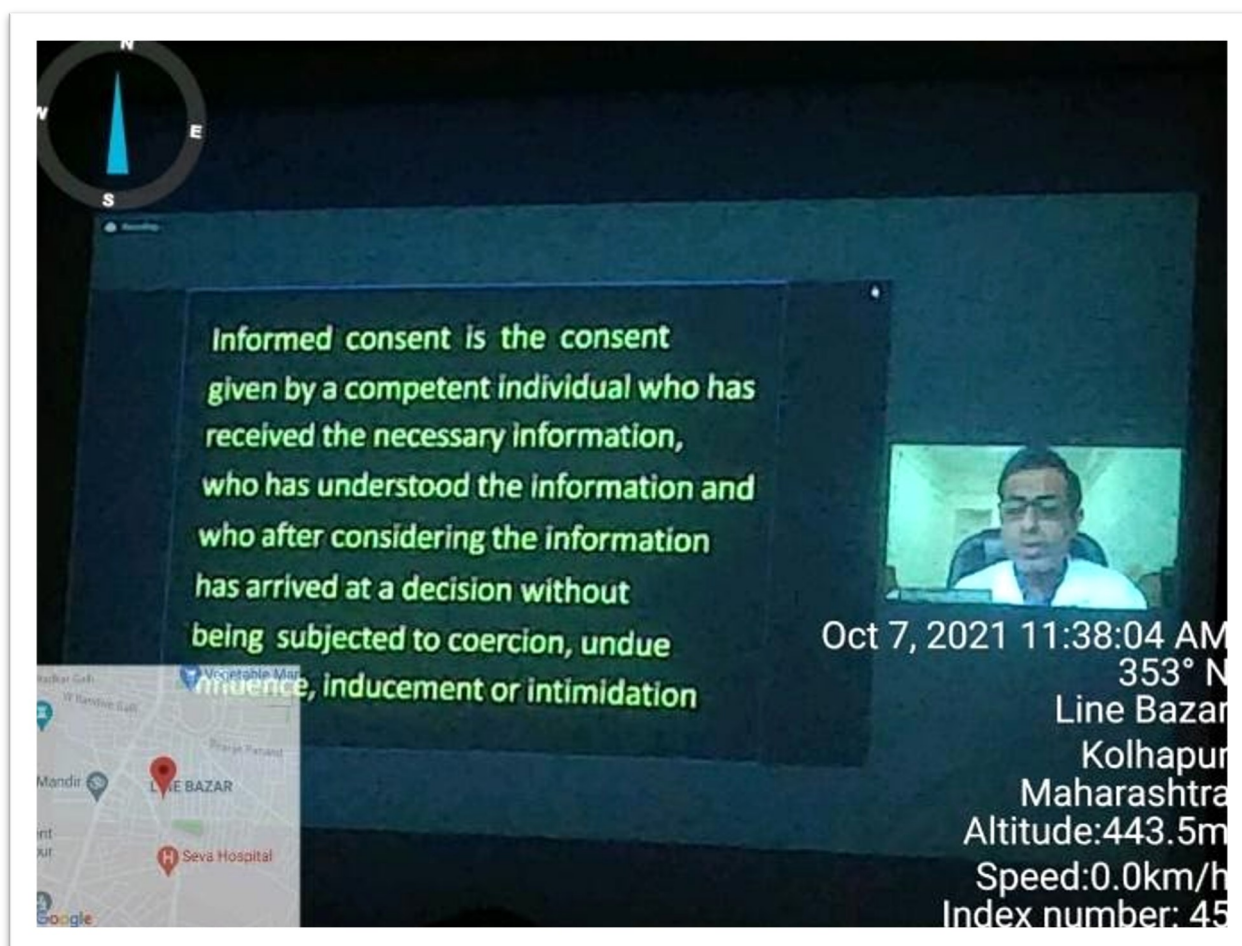


Figure 3: Invited Speaker Dr Pragmesh Parmar, Professor Forensic Medicine and Toxicology.



Figure 4: Students Wing Members -Debate on Written vs AV Recorded Informed Consent



Figure 5: Certificate of Participation to Faculty Panel Discussion and Winners of Student Debate with organizing team.



Figure 6: Student and Faculty Audience in Hall 1

WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2021

DPU BIOETHICS STUDENT'S WING

International Chair in Bioethics

Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri PUNE, INDIA



Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune
(Deemed to be University) **DPU**

"WORLD BIOETHICS DAY" 2021 CELEBRATION
ASIA PACIFIC DIVISION
on Saturday, 23rd October 2021 From 10am to 4pm

THEME: INFORMED CONSENT

Chief Guest
Hon. Dr. Shrikumar Vasudevan
Secretary, Ethics Committee of National IMA
Secretary of the International Chair of Bioethics of Calicut Medical College

Chief Patron
Hon. Dr. P. D. Patil
Chancellor
Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune

Special Invitee
Hon. Dr. Jayant Navrange
Co Chairman
Medical Legal Committee IMA, Pune Branch

In Presence of

Hon. Dr. (Mrs) Bhagyashree R. Patil
Pro Chancellor
Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune

Hon. Dr. Somnath R. Patil
Secretary
Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Society, Pune

Hon. Dr. Smita Y. Jadhav
Trustee
Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Society, Pune

Hon. Dr. Yashraj Patil
Treasurer and Trustee
Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Society, Pune

Prof. (Dr.) N. J. Pawar
Vice Chancellor
Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune
International Chair in Bioethics Programme, DPU

Dr. A. N. Suryakar
Registrar
Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune

Dr. (Brig.) Amarjit Singh
Principal Director and CEO
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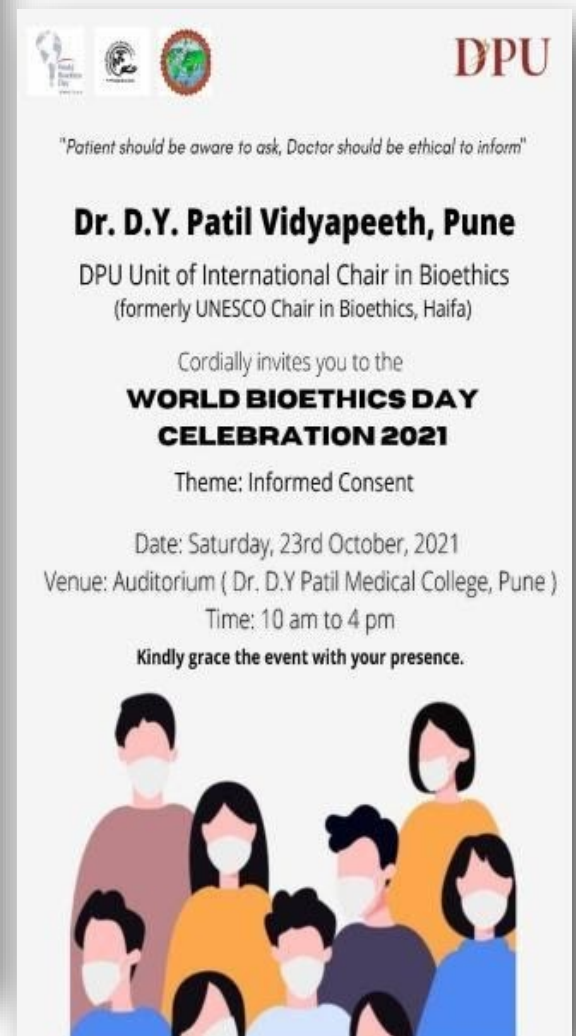
Dr. B. Vatsaleswamy
Director Academics
Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Center, Pune

Dr. J. S. Bhawalikar
Head DPU Unit of International Chair in Bioethics, Pune
Dean, Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Center, Pune

Dr. Shailaja Mane
Secretary, DPU Unit of International Chair in Bioethics, Pune (Formerly UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa)
Prof. Dept. of Pediatrics, Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Center, Pune

JOIN ZOOM MEETING
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Designed by: Jyoti Sankar DPMH, Pune



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"Patient should be aware to ask, Doctor should be ethical to inform"

Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune
DPU Unit of International Chair in Bioethics
(formerly UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Haifa)

Cordially invites you to the
WORLD BIOETHICS DAY CELEBRATION 2021
Theme: Informed Consent

Date: Saturday, 23rd October, 2021
Venue: Auditorium (Dr. D.Y Patil Medical College, Pune)
Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Kindly grace the event with your presence.



NAME OF THE INSTITUTE: DR.D.Y.PATIL VIDYAPEETH, PUNE INDIA
NAME OF THE UNIT: DPU UNIT OF INTERNATIONAL CHAIR IN BIOETHICS
NAME OF UNIT HEAD: DR. J S BHAWALKAR
DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIT: 18TH MARCH, 2015
STUDENT'S WING OF UNIT ESTABLISHED ON: 16TH MARCH, 2015

PROGRAM DETAIL:

Dr. D.Y.PATIL VIDYATEETH,Pune (DPU) Unit of Bioethics ,International chair in Haifa celebrated the **World Bioethics Day** on Saturday, 23rd October 2021 as per guidelines given by chair.

LIST OF COLLEGES PARTICIPATED:

Students and faculties from different colleges of DPU attended WBW 2019.

Dr.D.Y.Patil Medical College , Hospital and Research Centre,Pune

Dr.D.Y. Patil Dental College,Pune

Dr.D.Y.Patil College of Physiotherapy,Pune

Dr.D.Y.Patil College of Nursing,Pune

Dr.D.Y.Patil College of Homeopathy, Pune

Dr.D.Y.Patil College of Ayurveda, Pune

Dr.D.Y.Patil Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute,Pune

The theme for World Bioethics Day 2021 Competition was- "Informed Consent", inspired by Article 6 of Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The event was held in hybrid form comprising both online and offline platform to be part of the celebration at Dr. D.Y Patil Medical College, Pune following all COVID-19 protocols and was attended by 60 participants and dignitaries.

Lighting Lamp

To commence this occasion, all the dignitaries to came to the dais and kindle the lamp of knowledge.



We started this event off with a recital of the Saraswati Vandana by Palak Mittal, student of Dr.D.Y.Patil Medical College, Pune.



Our dignitaries for the day who grace the event by their presence were

- Hon'ble Dr. N.J Pawar, Vice Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth
- Dr. YM Jayraj, Former Vice Chancellor and Advisor to the Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Pune
- Dr. Jayant Navrange, Medico legal Consultant, Pediatrician, Member, IMA Pune.
- Dr. (Brig) Amarjit Singh, PD, CEO DYPMC Pune
- Dr. P. Vatsalaswamy, Director Academics DYPMC Pune
- Dr. J.S. Bhawalkar, Head, DPU Unit Bioethics, Dean, DYPMC Pune

Event was graced virtually by-

Respected Dr. Smita Jadhav, trustee of Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth,Pune

Respected Dr. Yashraj Patil ,Treasurer and trustee, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth,Pune

Hon'ble Dr. Russell D'souza, Head and Chair, Asia Pacific Division, International Chair in Bioethics, Director of Education International program, International Chair in bioethics

Respected Dr. Srikumar Vasudevan, Secretary of the International Chair of Bioethics of Calicut Medical College and our chief guest of the day.Along with number of people from various corner of the country and the world.



Felicitation Ceremony



Dr.J.S Bhawalkar, Head DPU Unit of Bioethics and Dean, Dr. D Y Patil Medical College, Pune felicitated Hon'ble Dr. N.J. Pawar, Vice Chancellor, DPU Vidyapeeth, Pune

Dr. (Brig.) Amarjit Singh, Principal Director and CEO DYPMC Pune felicitated Dr. Y.M. Jayraj, Former Vice Chancellor and advisor to the Chancellor of DPU, Pune.



P. Vatsalaswamy, Director Academics, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Pune felicitated Dr. Jayant Navrange, Vice Chairman of Medico-legal Cell, IMA, Consultant Pediatrician.

Dr. Derek D'souza, Director of National Bioethics Curriculum, Student National training faculty member at International Chair in Bioethics felicitated Dr. (Brig.) Amarjit Singh.





Dr. Shailaja Mane felicitated Dr. P. Vatsalaswamy and Dr. J.S. Bhawalkar sir, Head DPU Unit of Bioethics and Dean, Dr. D Y Patil Medical College, Pune.

Welcome Address

Moving further with the event we had Welcome Address by our very own respected Dr. Bhawalkar, Head, DPU Unit of Bioethics and Dean, Dr. D Y Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Pimpri, Pune which was as motivating as ever.



Opening Speeches

Dr. N. J. Pawar, Vice Chancellor, DPU Vidyapeeth, Pune addressed us with his words of wisdom. His speech was felt the gathering with encouragement

We had a very inspirational speech from Dr. Y.M. Jayraj, former Vice Chancellor of Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, he enlightened us with the sensitivity of the theme of this year's World Bioethics Day that is "Informed Consent"



Our special invitee Dr. Jayant Navrange, Medico legal Consultant, Pediatrician, Member, Indian Medical Association Pune, has taken us through all the important points regarding the medico legal aspects of the topic Informed Consent.



We were honored to have amongst our midst, Dr. Russell D'Souza, Head and Chair, Asia Pacific Division, International Chair in Bioethics, Director of Education International program, International Chair in bioethics. He gave a very motivating speech, it was elated to have sir grace the occasion virtually and enlightening us, and for upholding the cause of bioethics!



Further we had speech from our **Chief guest** Dr. Srikumar Vasudevan who joined us virtually. He is the Secretary of the International Chair of Bioethics of Calicut Medical College. He is the Chairman of Institutional Ethics Committee of Malabar Cancer Centre, under the department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Kerala. Formerly the State President of IMA Kerala, he is the Secretary of Ethics Committee of National IMA. He was felicitated online.



Award distribution

The award for active member 2021 Poulami Deb, is the coordinator of DPU Pune, Bioethics Students' Wing, International Chair in Bioethics. She actively contributed to successfully conducting various events in the World Bioethics Day competitions by communication and coordination with the steering committee and students.



2) Triple A Team of Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College Pune for bagging 2nd position in International platform for Short Film Making held in occasion of World Bioethics Day 2021 on theme Informed Consent.



3) Mansimral Joha, Student of Dr.D. Y. Patil Medical College Pune for bagging 3rd position in International platform for Poetry held in occasion of World Bioethics Day 2021 on theme Informed Consent.



We welcomed our esteemed judges of the Bioethics Competition conducted on 20th August 2021 in Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Pune

Dr. Derek Dsouza, Director of National Bioethics Curriculum, Student National training faculty member at International Chair in Bioethics. Director Students' Training & Development at Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth.

Dr. Vijay Satav sir, Hon'ble President Elect of IMA PCB, Executive Committee, Pathologist and founder of Dr. Satav's Pathology Laboratory.

Dr. Kalpana Kelkar ma'am, Professor and Head of Department, Critical Care Medicine, DYPMCH, Pune.



Ad our panelist who came by making time from their busy schedule- Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh sir, is the Assistant director of Health Services in Pune. A consultant ENT surgeon, he worked as medical superintendent for 8 yrs in rural area of pune, sir has served as Deputy Director of Health of Pune region (comprising pune satara solapur) from 2017-2020. He has worked to improve the health infrastructure and diagnostics during COVID19 Pandemic, and is presently working as the Nodal Of icer for COVID vaccination programme.

Dr. (Brig.) Daniel Saldanha is an International fellow of the American Psychological Association. He is professor emeritus, and former HOD at the dept of Psychiatry at Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College,Pune. Having retired from active Military service in 2010 was professor & HOD at AFMC and Consultant in Psychiatry Command Hospital Southern Command. Saldanha sir has over 135 national and international publications and 6 books to his credit.

Dr. Shalaka Agarkhedkar Ma'am, is a revered consultant Ophthalmologist and has a PhD in the field of "Informed Consent in Clinical Practices and Research Settings" first of its kind in India and globally. She has worked as a clinical trial specialist with all the major Pharmaceutical companies in the world namely: Pfizer, Sanofi, Novartis, Serum Institute of India, Johnson and Johnson, GSK to name a few. She was invited for Data and Safety Monitoring Board meeting at WHO HQ GENEVA in October 2009.

Advocate Mrs. Priti Sathe, has an experience of close to two decades in the field of law. At present she is working as a panel advocate with 3 co-operative banks. An active member of Mahila Dakshata Samiti, MIDC Bhosari police station and she is also a member of Human Rights Commission. An active member of Mahila and al kalyan samiti, she strongly advocates for the rights of women who have been victims of workplace harassment.

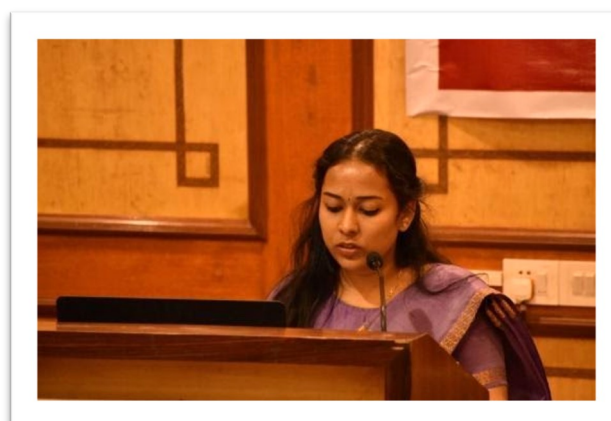
The moderator for this session was Dr. Derek Dsouza sir, Director of National Bioethics Curriculum, Student National training faculty member at International Chair in Bioethics. Director Students' Training & Development at Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune.



Followed by we had a fruitful session of panel discussion, which content a lots of information on INFORMED CONSCENT from different point of view of the society.



There was annual repost briefing about what all activities was carried on around the year in DPU Bioethics Wing, Pune by Dr. Shailaja Mane, Secretary DPU Bioethics Wing, International Chair in Bioethics.

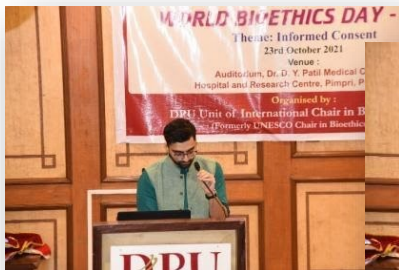


Ending the first session of the World Bioethics Day 2021 with vote of thanks from Poulami Deb, Coordinator of DPU Bioethics Students' Wing Pune, International Chair in Bioethics.

Second session started with energetic Nukkar Natak presented by Undergraduate students from Dr. D.Y.Patil Medical College Pimpri, Pune. They portrait the message of importance of Informed Consent and Assent in todays' society.



For students we had Students elocution-



Slam poetry competition-



Judges for Students' Elocution and Slam Poetry were-

Dr. Himadri Bal Professor, Head of Unit, ObGyn, DYPMC Pune

Dr. S.L Jadhav Professor, Dept of Preventive and Social Medicine, DYPMC Pune

Dr. Neelesh Kanaskar Professor, Dept of Anatomy, DYPMC Pune



We ended our World Bioethics Day 2021 celebration with distribution of certificates to all the winners and participants of World Bioethics Day 2021 competitions that held on 20th August, 2021 namely- Artistic Poster, Scientific Poster, Short Film Making, Poetry competitions. And also winners of Student Elocution, Slam poetry and Nukkar Natak were awarded with certificates.





Display of posters from all the participants of WBD 2021 competitions from 20th August 2021 were displayed.



Photo Gallery (Click the link)-

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THANK YOU

DPU Pune UNIT OF INTERNATIONAL CHAIR IN BIOETHICS

World Bioethics Day Celebrations Report 2021

GSMC MUHS International Chair Bioethics Unit Celebrated World Bioethics Day 2021 by conducting various competitions, workshops and main event extended over a period of three months. The competitions were held in the month of August followed by workshops and the main event on the theme of World Bioethics Day 2021 'Informed Consent'. The unit has a strong students' wing that carried out various activities. Due to the current situation of COVID 19, all competitions were held online mode on virtual platform. Students were involved in planning, organizing and execution of these events. Experts from outside and within the institute were invited as judges.

COMPETITIONS:

ARTISTIC POSTER COMPETITION: Artistic Poster making competition was held on the theme 'Informed Consent'. Total 21 entries were received.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION: Photography competition was held on the theme 'Informed Consent'. Total 08 entries were received. It was kept open for undergraduate students of Seth GSMC & KEMH.

POETRY COMPETITION: Total 06 registrations were received from the undergraduate students of Seth GSMC & KEMH. The poems were in English and Marathi language.

'ETHOSCOPE' SHORT FILM COMPETITION: Short film competition on the theme 'Informed Consent' Total 03 registrations were received from the undergraduate students of Seth GSMC & KEMH.



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WORKSHOPS:

'COMBATING VACCINE HESITANCY' WORKSHOP:

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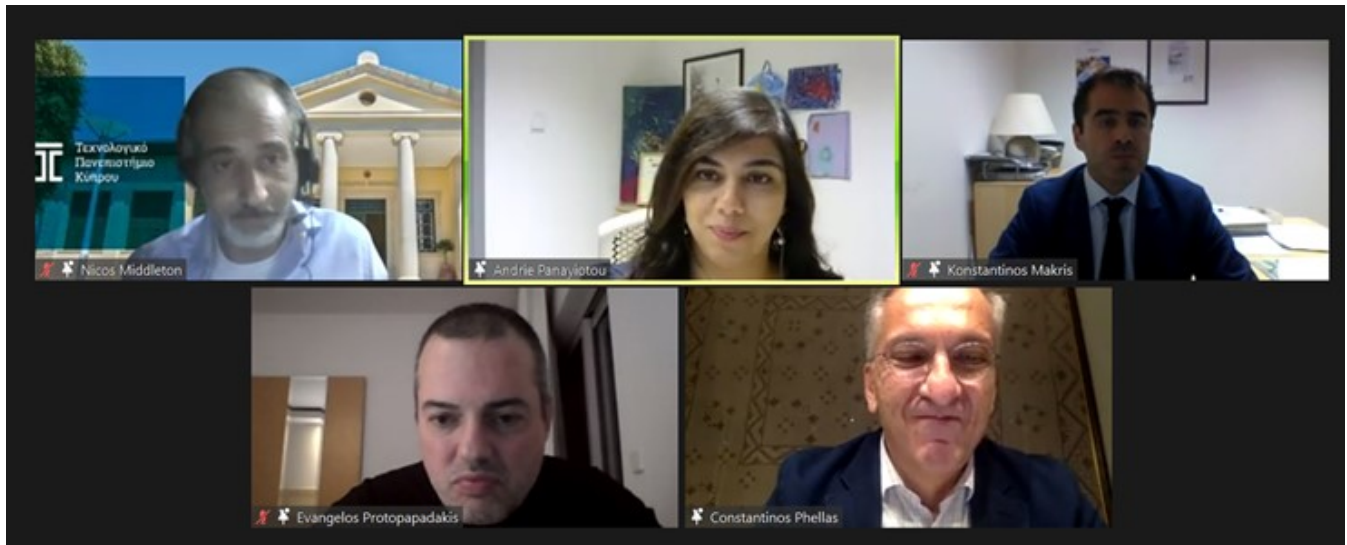
WBD 2021 celebrations on 17th October 2021

Organisation of an online panel discussion during the 7th Annual Cyprus Public Health Day, which this year celebrated the WBD as well. The event was under the Auspices of the Minister of Health who gave the opening address. The panel topic was the Bioethics of evidence-based practice in Public Health in times of crisis, chaired by Dr. Panayiotou (Cyprus Unit Head). Participants included Prof. Protopapadakis (Hellenic Unit Head), Prof. Fellas (Chair of the Cyprus National Bioethics Committee), Dr. Middleton and Dr. Makris from the Host organization (Cyprus University of Technology). The event was broadcasted live on Youtube.

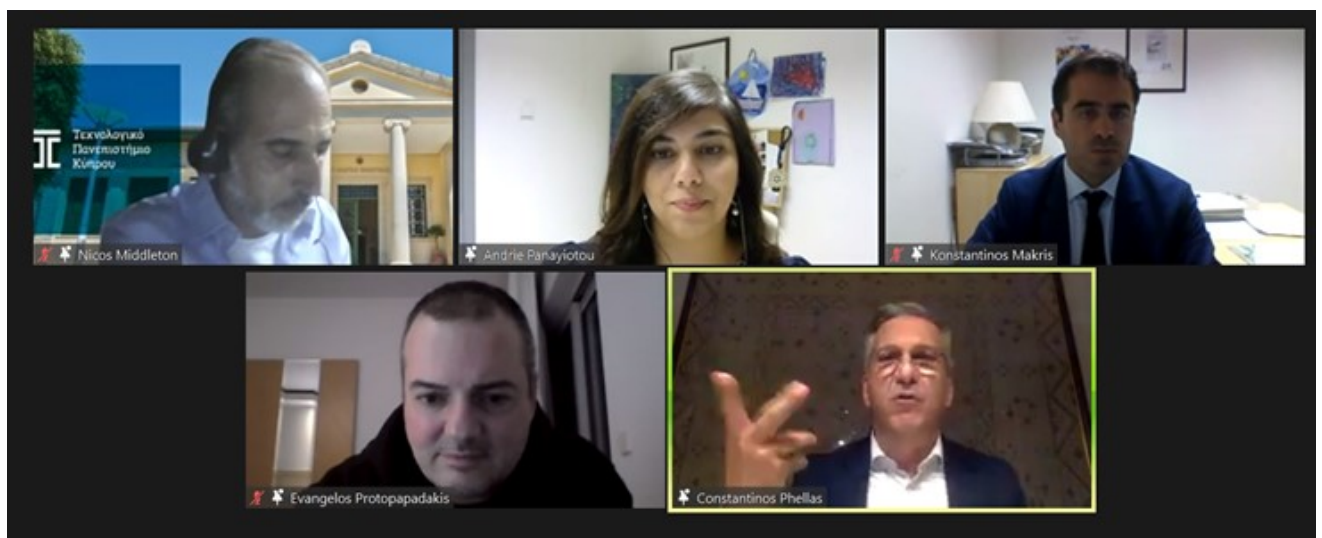
Some photos of the event are shown below.



Cyprus Minister of Health giving his opening address



Panel discussion on Bioethics and evidence-based practice in times of crisis



PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID' WORKSHOP:

Considering the importance of mental health among medical students, the Students' Wing of GSMC MUHS International Bioethics Unit had organized a workshop on 'Psychological First Aid' on 5th October, 2021 on Google meet. This was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Psychiatry, Seth GSMC & KEMH, Mumbai.



WORLD BIOETHICS DAY CELEBRATION 2021:

The main event was organized on Monday, 18th October 2021 from 1 pm to 4 pm on Google meet. Mrs Mariya Jandani, Head of the unit welcomed all on behalf of the Dean Dr Hemant Deshmukh. Dr Deepika Sadawarte, Member of the unit introduced the theme. Dr Anjali Telang, Secretary of the unit presented the annual report 2020-2021.

The annual bulletin of the Bioethics Unit 'Inarch 2021' was released by Dr Urmila Thatte & Dr. Padmaja Samant. Dr Padmaja Samant, editor of Inarch spoke about the unique title of our bulletin and also about this year's issue of Inarch which has covered a range of topics related to the theme of this year.

The key note speaker, Dr Urmila Thatte, Professor Emeritus & Ex Head of the Department, Department of Clinical Pharmacology, Seth GSMC & KEMH shared her thoughts on 'Informed Consent in Research'. After explaining the important components and the process of informed consent from investigators perspective, Dr Thatte shared the observations related to the consent process. She used interesting case scenarios to explain the important legal aspects of consent. This was followed by Symposium on 'INFROMED CONSENT'. This session was moderated by Dr Padmaja Samant, Head of Steering Committee, GSMC MUHS International Chair Bioethics Unit.

The speakers were:

1. Dr Ruchi Nanavati: Topic " Ethical Issues & Consent in Beginning of Life"

Professor & Head, Department of Neonatology, Seth GSMC & KEMH, Mumbai

2. Dr Henal Shah: Topic “Making Choices-A Rights Based Approach”

Professor, Department of Psychiatry, TNMC & Nair Hospital, Mumbai

3. Dr Nandini Vallath : Topic “ Approach to Shared Decision Making”

Consultant, Pain Relief & Palliative Care

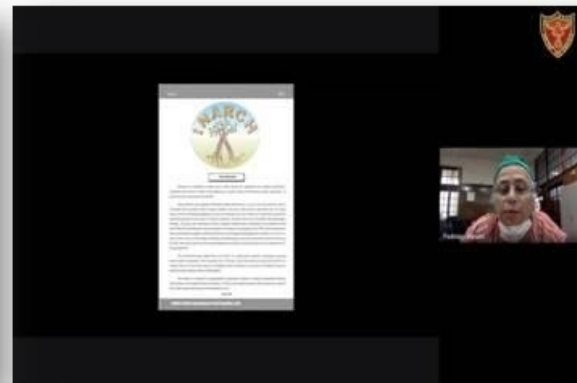
The speakers used interesting cases and shared experiences from their field. This symposium was appreciated by the audience.

Dr. Trupti Ramteke, Web Coordinator, GSMC MUHS International Chair Bioethics Unit announced results of various competitions that were held as a part of WBD Celebrations. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr Padmaja Samant, Head of Steering Committee. All events were supported by Regional Resource centre of KEM Hospital, Mumbai.

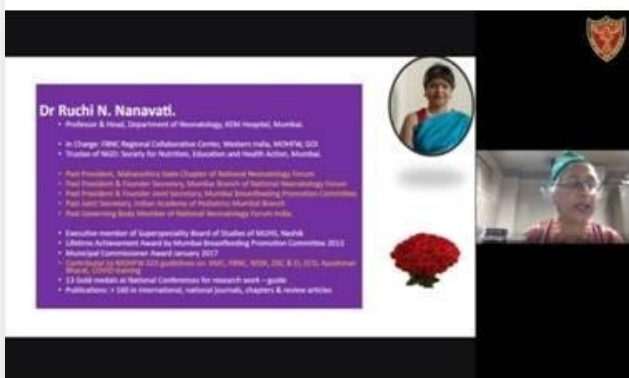
World Bioethics Day Celebrations 2021

At Seth GS Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra

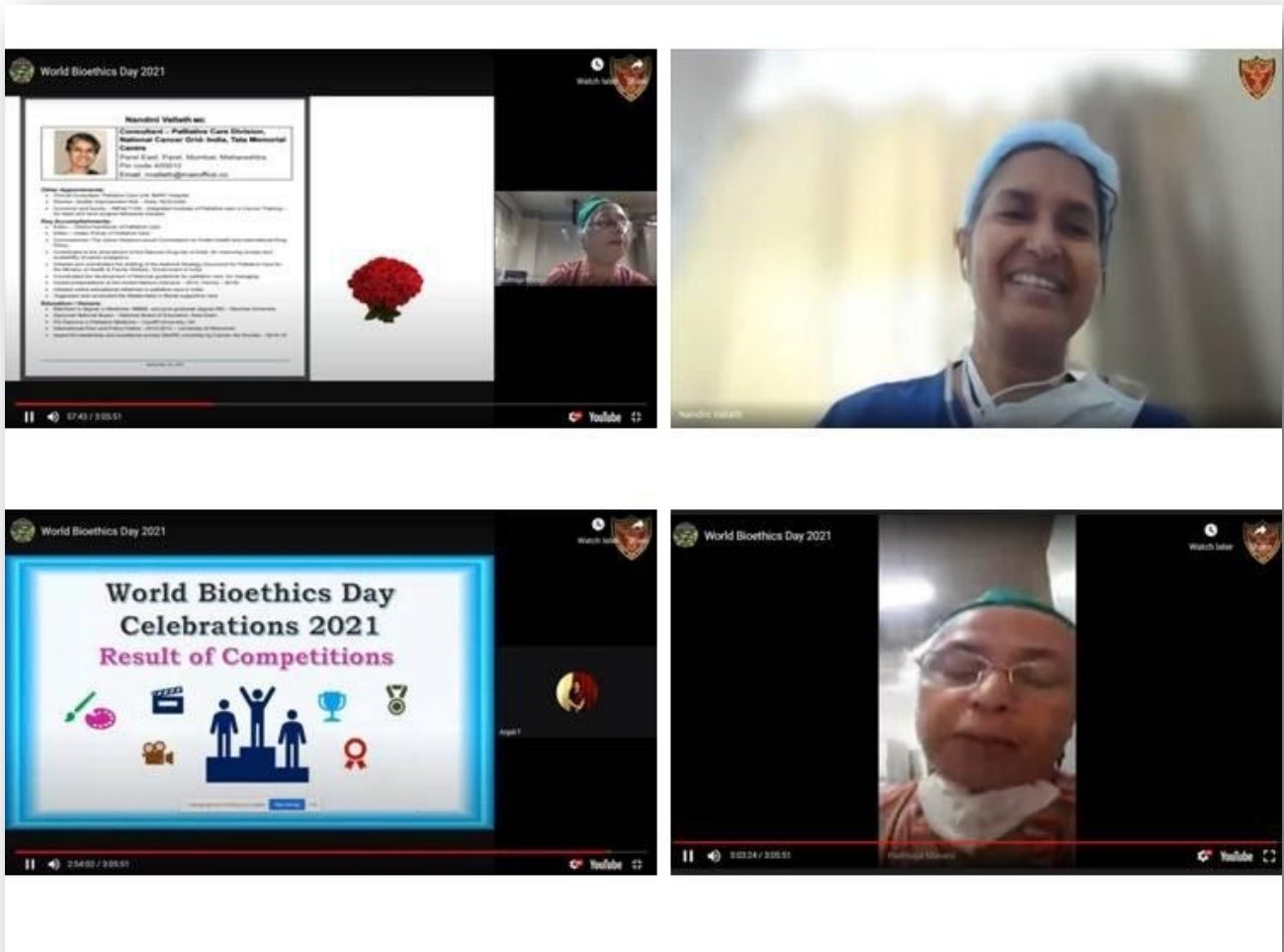




Dr. Mariya Jiandani Dr Padmaya Samant



Head of Unit Head of Steering Committee



Report of World Bioethics Day Celebration 2021

Name of the Institute: **Pramukhswami Medical College, Gujarat, India**

Name of the Unit: **International Bioethics Unit, Gujarat, India**

Name of the Unit Head: Dr. Barna Ganguly

Date of Establishment of Unit (5th September, 2014)

Date: **20th October 2021 (3.00 -5.00pm)**

Venue: **Bhaikaka Auditorium, Bhaikaka University, Karamsad, Gujarat (India)**

Summary of the program: The program was planned this year with the theme, “**Informed Consent**”. The targeted audience was mainly post graduate medical students. Looking into Covid precautions, social distancing was maintained. There were 32 (thirty two) Post graduate residents who attended the program.

The event was organized on 20th October, 2021 from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Three experts were invited for the program:

Dr. Somashekhar Nimbalkar, Associate Dean (Research), Bhaikaka University

Dr. Dr. Nirav Asarwala, Oncologist, Cancer Centre, H.M.Patel Centre of Medical Care and Education

Dr. Jagdish Varma, Professor, Psychiatry, P.S.Medical College, Karamsad

They presented as per topics allotted to them with time duration of 20 minutes each. The last event was panel discussion for which Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Professor of Community Medicine was also invited. This lasted for 1 (one) hour.

Introduction of the program : Topic - World Bioethics Day and the theme of 2021

Speaker: **Dr. Barna Ganguly, Head of the Unit P. S. Medical College**

Dean's Address & Speech: Dr. Himanshu Pandya,

Topic - Professionalism & Ethics

Followed by presentation of the designated topics by respective speakers

At the end there was question answer session (panel discussion) which lasted for 1 hour.

Program Schedule (3.00pm to 4.30pm)



1. Introduction of the program
 2. Prayer
 3. Dean's address followed by scientific sessions
 - 4. Informed Consent in Academic Research:** Dr. S.Nimbalkar
 - 5. Informed Consent in Clinical Trials:** Dr. N. Asarwala
 - 6. Importance of informed Consent in Clinical Practice:**
Dr. J. Varma
- TEA BREAK (10 minutes)
7. Question Answer & Discussion
 8. Vote of Thanks





The program ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Barna Ganguly who co-ordinated the whole event.

INDIA—MAEER'S PHYSIOTHERAPY COLLEGE TALEGAON UNIT

Name of the Institute: MAEER's Physiotherapy College, Talegaon (D)

Name of the Unit: MAEER's Physiotherapy College Bioethics Unit

Name of Unit Head: Dr. Priya Chitre (P.T)

Date of Establishment of Unit (dd/mm/yyyy):04/10/17

Student's wing of Unit: Yes If yes, Date of establishment (dd/mm/yyyy): 04/10/17

Program Details (Date of Celebration of event): 27th October 2021 (Due to University Exams being held in October this year, date was changed to accommodate time table.)

Session I : WORLD BIOETHICS DAY celebration was an online event this year. More than 100 participants attended the event which included faculty, UG and PG students.

Part 1. (Time of inauguration and duration of Part 1 of program) 2 pm to 2.45 pm

Opening speech by Head of Unit:

Name: Dr. Priya Chitre

Title: Welcome Speech for World Bioethics Day celebration

Welcome Speech by Head of Institute:

Name: Dr. Sayli Paldhikar, Principal In charge

Title:

Representative of International Chair in Bioethics:

Name: Dr. Derek D'Souza, Regional Co-ordinator

Title: Importance of Bioethics in curriculum

Part 2. Details of Guest lecture/ Panel Discussion/ Symposium:

Timings and duration of Part 2: 2.45 am to 3.15 pm

Title of the Activity: Lecture on 'Overview of INFORMED CONSENT'

Name(s) of the speaker(s): Dr. S. L. Jadhav

Title(s) of the speaker(s): Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Dr. D.Y.Patil Medical College, Pune

This was followed by E felicitation of Dr. Derek D'Souza and Dr. S.L.Jadhav

Session II :

Part 3. Scientific Paper/ Poster Presentation/ Student Debate: (Timings and duration of Part 3) N.A

Part 4. Drawing/ Rangoli/ Poetry Competition: 3.15 pm to 3.35 pm: RECITATION OF 4 ENTRIES FOR POETRY COMPETITION HELD IN Aug 2021. Students recited their poems on informed consent.

Part 5. Display of entries for Scientific/ Artistic Poster/ Short film/ Photography Competitions: (Timings and duration of competition) N.A

Part 6. Valedictory function: (Timings and duration of competition) 3.35 pm to 3.45 pm

Place: Talegaon Dabhade, Pune

Date: 9/8/2021

Signature of the Unit Head

Name: Dr. Priya Chitre (PT)

WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2021

PROGRAM SCHEDULE-ONLINE EVENT ON ZOOM

Date: 27/10/2021

Sr. No	Time	Topic	Speaker
1	2.15 pm to 2.20 pm	Introduction and welcome of dignitaries	Dr. Priya Chitre (P.T)
2	2.20 to 2.25 pm	WORLD PEACE PRAYER	
3	2.25 to 2.30 pm	Welcome Address by Principal	Dr. Sayli Paldhikar (P.T)
4	2.30 to 2.35 pm	Introduction of Dr. Derek D'Souza (Regional Coordinator of International Chair of Bioethics)	Dr. Pooja Gulunekar (P.T)
5	2.35 to 2.45 pm	Remarks by Dr. Derek D'souza on Importance of World Bioethics Day	Dr. Derek D'Souza
6	2.45 to 2.50 pm	Introduction of Dr. Col. S.L.Jadhav, Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Dr. D.Y.Patil Medical College, Pimpri	Dr. Pooja Gulunekar (P.T)
7	2.50 to 3.20 pm	Keynote address- Informed Consent	Dr. Col. S.L. Jadhav
8	3.20 to 3.30	E-Felicitations of DR. Jadhav and Dr. Derek D'Souza	
9	3.30 to 3.45 pm	Recitation of poems by students on Informed Consent	
9	3.45 to 3.50 pm	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Priya Chitre (P.T)

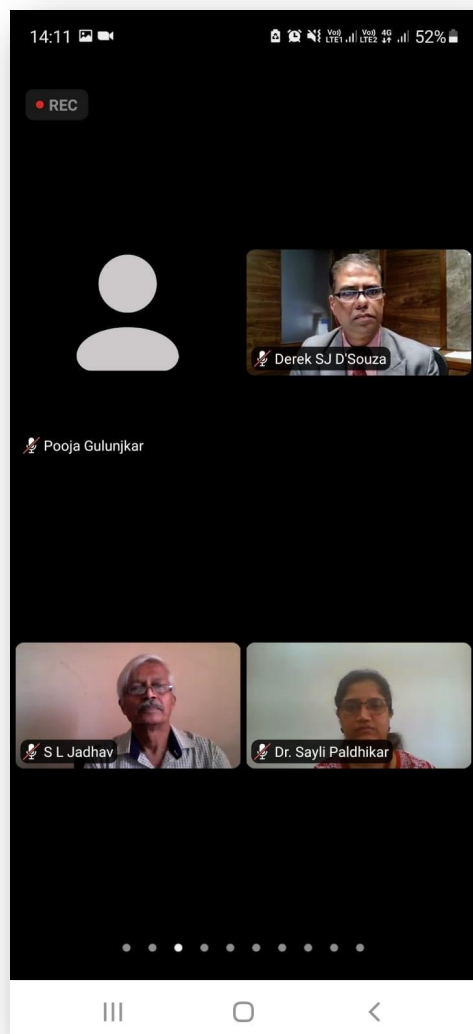


MAEER's PHYSIOTHERAPY COLLEGE
Talegaon Dabhade
celebrates
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**Webinar on
INFORMED CONSENT**
Speaker: Dr. S. L. Jadhav
October 27th, 2021 Time: 2 pm to 4 pm

Zoom Meeting Id: 894 0502 5671
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INDIA—MIMER MEDICAL COLLEGE TALEGAON UNIT

Name of the Institute: MIMER Medical College, Talegaon Dabhade, Pune,
Maharashtra, India

Name of the Unit: National Bioethics Curriculum Implementation Centre

Name of the Unit Head: Dr Swati Belsare, Principal, MIMER Medical
College, Talegaon Dabhade, Pune

Date of Establishment of Unit: 04/10/2017

Student's wing of Unit: Yes,

Date of establishment: 04/10/2017



The Sixth World Bioethics Day 2021 was celebrated at MIMER Medical College, Talegaon Dabhade on 19th Oct 2021. The theme for this year's celebrations was **"Informed Consent"**. Under the guidance and support of our Executive Director, Dr Suchitra Nagare, all the events were planned and conducted at MIMER Medical College, Talegaon Dabhade as a part of the World Bioethics day celebration.

Dr. Janice Jaison
Secretary,
NBCIC

Dr Swati Belsare
Director, NBCIC
Principal, MIMER Medical College, Talegaon D



The Morning session of the program was arranged in Sushrut Hall. At the entrance, rangoli depicting the theme was drawn and the entries for the various categories of the International competition were displayed.



A Panel Discussion Session was organized for the interns, residents and the faculty members on the theme of “Informed Consent” The Panelists were expert and renowned members of the medical fraternity with a sound legal knowledge. The panelists included

Dr Jayant Navarange, Consultant Paediatrician
 Dr Pratibha Kane, Consultant Anaesthesiologist
 Dr Manish Machave, Consultant Gynaecologist
 Dr Naresh Zanjad, Prof and HOD, Dept of FMT, BJMC Pune.

The Moderator for this session was Dr. Sachin Naik, Prof and HOD, Dept of Surgery, MIMER Medical College, Talegaon Dabhade.

The celebrations began with **Dr Janice Jaison, Secretary, Bioethics Unit** giving a brief introduction about the International Chair in Bioethics Haifa, their role and theme of World Bioethics Day 2021. This was followed by recital of World Peace Prayer and lighting of the lamp.



The Panelists and the Moderator took the participants through various elements of Informed Consent- Definition, Brief Historical background, Understanding terminologies: Beneficence, Non-maleficence, Justice and Autonomy, Guidelines about Informed consent, Principles of Informed consent, Informed consent in special situations, Types, Exceptions and Barriers of Informed consent. All of these topics were explained in a very lucid manner with relevant day to day examples.

The Panel Discussion was an interactive session in which faculty members and students actively participated and asked queries and shared their experiences.

Dr Swati Belsare, Director and Principal, MIMER Medical College, felicitated the speakers.



She also spoke about the importance of the correct implementation of this powerful tool in medical practice. It was a proud moment indeed, when Dr Swati Belsare announced that MIMER secured 1st position in the International Scientific Poster Competition. This poster was prepared by Yash Majithia, Final year MBBS student under the guidance of Dr. Swati Raje. He had conducted a study titled, "Knowledge about Informed Consent Among Residents and Interns of Medical College."

This was followed by Vote of Thanks and recital of Pasayadan. Tea and Refreshments were arranged for all.



The afternoon session consisted of celebrations of World Bioethics Day by the undergraduate medical students. Phase wise programs were arranged by the Phase In-charge faculty and the students

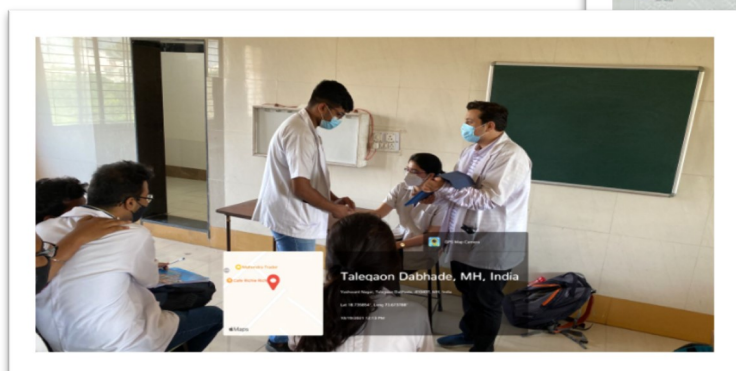
Phase 1- Students shared their views on “My Experience in the Dissection Hall”

Phase 2- Skit on “Health as Right for All” and Debate on “ Autonomy: Should it be exercised by the patient or by the care giver”

Phase 3- Skit: Communication Skills, Debate on “Confidentiality”

Phase 4- Skit based on foundation of patient doctor communication, empathy in communication and patient Autonomy.

The highlight of the 6th World Bioethics Day Celebrations at MIMER Medical College, Talegaon Dabhade Pune was the active and wholehearted participation of the facultymembers and the students in all the events organized.







Report of the World Bioethics Day 2021 Celebrations

Nitte Bioethics Steering Committee

A Unit of the International Chair in Bioethics, Haifa

NITTE (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, Karnataka, India

World Bioethics Day (WBD) event was held on **22nd October 2021**, at NITTE (Deemed to be University) as per the “Common Program for Units” suggested by the International Chair in Bioethics and the World Bioethics Day Committee. The theme for this year’s celebration was ‘Informed Consent’ (inspired by the Article 6 of UDBHR). Due to the current pandemic situation, the event was held online, following all COVID-19 protocols and was attended by the members of NITTE Bioethics Steering Committee, members of NITTE Bioethics Students’ Wing and students from the constituent colleges of NITTE (Deemed to be University). Dr. Suraj S Shetty, Secretary, NITTE Bioethics Steering Committee and Dr. Sathvik Rai, Joint Secretary, NITTE Bioethics Steering Committee were overlooking the online proceedings.

The event was graced by following dignitaries:

Prof. Dr. Satheesh Kumar Bhandary, Vice Chancellor, NITTE DU, Chairman of NITTE Bioethics Steering Committee, Head of National Students’ Program in Bioethics.

Prof. Dr. Russell D’ Souza, former head UNESCO chair in Bioethics, Haifa.

Heads of constituent colleges under NITTE (Deemed to be University).

The inaugural program was held at 09:15 AM and was presided over by Prof. Dr. Satheesh Kumar Bhandary, Honourable Vice Chancellor of NITTE (Deemed to be University). The program began with a welcome address by Ms. Jeshma, Joint secretary, NITTE Bioethics Students’ Wing, for the esteemed dignitaries, heads of institutes and participants.

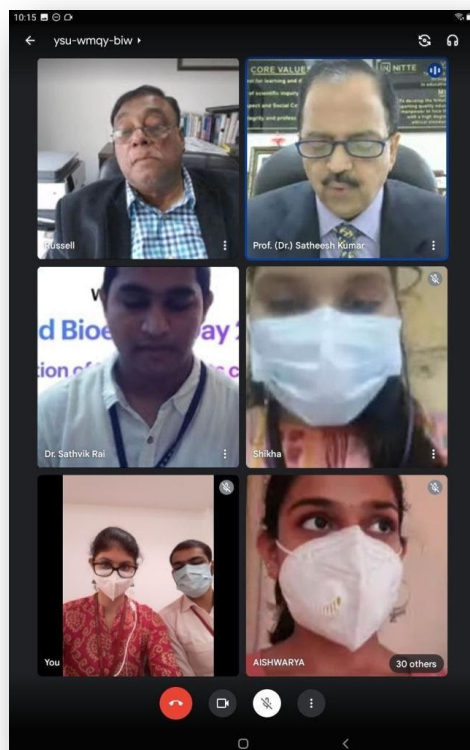
This was followed by lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Honourable Vice Chancellor of NITTE (Deemed to be University) Prof. Dr. Satheesh Kumar Bhandary followed by recitation of prayer by a group of students. Later he addressed the gathering wherein he sensitized the participants on the importance of bioethics, informed consent and various activities done at our University to promote bioethics. Prof. Dr. Russell D’ Souza, former head UNESCO chair in Bioethics, Haifa, also addressed the gathering.



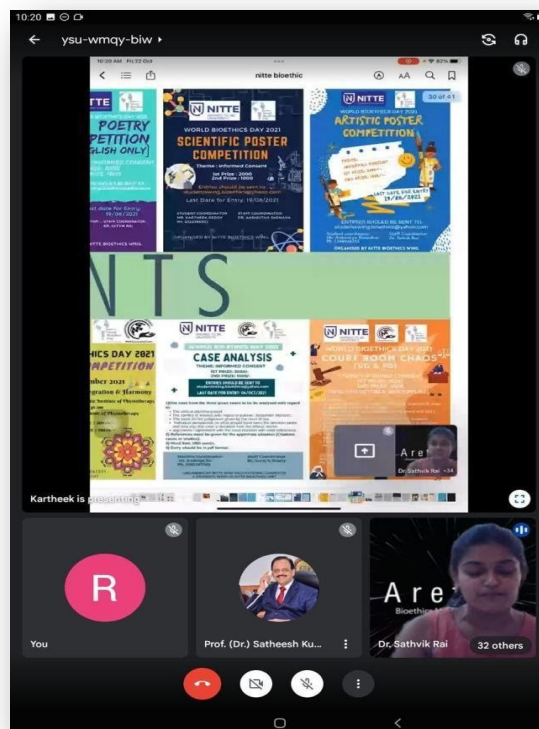
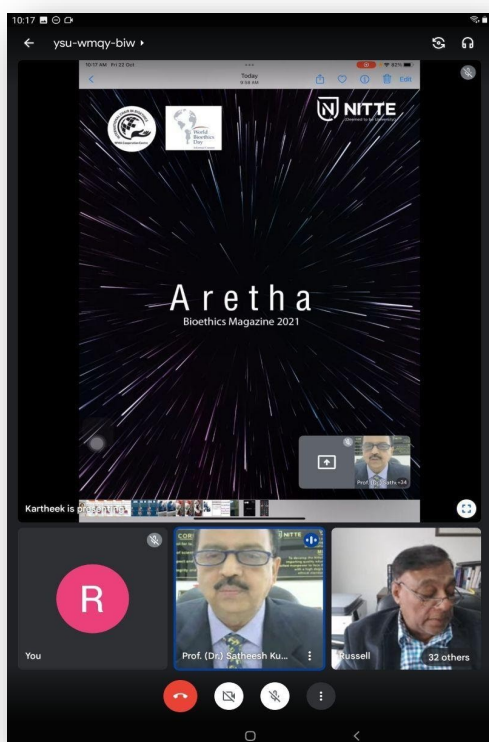
Ms. Roxanne, Joint secretary, NITTE Bioethics Students' Wing, presented the annual report of the activities of the students' wing for the year 2020-2021. Ms. Ramya R and Ms. Kadeeja Zia were recognised as 'Most Active members' of the Students' Wing for the year 2020-2021.



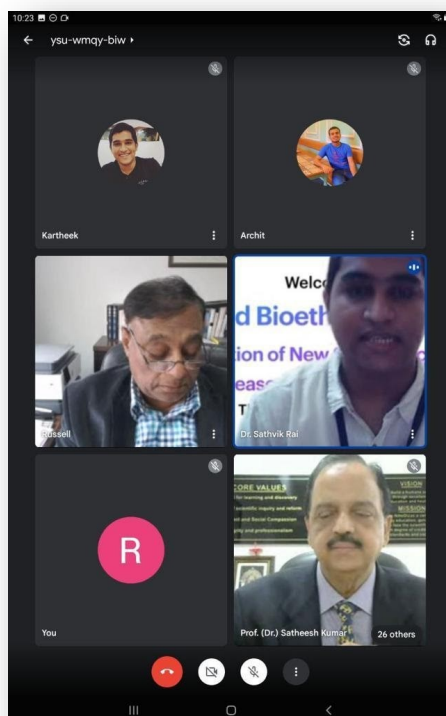
Dr. Suraj S Shetty, Secretary, NITTE Bioethics Steering Committee, introduced the members of the new students' council for the year 2021-2022. After the induction, Oath was taken by the new members which was recited by the Honourable Vice Chancellor of NITTE DU, Prof. Dr. Satheesh Kumar Bhandary.



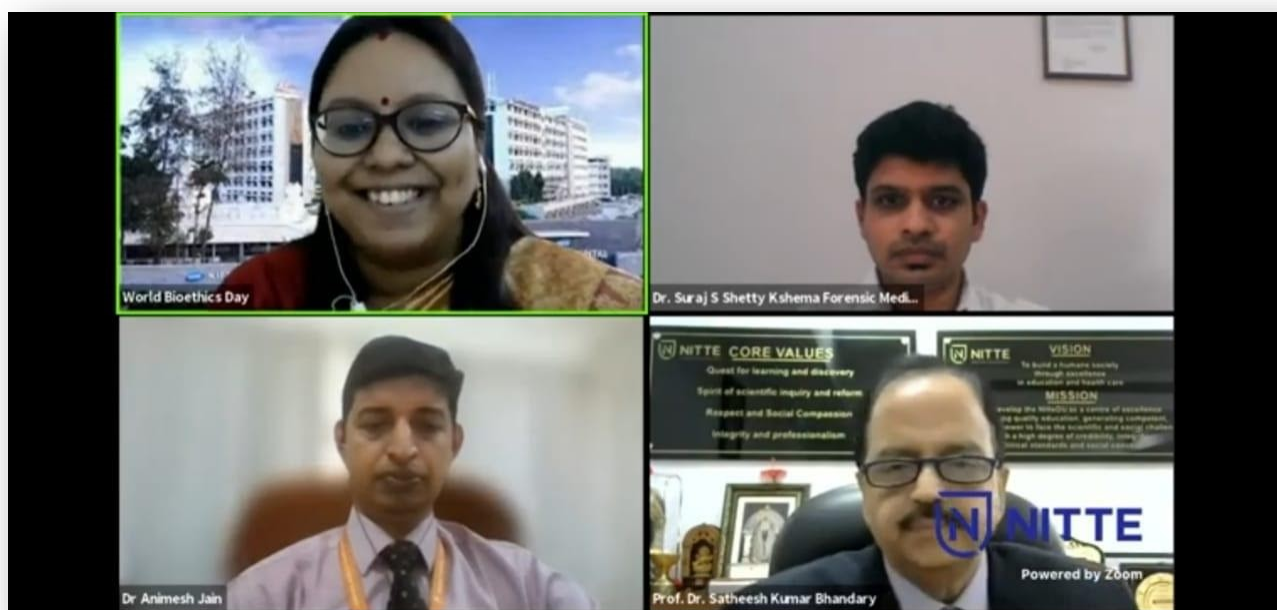
Aretha', the third edition of the Annual Bioethics magazine by the Students' Wing of NITTE Bioethics unit, was released by the respected Vice Chancellor of NITTE DU, Prof. Dr. Satheesh Kumar Bhandary along with other NITTE Bioethics Steering Committee members. Ms. Aishwarya R from the editorial team, explained the title of the magazine and shared the experience of the editorial team in bringing out the magazine.



Finally, the ceremony was concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Kartheek Reddy, the incoming president of NITTE Bioethics Students' Wing.



As a part of World Bioethics Day 2021 celebrations, later in the day, a Guest lecture on 'Informed consent' was also organized by NITTE Bioethics Steering Committee and Students' Wing of NITTE Bioethics unit in collaboration with the Staff Development Centre, NITTE (DU). The session commenced with opening remarks given by the Honourable Vice Chancellor of NITTE (DU), Prof. Dr. Satheesh Kumar Bhandary. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Animesh Jain, Head of Mangalore unit of International Chair in Bioethics, Professor & Head of the department of Community Medicine, KMC. It was followed by a Q&A session moderated by Dr. Suraj S Shetty, Secretary, NITTE Bioethics Steering Committee.



Report of Competitions organised as part of World Bioethics Day - 2021

As part of the World Bioethics Day 2021 celebrations, the NITTE Bioethics Students' Wing with the guidance of NITTE Bioethics Steering Committee, had conducted various competitions starting from 19th September 2021. The theme for WBD 2021 competitions was 'Informed consent'. Students from all the constituent colleges of NITTE (Deemed to be University) actively participated in them. The winners of these competitions were recognised and prizes distributed during the World Bioethics Day (WBD) event which was held on 22nd October 2021. The judges of all the events were also felicitated at the event. The winning entries (one each) from the Artistic poster, Scientific poster, Poetry, Short film and Photography competitions were submitted as official entries from NITTE (DU) to the WBD 2021 International competitions.

1. Artistic poster:

Date: 19.08.2021

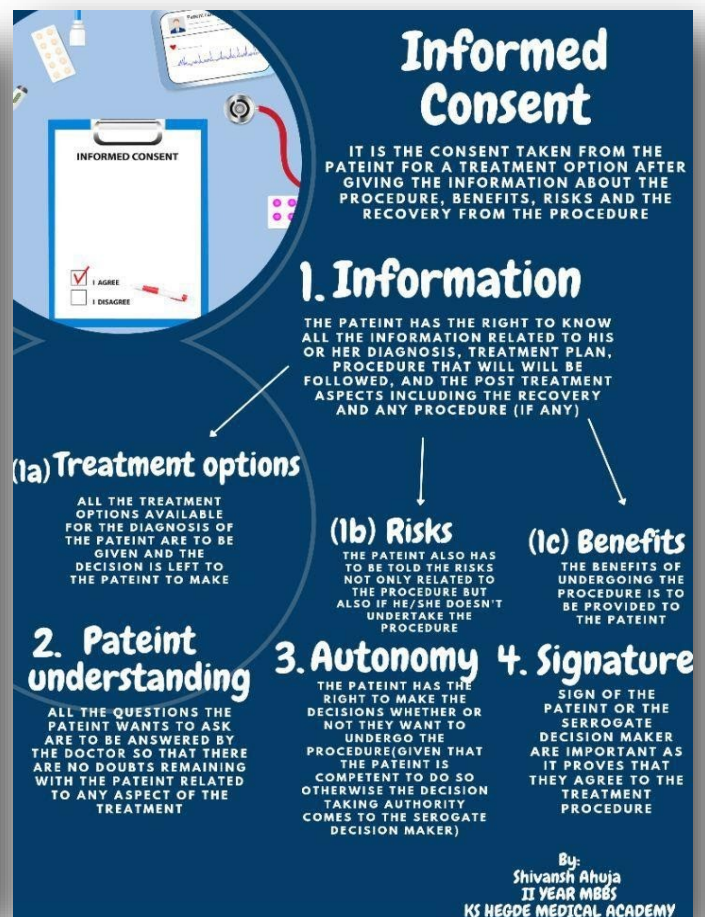
Staff coordinator: Dr. Sathvik Rai

Student coordinator: Ms. Aishwarya R

Judge: Dr. Sachidananda Adiga

Winners – 1ST – Katheek Reddy - 4TH BDS, ABSMIDS

2ND – Shivansh Ahuja - 2ND MBBS, KSHEMA



We are pleased to report that the entry from the NITTE Bioethics Unit for the 'International Artistic Poster Competition', by Mr. Kartheek Reddy, secured Third place.

2. Scientific poster:

Date: 19.08.2021

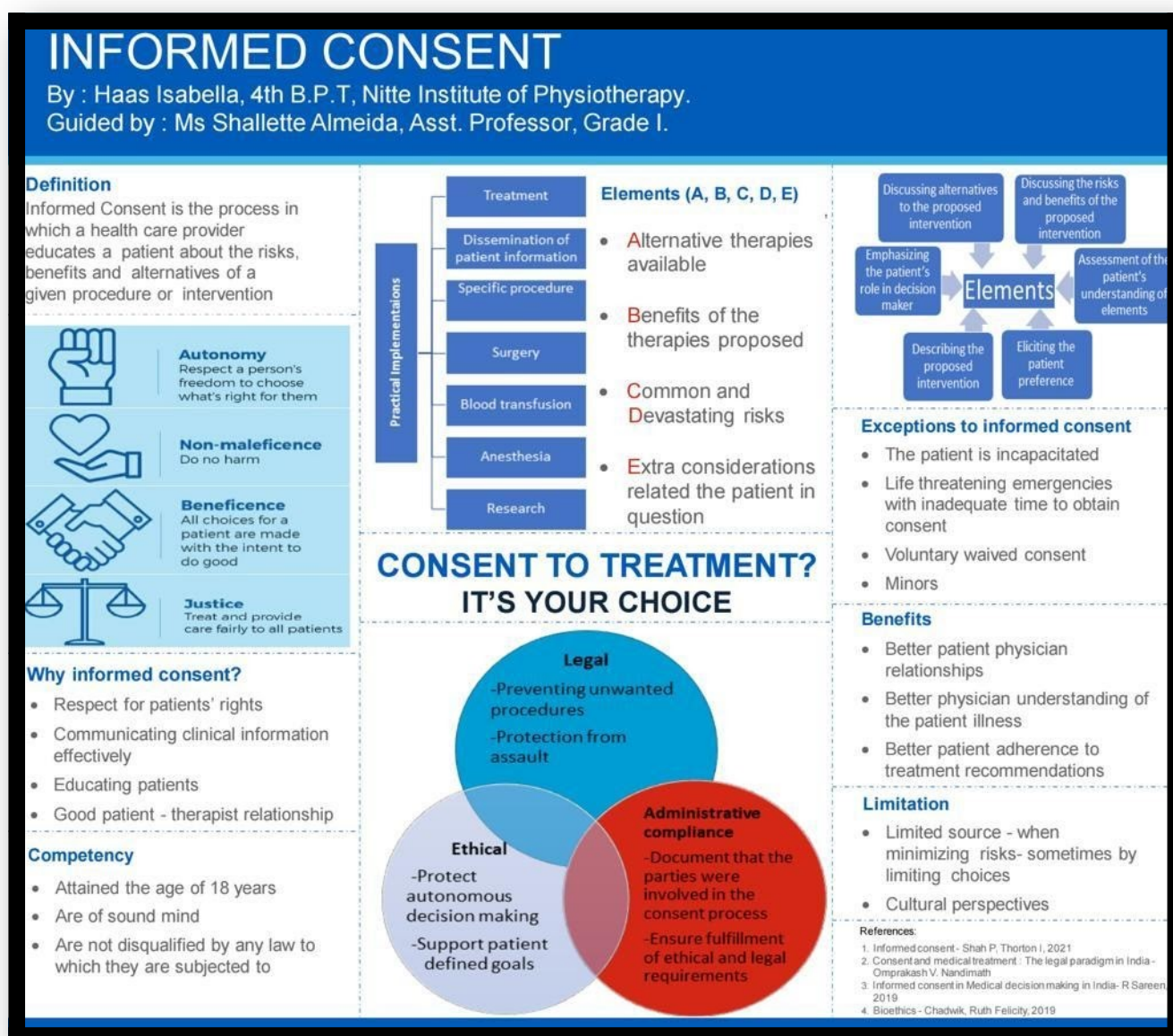
Staff coordinator: Dr. Aashritha Shenava

Student coordinator: Mr. Kartheek Reddy

Judge: Dr. Kishan Prasad

Winners – 1st - Haas Isabella – 4th BPT , NIPT

2nd - Dr. Damini Rane – PG Psychiatry, KSHEMA



1° Prize in Scientific Poster

Date: 19.08.2021

Staff coordinator: Dr. Suraj S Shetty

Student coordinator: Mr. Aditya Goel

Judge: Dr. Suraj Shetty , Dr. Sathvik Rai

Winner -1ST - Aditi Johri – 3RD MBBS, KSHEMA

2ND - Pallavi V Guttal – NUCSER

5.Essay writing:

Essay competition was conducted and students from our various constituent colleges participated in large numbers. Theme for essay writing was 'Informed consent' and the submission was online.

Date: 26.09.2021

Staff coordinator: Dr. Smitha Hegde

Student coordinator: Ms. Jeshma R

Judge: Dr. Praveen Rai

Winner -1ST - Shreya - NUCSER

2ND - Rahul Rohidas Karande -MGM School of Biomedical Science,
Kamothe, Navi Mumbai

6.Photography contest:

Date: 19.08.2021

Staff coordinator: Dr. Suraj S Shetty

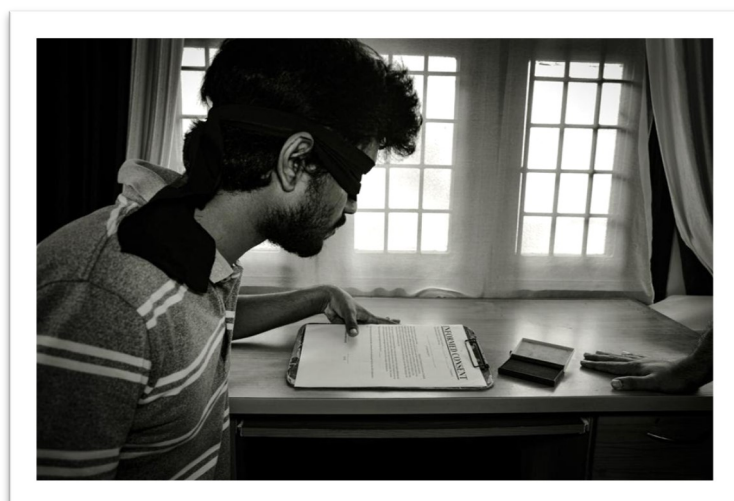
Student coordinator: Ms. Kadeeja Zia

Judge: Dr. Suraj S Shetty , Dr. Sathvik Rai

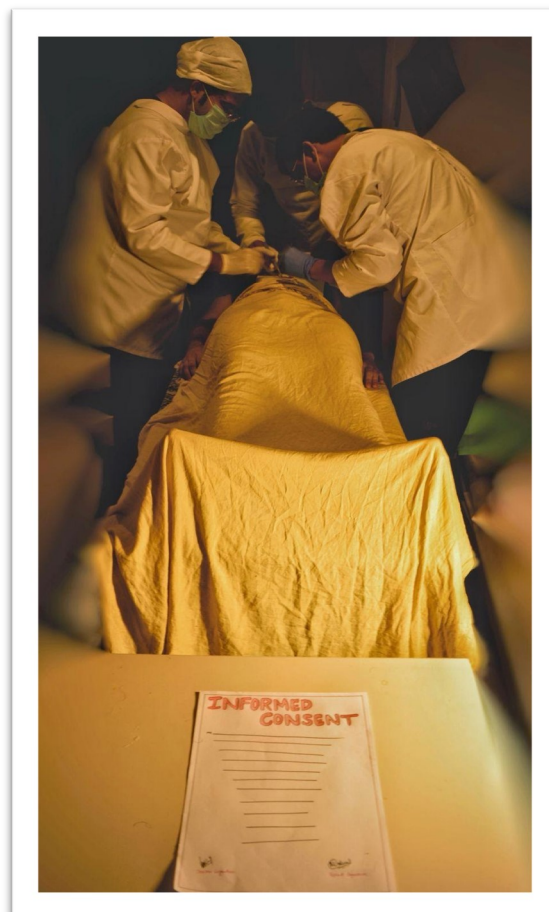
Winner - 1ST - Rathan Kumar – 1ST MSC, NUCSER

2ND - Ijaz Ahamed – 2ND MBBS, KSHEMA

1st prize in Photography



2nd prize in Photography



7. Rangoli:

The Rangoli competition was held with a theme of 'National integration & harmony'. It included team participation with a maximum two members per team. Participants came up with amazing rangoli designs and displayed great creativity.

Date: 28.09.2021

Staff coordinator: Mrs. Aishwarya Nair

Student coordinator: Ms. Roxanne Tauro and Ms. Shikha Naik

Judge: Mrs. Aiswarya Nair, Mrs. Priyanka Nayak

Winner – 1ST - Ishita Goyal and Pratibha Sethi – KSHEMA

2ND - Lakshmi and Panchami – NIPT

1st prize in Rangoli



2nd prize in Rangoli



8. Case analysis:

Case analysis competition was conducted with the theme 'Informed consent' and the submission was online. Participants had to analyse one case from the three given cases, with regard to the ethical dilemma posed, conflict of interest, basis for the judgement given by the court of law and their opinion on what should have been the decision taken. Participants were to express their arguments / agreement with the decision of the court along with valid references.

Date: 01.10.2021

Staff coordinator: Dr. Suraj S Shetty

Student coordinator: Ms. Kadeeja Zia

Judge: Dr. Swati Acharya

Winner - 1st - Pratibha Sethi – KSHEMA

2nd - Serwat Bano – KSHEMA

9. Debate:

The debate competition with the theme 'Informed consent', was conducted online. There were two people in each team and there were three teams. Team A supported the motion and Team B spoke against the motion. The opening speaker of Team A opened the motion and spoke for 3min & the opening speaker of Team B spoke against the motion for 3min. The rebuttal speaker of team A rebuts the points of Team B and concluded in 5min, then the rebuttal speaker of Team B rebuts the points of Team A and concluded in 5min.

Date: 01.10.2021

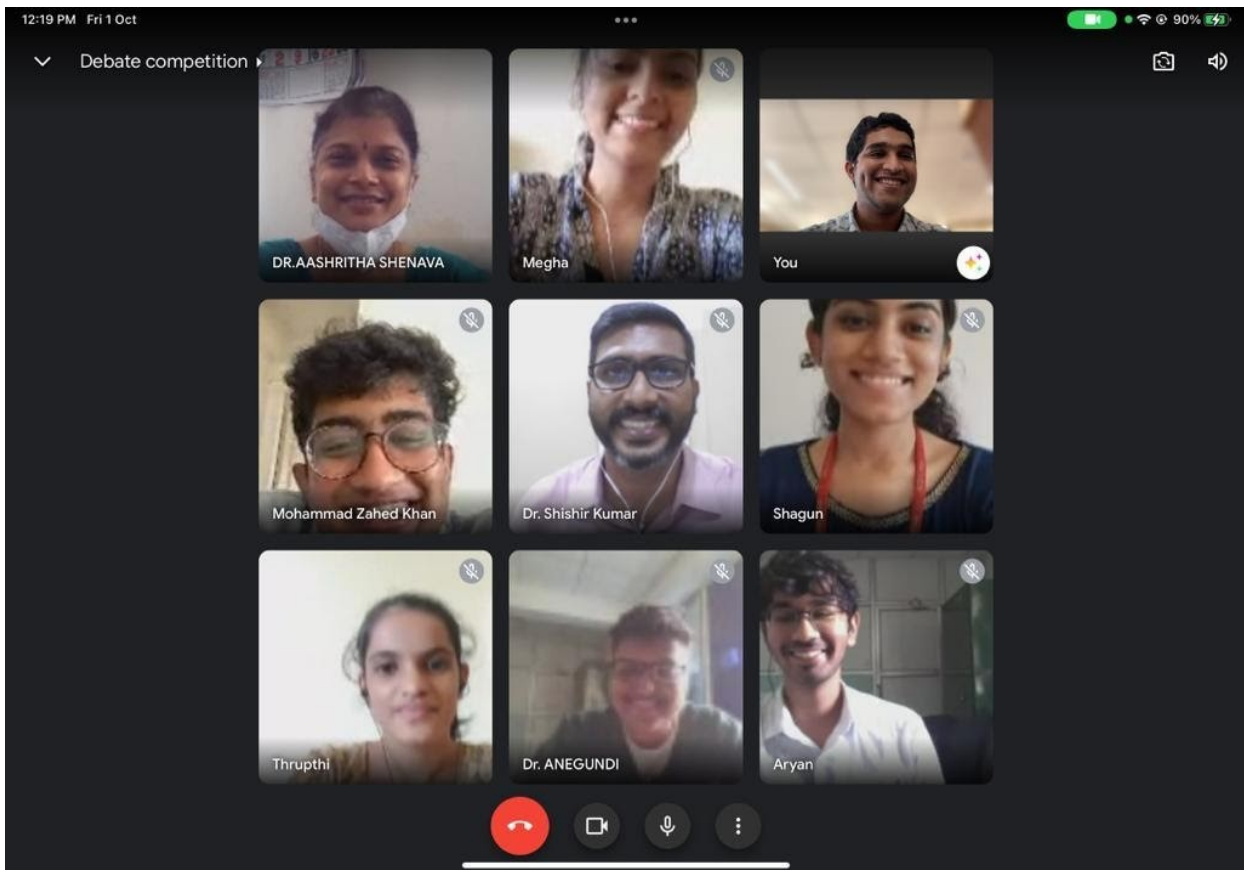
Staff coordinator: Dr. Aashritha Shenava

Student coordinator: Mr. Kartheek Reddy

Judge: Dr. Shishir Shetty

Winner -1ST – Zahed and Shagun – KSHEMA

2ND – Aryan and Vamshi – ABSMIDS



10. Courtroom chaos:

Court room chaos is mimicking a busy courtroom, a group of three will discuss ethical dilemmas and reach a decision on spot.

Different medical scenarios, designed around the theme of 'Informed consent' were given on the spot and each team had only 8 minutes to discuss and come up with their play. In the group of three, one acted as plaintiff, one as defendant and one as judge. The plaintiff first spoke for 2min, followed by the defendant who spoke for 2min. Soon followed by a 1min rebuttal by plaintiff and a final 2min speech by the judge was given. It was conducted as an offline event.

Date: 06.10.2021

Staff coordinator: Dr. Sathvik Rai

Student coordinator: Mr. Shivam Kaushik

Judge: Dr. Mahabalesh Shetty, Dr. Suraj S Shetty ABSMIDS

Winner – 1ST - Prathiba Sethi , Serwat Bono , Muskan Chaudhary – KSHEMA

2ND - Vaishnavi Shubhash Naik , Merrin Elza John, Kezia Augustian –
ABSMIDS





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6th WORLD BIOETHICS DAY REPORT

The Email communication was received on 15th July, 2021 from the World Bioethics Day Committee regarding the proposed plan of 6th World Bioethics Day celebration. The Core Committee was formed with members from Medical College to organize the event by our Chair, Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Lt Col A Ravikumar and Vice Chair, Dr. Sundaram, Dean of Medical College. Subsequently subcommittee was formed with members representing various colleges of our SRMIST (Medical and Health Sciences, Engineering).

The Agenda of the events and program was discussed and finalized. The 6th World Bioethics Day celebrations at SRM Institute of Science and Technology included competitions conducted exclusively for the students. There were 8 competitions conducted, all based on the theme of informed consent. Out of which, winners of 5 categories which included Artistic poster, Scientific poster, English poetry, Short film and Photography were further sent to compete at the international level. The other 3 categories which included Essay writing, Rangoli designing and Skit / Drama/ Play/ Music were conducted at the intra-university level. Students from various branches actively participated in all the competitions. The competition entrees were screened by various faculties by predefined point based scoring system. The final average score was considered for each student to select winners of each category. The Winners were finalized for each category.

The overall trophy was proudly won by SRM Kattankulathur Dental College and Hospital, for the maximum number of participants and winning entries. The short film by the team from SRM Kattankulathur Dental College and Hospital was specially appreciated and further won the third prize in the international arena.

The 6th World Bioethics day Webinar was scheduled on October 19th, 2021 through Online Mode. The event brochure was mailed to World Bioethics day Committee. The students and faculty from within the University and from all the constituent colleges were invited for the Webinar. There were 1169 participants who registered for the webinar. The event day was planned in two sessions. The morning session included Guest Lectures of four distinguished Speakers in the field of Bioethics and the afternoon session included Event Reporting, Students performance and Prize distribution. (Event Brochure attached).The Winners were awarded a Memento and Certificate while participants were given Certificate of participation.

About 908 participants submitted feedback about the Webinar. These analyzed by the organizing committee. 53.3% had rated the overall organization of event as excellent. Suggestions were noted for future events. The final report of the 6th World Bioethics Day event was prepared and submitted to the organisers of World Bioethics day.

PHOTO GALLERY

BANNER AND BROCHURE

6th WORLD BIOETHICS DAY
 THEME - INFORMED CONSENT
 VIRTUAL PROGRAM
 Department of Education
INTERNATIONAL CHAIR IN BIOETHICS & SRM INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
 Potheri - Tamilnadu
 We are privileged to invite you all to the 6th World Bioethics Day Celebration
Prof. Dr. A. Sundaram
 Dean
 SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre
Dr. Lt Col A. Ravi Kumar
 Pro-Vice Chancellor
 Medical and Health Sciences
 SRM Institute of Science & Technology
 Date: 19th October 2021 | Time: 9am - 4pm IST | Venue: Kattankulathur

6th WORLD BIOETHICS DAY
 19th OCTOBER 2021
 THEME-INFORMED CONSENT | PROGRAM AGENDA
 9 AM - 4 PM

Time	Event
SESSION - I	
9 am to 9:15 am	Welcome address by Head and Co Head of the Unit followed by Inauguration
9:15 am to 9:30 am	Introduction to Bioethics Prof. Dr. Russell Franco D'Souza Head & Chair- Asia Pacific Division Director of Education, International Program UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (Haifa), Australia.
9:30 am to 10 am	Valuing the Human: The Importance of Consent and Informed Consent. Dr. Shabbir Amanullah, Adjunct Professor The University of Toronto and University of Western Ontario, Canada.
10 am to 10:30 am	The Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on informed consent and its principles Prof. Dr. Mina Chandra DNB (Psychiatry), PhD (Neurology) Professor of Psychiatry and Joint Secretary, UNESCO Chair of Bioethics, Haifa - Central India Chapter Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi.
10:30 am to 10:45 am	Discussion
10:45 am to 11:15 am	Relevance of Informed consent in Clinical trials Dr. Melvin George, Associate Professor, Dept. of Clinical Pharmacology, SRM Medical College Hospital, Kattankulathur.
11:15 am to 11:45 am	Clinical Case Based Discussion Dr. Usha Viswanath, Professor & HOD, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Centre, SRMHER, Chennai.
11:45 am to 12 pm	Discussion

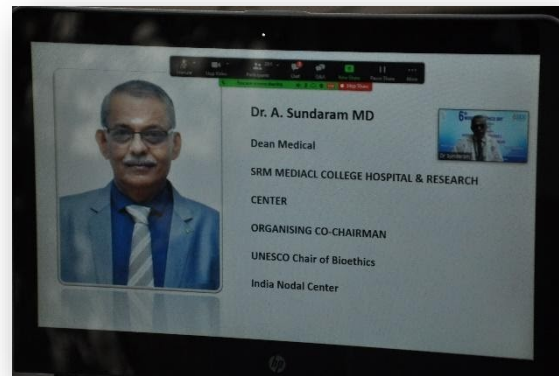
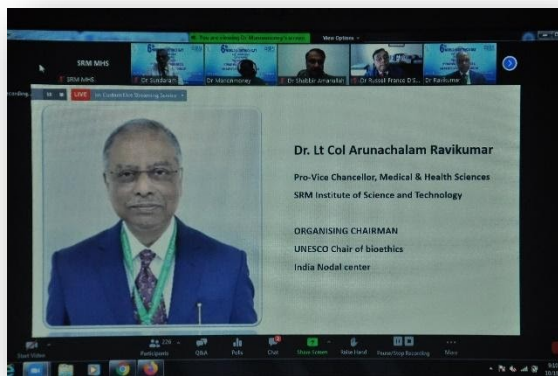
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 19th OCTOBER 2021
 THEME-INFORMED CONSENT | PROGRAM AGENDA
 9 AM - 4 PM

Time	Event
SESSION - II	
1 pm to 1:15 pm	Brief report on competitions
1:15 pm to 2:45 pm	Students Performance
2:45 pm to 3:45 pm	Felicitation and Prize distribution
3:45 pm to 4 pm	Vote of Thanks

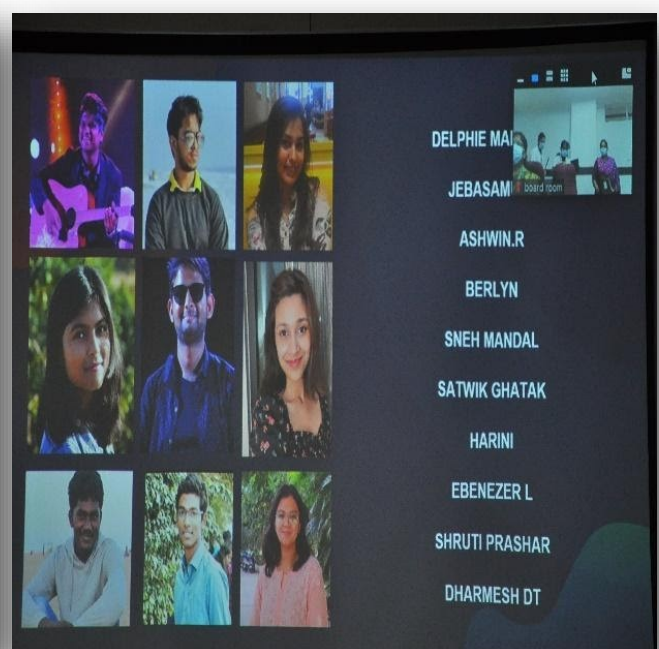
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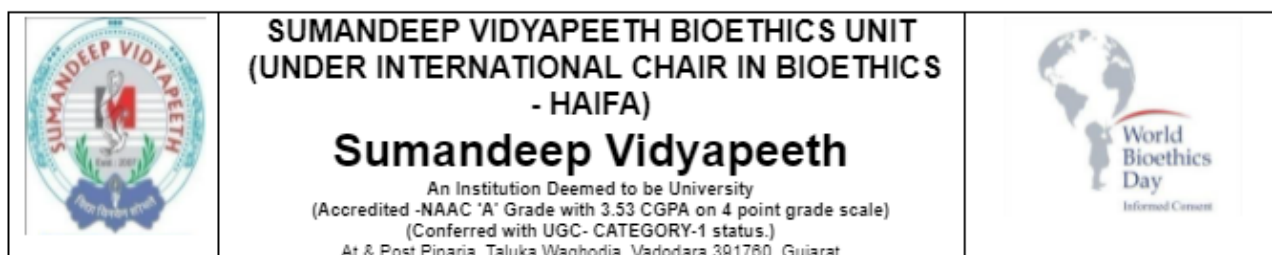


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The Organizing Committee



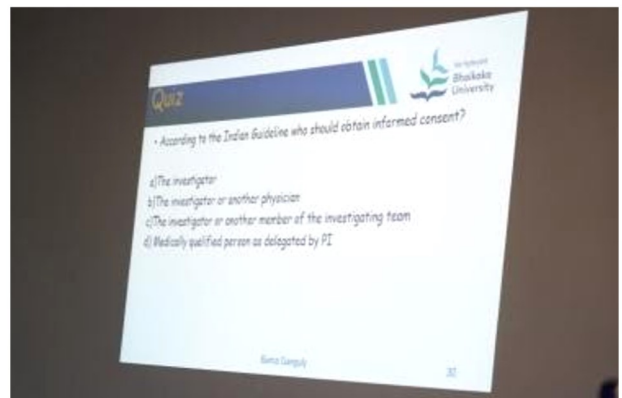


REPORT ON
WORLD BIOETHICS DAY CELEBRATION
19th October 2021

Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Bioethics Unit (Under UNESCO Chair Haifa) celebrated the World Bioethics Day. The bioethics unit organized a poster and poem competition. There were 13 entries of posters and 4 entries of poems across the disciplines of Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Nursing and Healthcare Management. The unit actually observed the theme for this year **“INFORMED CONSENT”**.

The Bioethics Day was observed on 19th October 2021 by organizing “State level Seminar on Role of Informed Consent on Bioethical Conduct of Research.” Dr. Barna Ganguly, Professor, Department Of Pharmacology, P.S. Medical College, Karamsad, Anand and Assistant Dean, Professional Development, P.S. Medical College, Karamsad, Anand. She is also the Head of International Chair in Bioethics - Haifa Bioethics Unit, Gujarat, India. The event started at 2:00 PM with inaugural address by Dr. Paresh Golwala, In-Charge Vice Chancellor, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth. The Guest of Honor, Dr. G V Shah, Director General, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth also addressed the participants. The judges of the event were facilitated by Dr. Niraj Pandit, Head, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Bioethics Unit. The winners and runner up of the event were presented with trophy and certificate.







Informed consent
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Microsoft Teams Webinar – code: t8yx7qu

14.00 Opening of the works: Miroslava Vasinova

Greetings from the Magnificent Rector of University of Genoa Prof. Federico Delfino

Conferment of the Bioethics Award 2021 to prof. Amir Muzur (University of Rijeka)

PARTECIPANTS

Coordinament: Luisella Battaglia

Linda Alfano *The participation of the minor in the care choices*

Luisella Battaglia *Informed consent and the pact of care. The role of ethical space*

Alessandro Bonsignore *Informed consent in forensic medicine*

Rosagemma Ciliberti *The relationship of care and trust: informed consent between novelty and criticality*

Natasha Cola *Informed consent and intercultural medicine. The case of migrants temporarily present*

Annalisa Di Mauro *Informed consent in veterinary medicine*

Alessandra Fabbri *The consent of the most vulnerable*

Paolo Gianatti *Informed consent in clinical trials?*

Franco Manti *The impossible consent and the limits of paternalism*

Paolo Petralia *The consent of the minor: ethical specificities and operational issues*

SPEAKERS

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Amir Muzur (*Università di Rijeka, Director Dipartimento UNESCO di Social sciences and Humanities at Medicina - medical humanities, President of Scientific Committee of Center of Excellence in Integrative Bioethics University of Zagabria*)

Paolo Petralia (*University of Genoa, General director ASL4*)

Miroslava Vasinova (*Presidente Centro Europeo di Bioetica e Qualità della Vita – International Chair in Bioethics*)

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Welcome to the Panel Discussion: World Bioethics Day 2021

Panel name: *Informed Consent and its Ethical Dimensions in Medicine and Research*

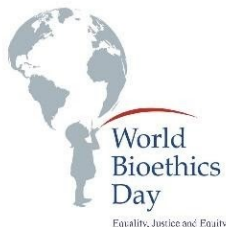
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Welcome & Moderator	Luigia Melillo	Director of International Research Office of Italian Unit- International Chair in Bioethics
Keynote	M.L. Coleiro Preca	President Emeritus of Republic of Malta
Keynote	Salim Bounou (tbc)	Vice President of Euromed University of Fez (UEMF) and dean of Pole BIOMEDTECH, Morocco
Speaker	Rui Nunes	Department of Research Director UNESCO Chair in Bioethics in Portugal
Speaker	Asciak Michael	Member of Parliament, Malta
Speaker	Praveen Arora	Head of International Committee for World Bioethics Day UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Professor of Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, SAIMS, India
Speaker	Tamar Dolidze	Batumi State Maritime Academy, Georgia. Pegaso International, Malta



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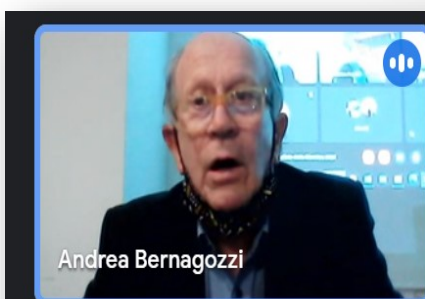
WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2021

“Informed Consent”

19 OCTOBER 2021, Aosta – Italy

Program of the day

- h. 9:50/10:00 - **Greetings from the Authorities;**
- h. 10:00/10:15 - Speech by **Dr. Antonio Amoroso**, Professor of Medical Genetics at the University of Turin and Director of the Regional Transplant Center of the Piedmont Region at the City of Health and Science of Turin: ***Informed consent and the project “5000 genomes for Valle D'Aosta”;***
- h. 10:15/10:30 - Speech by **Prof. Patrizia Borsellino**, full Professor of Philosophy of Law at the University of Milan - Bicocca, Professor of Bioethics and President of the Committee for End of Life Ethics: ***Informed consent in the Italian legal system and in bioethical thinking;***
- h. 10:30/10:45 - Speech by **Prof. Carlo Pasetti**, European Centre for Bioethics and Quality of Life scientific Director: ***Informed consent for those who cannot decide;***
- h. 10:45/11:00 - **Round table and debate;**
- h. 11:00/11:15 - **Presentation of the students' works;**
- h. 11:15/11:25 - **Awarding of the winning students of the competition;**
- h. 11:25/11:30 - **Conclusions.**





Informed Consent in the frame of the regulation of therapeutic relationship in Italy today

(WDB 2021, Aosta)

By Prof. Patrizia Borsellino

A first remark to begin the presentation has been that, as regard to therapeutic relationship, there is still in Italy a significant gap between the ethical and legal principles, on one hand, and the reality of the practices on the other hand.

Indeed, if we consider the therapeutic relationship in practice, we must recognize the persistence, among health workers, of the opinion that only the physician is the owner of decisions; of very little marked attitudes to the information and to the patient's participation in the decision-making process; of the still widespread habit of talking with the relatives rather than with the patients and of the conviction that, if a treatment useful to the health, and especially to the life, is available, then it must be put in place, regardless to the patient's will. However, those Traditional, paternalistic attitudes and behaviours are without normative justification. In fact, For some decades now, principles and rules, which govern both the international and national legal order, along with the context of medical ethics, have affirmed the key role played by the self-determination principle in relation to treatment decisions and have subordinated all medical interventions and treatments to the patient's will, without providing exceptions in relation to patients in critical conditions or to lifesaving treatments.

In the normative framework concerning healthcare assistance in Italy we can find today rules established at different levels of the legal order (Articles 13 and 32 of the Italian Constitution; Article 5 of the Convention on biomedicine and human rights (Oviedo 1997); Article 3 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (Nizza 2000); legislative acts; judicial decisions), and provisions stated both in the code of medical ethics (2014) and in the code of ethics for nurses (2009) that link the power/duty of care to the respect of the patient's will, which the patient expresses by accepting through informed consent or by dissenting, and therefore refusing a given treatment, without providing exceptions in relation to patients in critical conditions or to lifesaving treatments.

And so the unavoidable demand is: “Which the reasons of the gap between a normative framework characterized by a significant acknowledgment of the individual autonomy as essential value to be respected whenever choices and actions concern health and in general interventions on the body and the practice?”

Reasons to be taken into account are Cultural, linked to deficiencies in basic education of health care professionals and to organization, but also ingrained in ethical-legal regulatory framework itself. Despite many normative criteria are available, uncertainties remained on the roles of the subjects involved in the therapeutic relationship; the correct understanding of the informed consent; the right to the refusal of treatments, especially if lifesaving; the ethical-legal lawfulness of limitation of therapeutic effort (withholding and withdrawing a treatment) and the decision making in the case of incompetent patients.

A turning point in the normative framework concerning healthcare assistance in Italy has been represented by the Act n. 219/2017 concerning “Rules on informed consent and advance directives”. With regard to the roles of the subjects involved in the therapeutic relationship, the Act n. 219/2017 evaluates the competence of health professionals, whose exclusive responsibility is to identify appropriate treatments; places the patient at the center of the scene of therapeutic relationship, recognizing his/her decision-making autonomy, that means the prerogative to decide if to accept or reject a treatment and emphasizes the relevance of a communicative relationship as necessary context in which the informed consent must be placed; and finally, reserves to the patients the decision to exclude or include their relatives in decision-making process.

The Act n. 219/2017 provides, in particular, the correct understanding of the informed consent, Overcoming the still widespread concept of informed consent as a bureaucratic fulfillment; emphasizing the relevance of a communicative relationship as necessary context in which the informed consent must be placed and clearly distinguishing the informed consent as a communicative process from the documentation of the process, that can be realized in different ways, considering the conditions of the patients. The right to the refusal of treatments, especially if lifesaving is strongly recognized by the Act 219/2017, which specifies that the physician has not penal and civil liability, if he/she respects the will of the patient who refuses a treatment, also lifesaving and that the refusal of a lifesaving treatment does not bring away the duty of the physician to continue the assistance with all treatments available. Furthermore, the Act 219/2017 validates a

model according to which the physician has, beyond the duty of cure with the purpose of healing and, in any case, of saving the life, the special duty of relieve patients from pain and suffering, even when the patient has refused treatment, establishing palliative measures, and, if necessary, palliative sedation too and states that the physician not only can, but rather must not to administer futile treatments, avoiding any form of unreasonable obstinacy.

Recognizing the ethical-legal lawfulness of limitation of therapeutic effort, in a context – the Italian one - in which, the limitation of therapeutic effort still meets resistance, the Act 219/2017 strongly ask to healthcare professionals not to lose sight of the aim of life sustaining treatments, which is: to recover vital compromised functions, or at least to control suffering and maintain a level of quality and dignity of life according to the patient's perspective; to not prolong the process of death in cases in which individuals cannot benefit from lifesaving treatments because of their critical/terminal health state.

Thanks to the recent Act 219/2017 in Italy is today available an advanced regulation of therapeutic relationship, in line with the principles set out in the European normative framework and enshrined in the regulation of many others States in the world, useful to foster the cultural change needed to realize care practices always and anyway inspired to best interest of the patient , rather than to unjustifiable defensive logic.

It could reasonably expected that the gap between the normative criteria and the practices will be overcome in a short time?

To change deeply rooted attitudes and practices still widely diffused, the availability of clear legal rules is a necessary but non sufficient condition. The law will produce the hoped result, if and only if, will be run across tenaciously the path, already undertaken in the first year after the law entered into force, of information and of sensitization of all people and, above all, the path of education of healthcare professionals, a path, the last one, that is strongly recommended by the law itself.

The Project 5000genomi@VdA at CMP³VdA

By Prof. Antonio Amoroso, member of the scientific committee of the Project 5000genomi@VdA

On October 19th, 2021 I was invited as a guest speaker, on behalf of the consortium of the Project 5000genomi@VdA, to celebrate the Aosta Valley's initiative for the World Bioethics Day (WBD), an event hosted by UNESCO Chair in Bioethics. The 2021 edition of the WBD was dedicated to "Informed consent". As a Professor and scientist in the field of human and medical genetics, I gave my contribution specifically talking about the use of informed consent within biomedical research projects.

5000genomi@VdA is a scientific project that allowed the creation of the first research Center completely dedicated to **Personalized, Preventive and Predictive Medicine (CMP³VdA)** based in Aosta Valley, the Italian region in the northwestern Alps at the base of Mont Blanc. The research program, ideated by a scientific committee made up of international researchers and led by Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia (IIT), is focused on the in-depth study of the genetic causes of neurodegenerative, neurodevelopmental diseases and cancer exploiting genomics and big data.

The Project started on December 1st, 2019 and its main goal is to obtain, within 5 years, the complete DNA sequence of 5000 genomes of healthy inhabitants and patients affected by Alzheimer, Parkinson, autism and cancer currently living in this region, in close collaboration with Aosta Valley's healthcare main facilities: Regional Hospital "Umberto Parini" and AUSL (the Local health authority).

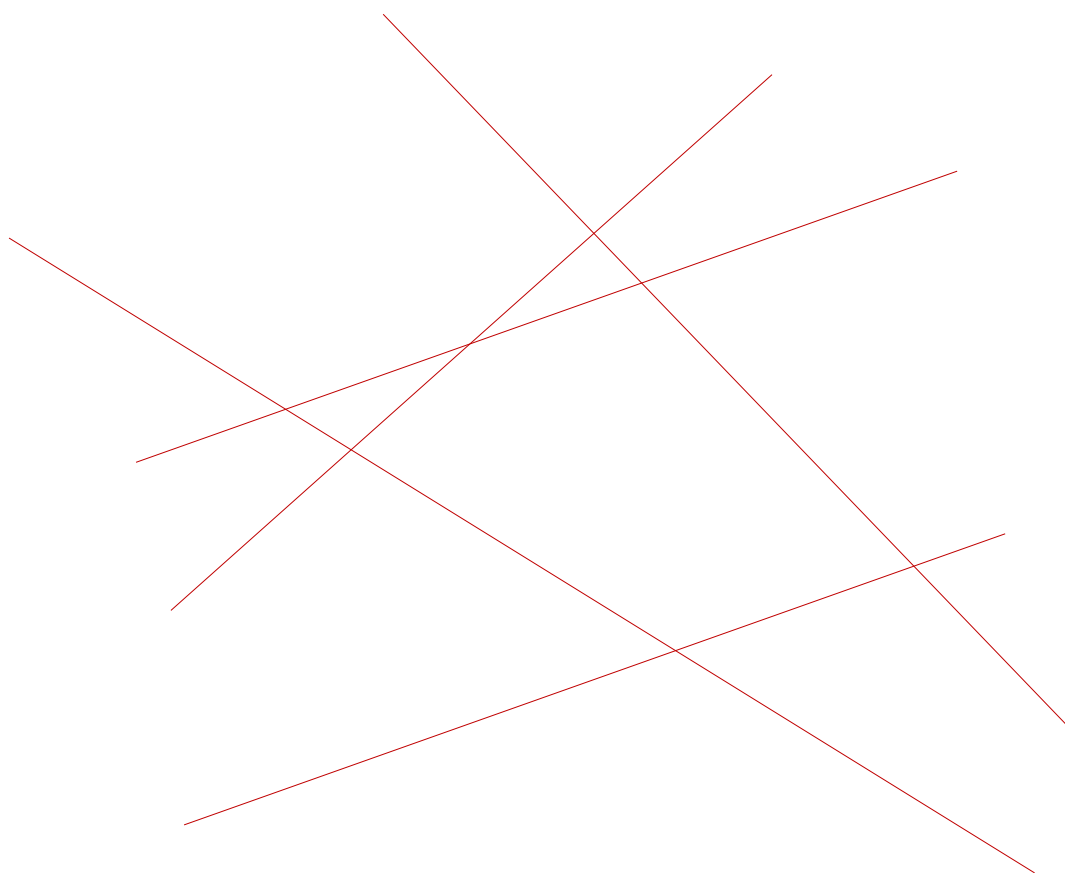
Eligible patients and volunteers that desire to be part of the Project 5000genomi@VdA can successfully enrol only after receiving a comprehensive information about the research and after signing a specific written authorization, called informed consent.

Indeed, consent is one of the seventeen fundamental rights declared in the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights of 2005. Moreover, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) states that informed consent is a legal basis to process personal information: data protection laws aim to safeguard and ensure that data is not susceptible to attack, misuse or misappropriation. In particular, informed consent is tightly linked to biomedical research and plays a central role because it provides the legal basis on which data is fairly and transparently processed by healthcare professionals and researchers, safeguarding both patients' privacy and those who directly process and manage data.

In this background, it is reasonable to say that informed consent must be considered as a mandatory practice into healthcare and research activities where patients share their genomic and genetic data. In fact, this is not a merely bureaucratic step, but it involves the explicit purpose of the scientific community at large, and particularly of the consortium of the Project 5000genomi@VdA, to acknowledge citizens' rights and taking care of the whole societal interests, concerning, in this specific example, public health and healthcare system's improvement through genomic medicine.

5000genomi@VdA consists of a partnership between six companies and scientific foundations with a strong national and international reputation: AOU Città della Salute e della Scienza di Torino (www.cittadellasalute.to.it), Fondazione Clément Fillietroz-ONLUS Osservatorio Astronomico della Regione Autonoma Valle d'Aosta (www.oavda.it), Engineering D. HUB (www.eng.it/who-we-are/engineering-group/engineering-dhub) and Università della Valle d'Aosta (www.univda.it), all led by Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia (IIT - www.iit.it). The regional government of the Autonomous Region of the Aosta Valley, the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and co-financing from all partners financially support the Project.

If you wish to have more information about the Project 5000genomi@VdA, please visit official website: www.5000genomivda.it



World Bioethics Day At a Glance

Project Title: World Bioethics Day Celebration 2021 Program- Nepal

Theme: Informed Consent

Unit involved: Nepal Unit of International Chair in Bioethics, Dharan (NUICB), Nepal

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Mr. Sashank Bhattarai, Member Secretary, Bioethics Students' Wing- BPKIHS

Patrons:

Prof. Dr. Shivendra Jha, Dean-Academics, BPKIHS

Target participants : Students, Teachers, Staff of the health science institutes

Concluding program: October 19, 2021

The components of the 'World Bioethics Day Celebration Program- Nepal, 2021 October' included-

A. Speeches:

Speeches were delivered on the Concluding Day Program with more than 100 participants by eminent personalities in various aspects of Bioethics and the theme of '**Informed consent**'.



The poster is for the 'World Bioethics Day 2021 Celebration Program' with the theme 'Informed Consent'. It is organized by the Nepal Unit of International Chair in Bioethics, Students' Bioethics Wing, BPKIHS & Students' Bioethics Wing, NGMCTH. The poster features five speakers and twelve panelists. The speakers are Prof. Dr. Russell D'Souza, Prof. Dr. Rupa Rajkhandari Singh, Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Prof. Dr. Pradeep Gyanwali, and Prof. Dr. Shivendra Jha. The panelists are listed in two columns, covering various perspectives such as Health Professional, ICU issues, Nursing, Biomedical Research, Medical education, Lab and paramedic field, Legal, Dental, Public/client, Student, Interns', and Student Wing. The poster also mentions the Master of Ceremony, Nabin Adhikari & Alisha Shrestha, and the date and time of the event: 19 October, 2021 (Tuesday), 4:00 PM Onwards. The Zoom ID is 961 0792 5207 and the password is wbd2021.

**Nepal Unit of International Chair in Bioethics,
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Invites you to
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Theme : "Informed Consent"

Our Esteemed Speakers

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Department of Education, International Chair in Bioethics
- Prof. Dr. Rupa Rajkhandari Singh
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- Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya
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- Prof. Dr. Pradeep Gyanwali
Member Secretary
Nepal Health Research Council
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Our Panelists

1. Prof. Dr. Sangha Ratna Bajracharya: Health Professional perspectives
2. Prof. Dr. Raviram Shrestha: ICU issues
3. Prof. Tara Shah: Nursing perspectives
4. Prof. Dr. Rita Khadka: Biomedical Research perspective
5. Dr. Sarun Koirala: Medical education issues
6. Dr. Kishor Gurung: Lab and paramedic field perspective
7. Dr. Sandip Shah: Legal perspectives
8. Dr. Ujjwal Gautam: Dental perspective
9. Mr. Khem Chandra Subedi - Public/client perspective
10. Dr. Sumit Sharma: Student perspective
11. Dr. Prassana Subedi: Interns' Perspective
12. Sashank Bhattarai & Dr. Sibika Malla: Student Wing Report/Perspective

Dr. Ashok Ayer- Vote of Thanks.
Nabin Adhikari } Master Of Ceremony
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World Bioethics Day

Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Coordinator: WBD- Nepal, 2021 and Head of Nepal Unit highlighted the objectives of the International Chair in Bioethics and the WBD Day in his opening welcome speech.

Dr. Pradip Gyanwali, Member Secretary of Nepal Health Research Council (NHRC) addressed the gathering as a Guest and highlighted the importance of '**Informed consent**' especially for research activities.

Prof. Dr. Shivendra Jha, The Dean, Academics, BPKIHS and a Guest of the Concluding Program congratulated the Unit for successful organization of various programs in the line of directives of International Chair in Bioethics. He expressed that Principles of Ethics and Bioethics help students and professionals in smooth career development, ethical process and sorting out dilemmas in science, technology and life.

Prof. Dr. Rupa R. Singh, immediate past Head of the Nepal Unit addressed the gathering and extended the good wish on the occasion.

On behalf of the Student wings, **Sashank Bhattarai** (BPKIHS) and **Miss Sibika Malla** (Nepalgunj Medical College) presented the reports of the wings.

Dr. Ashok Ayer, executive member of the Nepal Unit put the vote of thanks.

B. Guest lecture:

Guest lecture was made by Chief Guest **Prof. Dr. Russell D'Souza**, Head, Asia Pacific Division & Chair Department of Education International Program, International Chair in Bioethics on the occasion. He elaborated on the Universal Declaration of Bioethics and Human Rights with focus on theme of the year.

The Webinar was credited by the Nepal Medical Council (NMC) with CPD marks.

C. Panel Discussion:

In a panel discussion moderated and also highlighted on *mental health perspectives* by **Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya**, the speakers from related fields expressed their views. Targeted audiences were junior staff, PG residents, UG students and Paramedics (Nursing and other supporting staff) and other stakeholders. The panelist speakers highlighted on the various perspective of the year theme, '**Informed consent**' and the **panel speakers** included:

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Our Panelists

Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya MODERATOR	Prof. Dr. Sangha Ratna Bajracharya TOPIC- HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES	Prof. Dr. Raviram Shrestha TOPIC- ICU ISSUES	Prof. Tara Shah TOPIC- NURSING PERSPECTIVES	Prof. Dr. Rita Khadka TOPIC- BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PERSPECTIVE
Dr. Sarun Koirala TOPIC- MEDICAL EDUCATION ISSUES	Dr. Kishor Gurung TOPIC- LAB AND PARAMEDIC FIELD PERSPECTIVE	Dr. Sandip Shah TOPIC- LEGAL PERSPECTIVES	Dr. Ujjwal Gautam TOPIC- DENTAL PERSPECTIVE	Mr. Khem Chandra Subedi TOPIC- PUBLIC/CLIENT PERSPECTIVE
Dr. Sumit Sharma TOPIC- STUDENT PERSPECTIVE	Dr. Prasanna Subedi TOPIC- INTERNS' PERSPECTIVE	Sadhank Bhattacharai TOPIC- STUDENT WING REPORT/PERSPECTIVE	Dr. Shikha Walla TOPIC- STUDENT WING REPORT/PERSPECTIVE	Dr. Ashok Ayer VOTE OF THANKS

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D. Artistic Poster competition:

The posters on the theme, 'Informed consent' were evaluated by the judge team including Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Prof. Dr. Raviram Shrestha, Dr. Sarun Koirala and Dr. Ashok Ayer. The Best poster of **Sashank Bhattarai** was submitted to the International competition which declared it as the Second. **Richa Koirala** stood the second among Nepal participants.



E. Photography competition:

The photographs were evaluated by the judge panel of Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Prof. Dr. Raviram Shrestha and Dr. Ashok Ayer. The winners of the photography category were Bolbam Rajak and Apeksha Upreti. The best photo of **Bolbam Rajak** was selected for International competition.



F. Poem competition:

The judge panel consisted of Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Prof. Dr. Raviram Shrestha, Dr. Rita Khadka, Mr. Khem Chandra Subedi and Dr. Ashok Ayer. The poem of **Madhav Panthi** (Nepalgunj Medical College) stood the first and was selected for the submission for International competition. Suyog Jha (BPKIHS) stood the second.

G. Essay writing competition:

The essays were evaluated by a team consisting Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya Prof. Dr. Rita Khadka, Mr. Khem Chandra Subedi and Dr. Sarun Koirala. There were 14 essays from across the country on theme of '**Informed Consent**'. The top 4 essays were of: **1. Richa Koirala (First)**, 2. Bijaya Rajbhandari and Sagar Karki (Second), 3. Sandesh Kafle (Third).

World Bioethics Day Concluding Program : October 19, 2021

Nepal Unit of International Chair in Bioethics at BPKIHS, Dharan, Nepal



The poster is for the World Bioethics Day 2021 Celebration Program. It features the logos of the Nepal Unit of International Chair in Bioethics, Students' Bioethics Wing, BPKIHS, and Students' Bioethics Wing, NGMCTH. The theme is 'Informed Consent'. The program highlights include a World Bioethics Day Celebration Program, Panel and Group Discussion, Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Russell D'Souza, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Address Gathering by Prof. Dr. Rupa Raj Bhandari Singh, Prof. Dr. Pradeep Gyanwali & Prof. Dr. Shivendra Jha, Artistic Poster, Essay & Photography Exhibition, and Award and Certificate Distribution. The date is 19 October, 2021 (Tuesday), time is 4:00 PM Onwards, Zoom ID is 961 0792 5207, and the password is wbd2021. The poster also includes a Facebook link and an email address.

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*** Program Highlights ***

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MC: Navin Adhikari / Alisa Shrestha

Programme Schedule:

- Welcome / Introductory Speech: **Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya**, Head/Coordinator
- Key note speech from the Chief Guest: **Prof. Dr. Russell D'Souza**, Head, Asia- Pacific Division/ Education Department of International Chair in Bioethics
- Addresses- **1. Prof. Dr. Rupa Raj Bhandari Singh**- Past Head, Nepal Unit of International Chair in Bioethics
2. Dr. Pradip Gyawali- Member Secretary, Nepal Health Research Council (NHRC)
3. Prof. Dr. Shivendra Jha, Dean- Academics, BPKIHS

- **Panel Discussion** on theme: Queries to the Panelists and Discussion.

Moderator- Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya,

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- **Result announcement** of the Competitive events organized for WBD 2021 and felicitation to the Winners.
- **Student Wing Report and Plans:** Sashank Bhattarai- Member Secretary, Bioethics Student wing, BPKIHS/ Sibika Malla- Head, Bioethics Student wing, Nepalgunj Medical College
- **Dr. Ashok Ayer-** Vote of Thanks.
- **Concluding Note** and felicitation to the Judges, Chief Guests and Guests and closing of the Event **from the Head**, Nepal Unit of International Chair in Bioethics.

Informed consent is one of the principles of the Universal Declaration of Bioethics and Human Rights which helps achieve particular set of objectives.



Prof. Dr. Russell D'Souza,
Head Asia- Pacific Division of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics



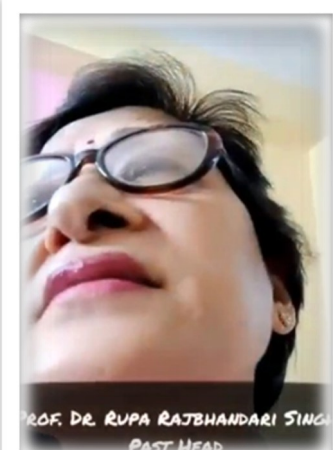
The Theme, 'Informed Consent' calls to assert the patient's autonomy; protect his/her status as a human being; prevent coercion and deception; encourage the doctor's self-criticism; support the process of rational decision-making and to educate the public at large during Academic, Service, Research and any professional or any action (Science and technology). Translating the concept in our practice, service delivery and research will safeguard all related stakeholders.

Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya, Coordinator , WBD- Nepal/ Head- Nepal Unit



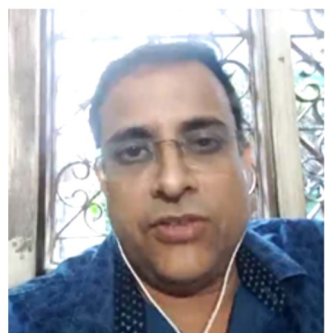
Informed consent is essential practice while conducting any kind of research project and it safeguards all stakeholders of this important activity.

Dr. Pradip Gyawali, Member Secretary (Executive Chief),
Nepal Health Research Council (NHRC)



'The theme of this year is pertinent. A biggest problem in relation to this communication is the illusion that it has taken place.'

Prof. Dr. Rupa Rajbhandari Singh,
Immediate past Head, NNUUCB, BPKIHS

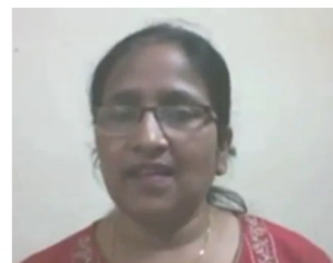


As a theme of the Day, it cannot be better than this year's theme, 'informed consent' considering the current context. It is nice to see that Nepal Unit has successfully organized events to meet the objectives.

Prof. Dr. Shivendra Jha,
The Dean, Academics, BPKIHS

Advancement of medical sciences is not possible without biomedical researches and research will not serve its purpose without 'informed consent'.

Dr. Rita Khadka,
Addl. Prof., Dept. of Physiology, and
Convener, Research Forum Meet, BPKIHS



Stakeholders need to understand information for voluntary consent and these all make important place in this process of informed consent.

Prof. Dr. Sangha Ratna Bajracharya,
Member, NUICB; Director, Medical Education Commission, Nepal;
Professor- Dept. of Pharmacology, TUTH

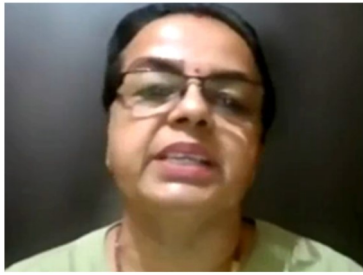
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Nurses can offer what they do best patient teaching, as they check patient understanding and obtain written consent. Where possible, use the teach- back method, by asking the patient to repeat back what s/he understands.

Prof. Dr. Tara Shah,
Chief, College of Nursing, BPKIHS

The foundation of 'informed consent' is that it should not be looked on as a legal necessity and a duty, but rather as a virtue of good dental practice.

Dr. Ujjwal Gautam,
College of Dental surgery, BPKIHS



Informing and taking consent is necessary in lab and other allied professions as well and in some conditions rather essential.

Dr. Kishor Gurung,
Asst. Prof., Dept. of Microbiology, Nepalgunj Med. College

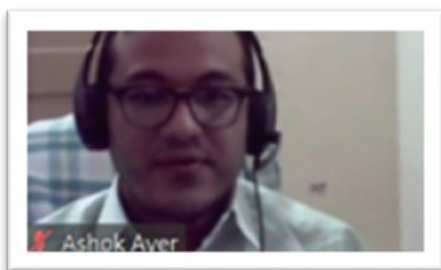
The role of the Ethics Committee of Nepal Medical Council includes the protection of public and patients against medical negligence, medical malpractice and other professional misconducts. According to the seriousness of the violation, there may be issue of notice of attention, warning, probation, suspension and or permanent removal from Council's registration.

Dr. Sandip Shah,
Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Anatomy, BPKIHS



The advantages of informed consent includes the active participation of the study subjects, enhanced access to new treatment modalities, particular attention and monitoring from specialists, advancement in new technology and research and hence, noble contribution to the world.

Mr. Khem Chandra Subedi,
Member, NUICB; Lawyer

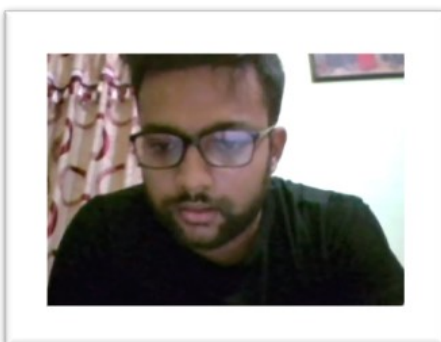
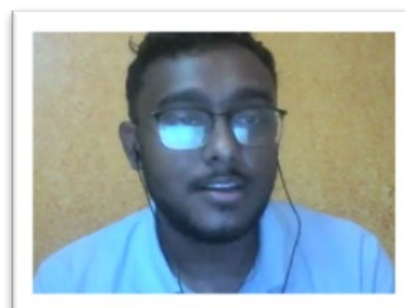


Ethics and ethical approach should be the virtue of all and the efforts for raising its concern and understanding should be the responsibility of all professionals. We Nepal Unit welcome all the stakeholders in our endeavors in this direction.

Dr. Ashok Ayer,
Executive Member, NUICB, BPKIHS

During academic programs, students should be introduced to patients and party as a part of the team (explicitly as student member of the team) by the doctor. Students should also introduce themselves to the patients wherever appropriate.

Dr. Sumit Sharma,
Past Head, Students' wing of Bioethics, BPKIHS

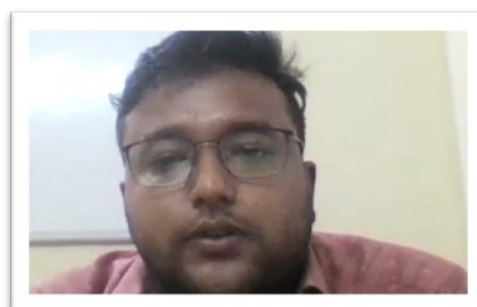


Professionals, especially the interns should keep in mind that the process of informed consent is at times a complex process owing to: panic state of the patients regarding potential adverse outcome, lack of communication skills on part of the health care provider, illiteracy and skepticism of patient party and language barrier and be aware about the way out.

Dr. Prasanna Subedi,
Member/ Past Secretary, Bioethics Students' Wing BPKIHS

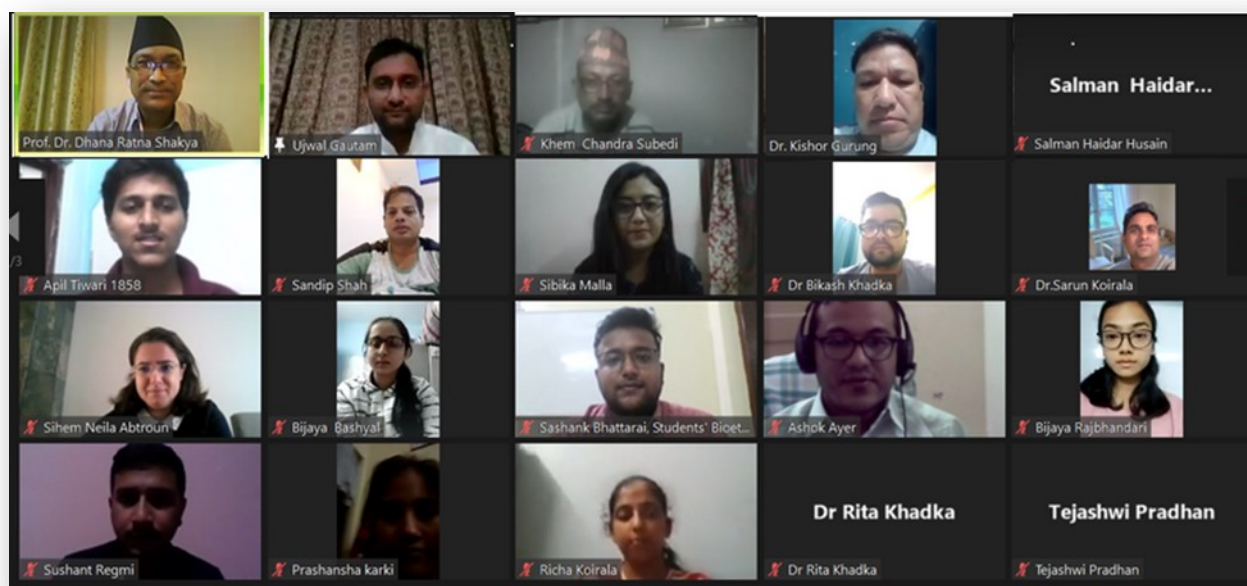
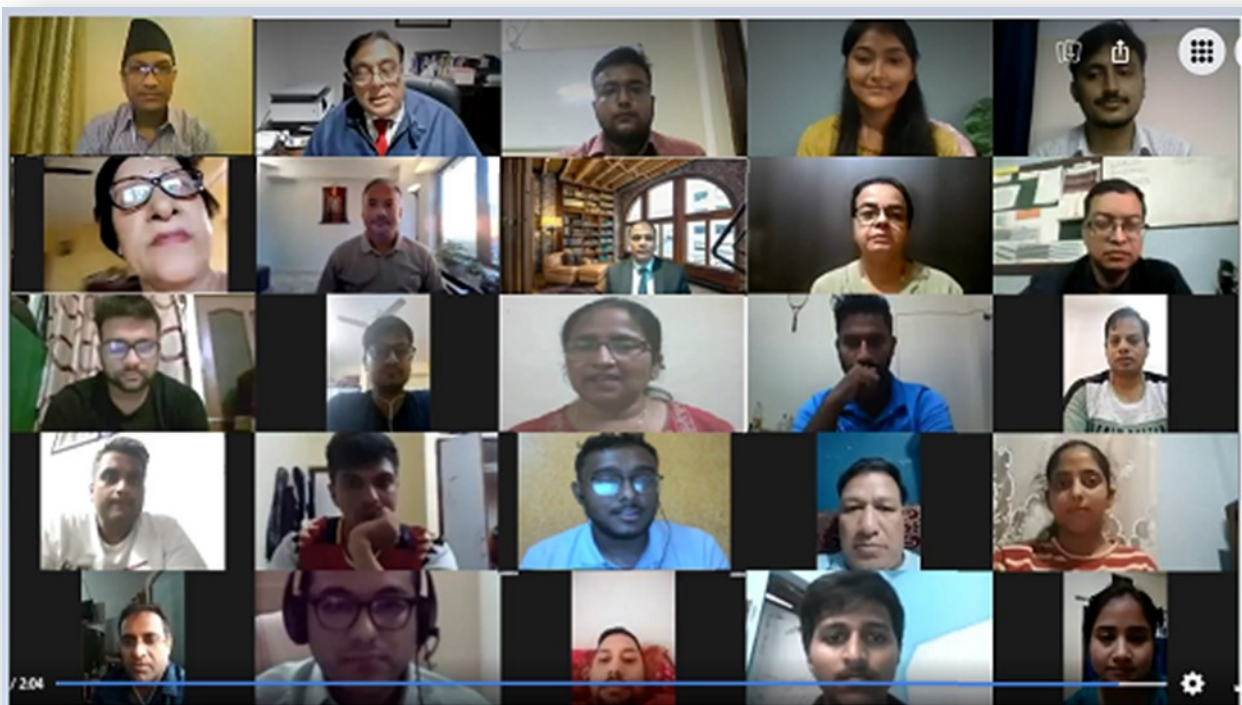
Our Student Wing in BPKIHS has fortune of working directly under the guidance of the faculties of the Nepal Unit of International Chair in Bioethics for the programs with the directives of the International Chair in Bioethics.

Sashank Bhattarai,
Member secretary, Bioethics Students' Wing BPKIHS



Our Student Wing in Nepalgunj Medical College joins to work for the objectives of the International Chair in Bioethics from the student fronts under the Nepal Unit.

Sibika Malla,
Head, Students' wing of Bioethics, Nepalgunj Med. College



From-
Best of Essay competition: Richa Koirala

To provide patient necessary information about their condition

To enable them to take the right decision and get their permission

Before any medical intervention

Tell them about the Risks and the Benefits

Tell about alternative procedure if it exists

It is patient's right and physician's obligation

So consent must always be taken

But in certain condition

You can make the decision

If the patient is incompetent

Treat in their best interest

And for the kids

Take consent from family or relatives

Yes by your experience you can suggest

But you have to respect

Whatever decision the patient makes.

From-
Best of Poem competition: Madhav Panthi

In this world afflicted with various kinds of pain
Medical Personnel are here to deliver rinds of gain
It is forever necessary to take informed consent
Before any kinds of surgery or treatment's advent

- Vitals are explained through open discussions
- To manage patient's choice and expectation
- About potential risks and benefits of procedure
- The diagnosis, prognosis and course with its feature

Medical facts are disclosed which are pertinent
Along with available alternative course of treatment
It is forever necessary to take patient's consent
To respect their autonomy and its ethical segment

It is needed to assess secrecy and compensations
And treat creating firm patient-doctor relations
This is not a procedure, it's patient's basic right
To ensure their safety having treatment's foresight

Suyog Jha
BDS-2019, BPKIHS, Dharan

WELCOME!!

**Introduction: Bioethics Unit in Nepal &
WBD 2021: Theme- Informed Consent**

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Head & Professor, Department of Psychiatry, BPKIHS, Nepal
Head, Nepal National Unit of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics
Editor-in-Chief, J BPKIHS (Founding: 2017-2020)

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Bio-ethics Day 2021 Celebration Program- Media Programs/ News Links:

A. Interview of the Head- Prof. Dr. Dhana Ratna Shakya in SaptaKoshi FM-

<https://www.facebook.com/18871741162426/videos/409603324158262/>

B. News coverage in Television channel-

<https://www.facebook.com/1371297760/videos/939761073288302/>

C. Media news-

1. National Health e-page- Hamrodoctor: <https://www.hamrodoctornews.com/detail/22234>

2. National daily Newspaper- Blastkhabar- <https://www.blastkhabar.com/news/2021/10/21/127242.html>

3. National- मध्यान्ह राष्ट्रिय दैनिक समाचार

4. कोशीपत्र समाचार - <https://koshipatra.com/news/2021/10/24/3433.html>

5. Regional daily: <https://hamromat.com/2021/10/22/34885.html>

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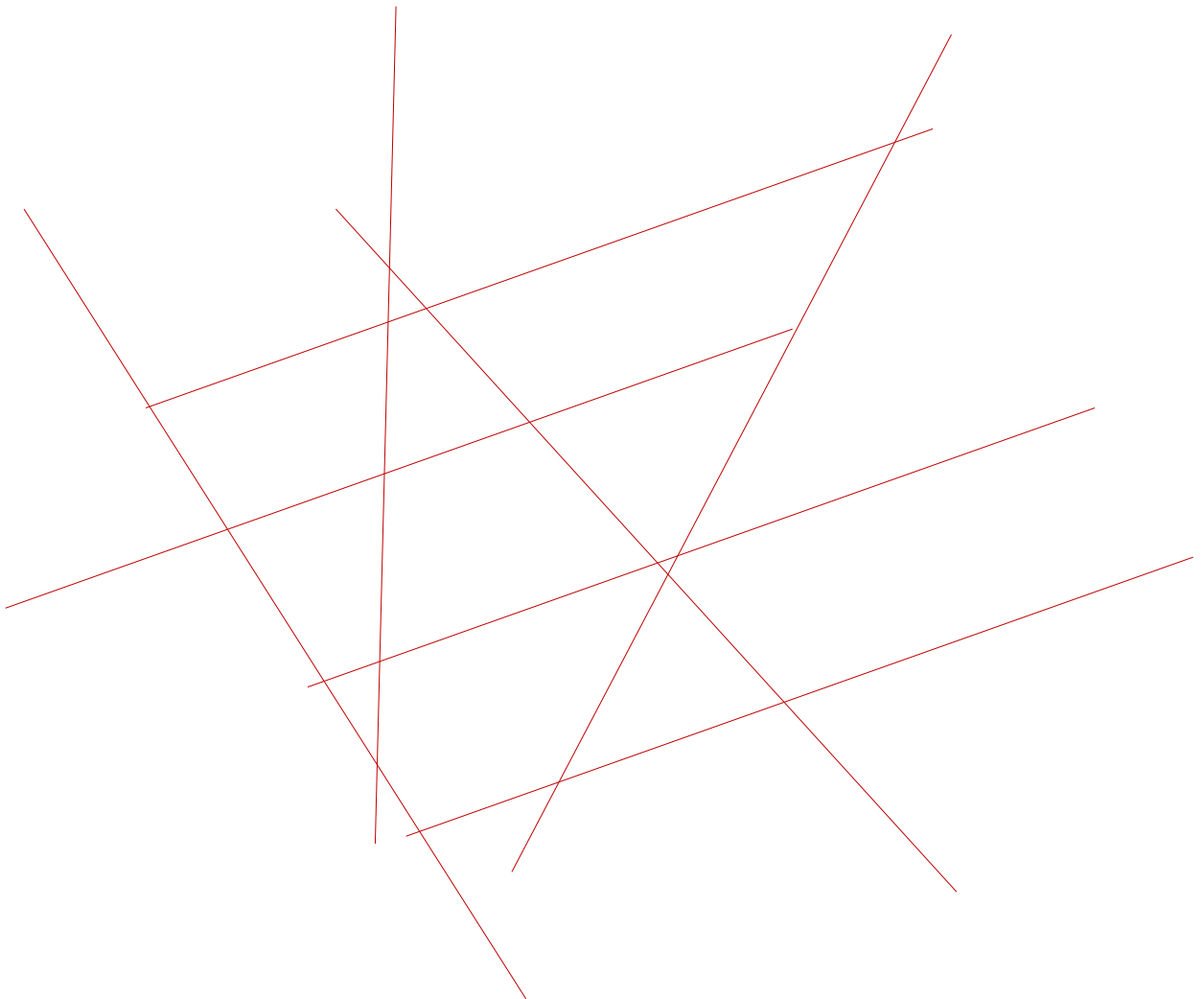
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Members- Dr. Ashok Ayer, Dr. Sarun Koirala, Sashank Bhattarai, Salman Haidar Husain



World Bioethics Day Report 2021

World Bioethics day was celebrated in psychiatry department, PIMS. Like every year since the establishment of bioethics unit in 2012 at PIMS under the chairmanship of Professor Rizwan Taj.

Professor Rizwan Taj, Dean FMTI, CEO PIMS and chairperson of psychiatry department, PIMS in his opening remarks briefed the audience about bioethics history.

He enlightens about the importance of medical ethics in healthcare profession. Professor Taj stated that a gap exist in knowledge about practical aspects of health care ethics among medical students. There exist conflicting views in different areas of ethical issues like dealing with treatment of patients and adhering to patient wishes.

Professor Rizwan taj highlighted the theme of World Bioethics Day 2021 “Informed Consent” and stated that it is informed choice about a medical treatment to a patient before the patient agrees to it. This is basically to take patients on board while making any decision about his treatment from basic test to a major surgical procedure. He added further that in past doctors had paternalistic attitude about the treatment of their patient but since significance of bioethics was realized now healthcare professionals are bound to set a collaborative treatment agenda shared with their patients.

Dr Taj explained further that informed consent is the process in which a health care provider educates a patient about the risks, benefits, and alternatives of a given procedure or intervention. The patient must be competent to make a voluntary decision about whether to undergo the procedure or intervention. Informed consent is both an ethical and legal obligation of medical practitioners and originates from the patient's right to direct what happens to their body.

He shared that informed consent is an assessment of the patient's understanding, rendering an actual recommendation, and documentation of the process. He explained the required components for documentation of the informed consent discussion as the nature of the procedure, the risks and benefits and the procedure, reasonable alternatives, risks and benefits of alternatives, and assessment of the patient's understanding of these components.

In concluding remarks Dr Taj emphasized that our healthcare professionals needs to be aware of its importance and share with patients their medical condition and any proposed medical treatment. He highlighted that patients have a legal right to be told any information that relates to their medical state and management. Without this information, patients are not able to make a fully informed choice and give valid consent for treatment.

Later the session progressed with formal workshop on the said theme for the participants including medical students, doctors and nurses. Presenter Asima Khan, Associate Clinical Psychologist, Psychiatry department PIMS, divided the participants in groups and assigned case scenarios based on informed consent for practical demonstration.

Professor Rizwan Taj being Principal of Federal Medical College arranged series of workshops on Informed Consent for students of all professional years at Federal Medical College. S

WORLD BIOETHICS DAY 2021

Theme: Informed Consent

Shalamar Medical & Dental College, Lahore, Pakistan

“Every individual has the right of access to all information that might enable him or her to actively participate in the decisions regarding his or her health; this information is a prerequisite for any procedure and treatment, including the participation in scientific research” (Right to consent: European Charter of Patient’s rights).

The World Bioethics Day was celebrated for the fourth consecutive year at Shalamar Medical & Dental College (SMDC), Lahore, on October 9th 2021. Due to the pandemic, a virtual session was organized this year. The event was attended virtually by members of bioethics Unit SMDC, members of Punjab Bioethics Group, and students of SMDC. Dr. Sarosh Saleem, Head of Bioethics Unit and Assistant Professor of Bioethics at SMDC, shared her vision on bioethics. She appreciated the students and faculty involved in activities of the Unit. Prof. Dr. Ambreen Khalid, Associate Professor of Physiology at SMDC, introduced the panelists invited to speak on the theme of WBD 2021, “Informed Consent”.

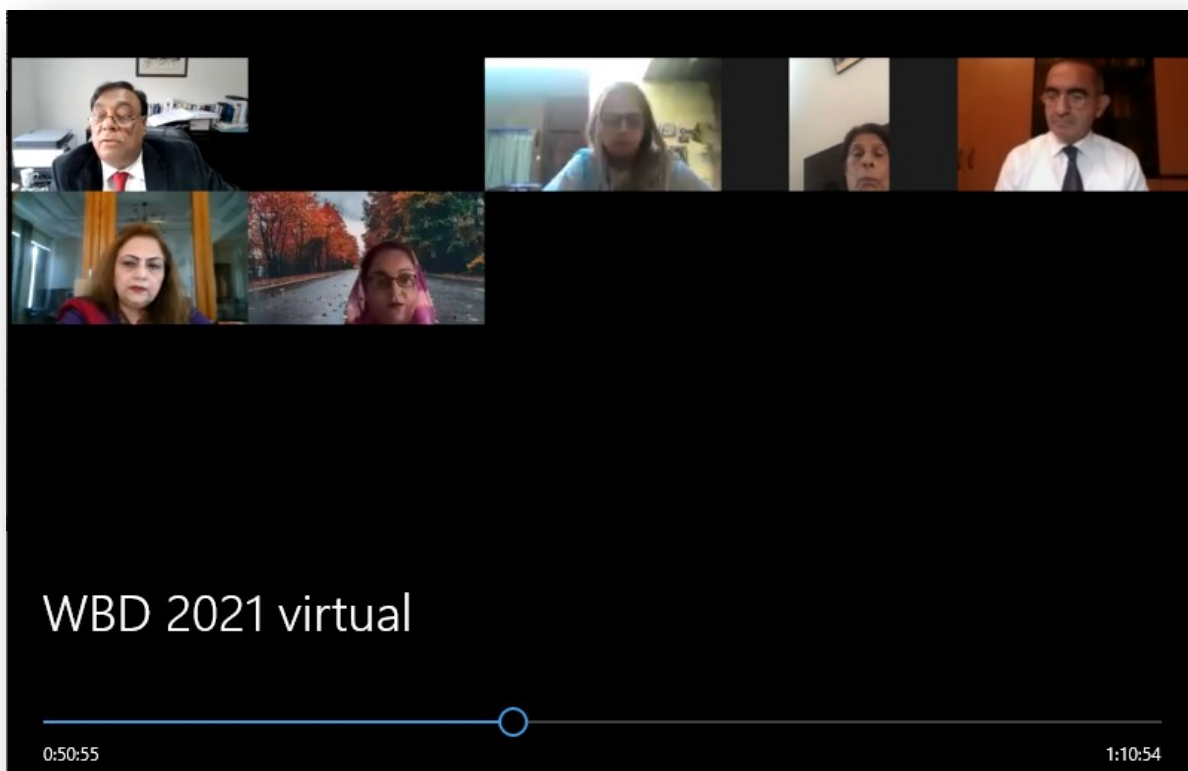
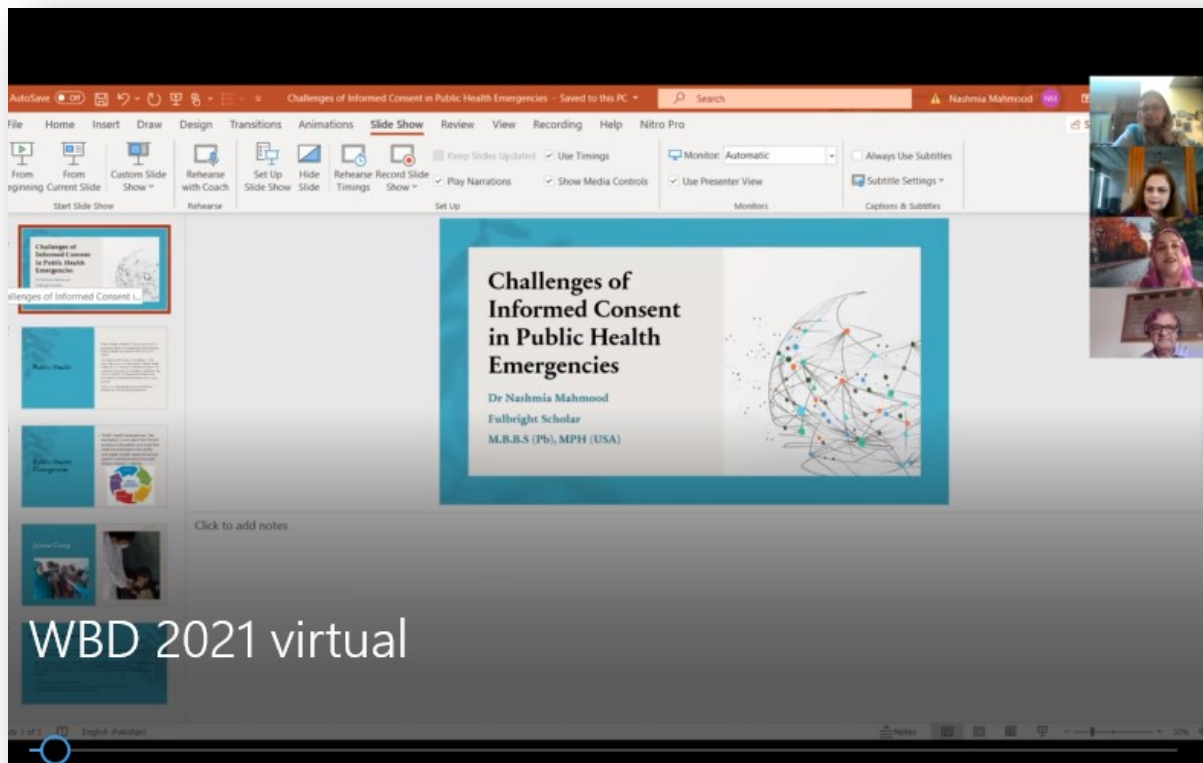
Dr. Nashmia Mahmood, National Program Specialist at United Nations Development Program (UNDP), talked about “Challenges of Informed consent in Public Health Emergencies”. She discussed about many previous health emergencies particularly in context with the consent, decision making and public health planning.

Prof. Dr. Russell D’Souza, Head of Asia Pacific Division, Chair Department of Education, International Chair in Bioethics) joined the session online as a chief guest. Dr. D’Souza appreciated the initiative of SMDC Bioethics Unit on World Bioethics Day 2021. He also explained the basic concept, history of Bioethics and the principle of informed consent.

Our next speaker was Prof. Dr. Vugar Mammadov, Executive Vice President at World Association for Medical Law and Professor of legal medicine at Baku State University, Azerbaijan. Dr. Vugar talked about “Informed Consent: right or legal requirement?” He also discussed health laws in Pakistan according to public health function delineated by WHO and universal declaration of human rights. He also talks about international declaration on the promotion of patient’s rights in Europe.

Prof. Col. Dr. Nazli Hameed, Consultant Gynaecologist, at Shalamar Institute of Health Sciences. Dr. Nazli talks about “what is informed consent in clinical medicine?” She discussed about the origin and purpose of informed consent in clinical medicine and also explained the limitations that complicate the practice of informed consent. She also gave suggestions on how to optimally approach the informed consent process.

Many students from Shalamar School of Allied Health Sciences, who participated in different categories for celebrating world bioethics day 2021. Different categories includes poems, artistic posters, scientific posters, photograph, short film/video All students presented their work themed “informed consent”. The short film/video was highly appreciated by the participants.



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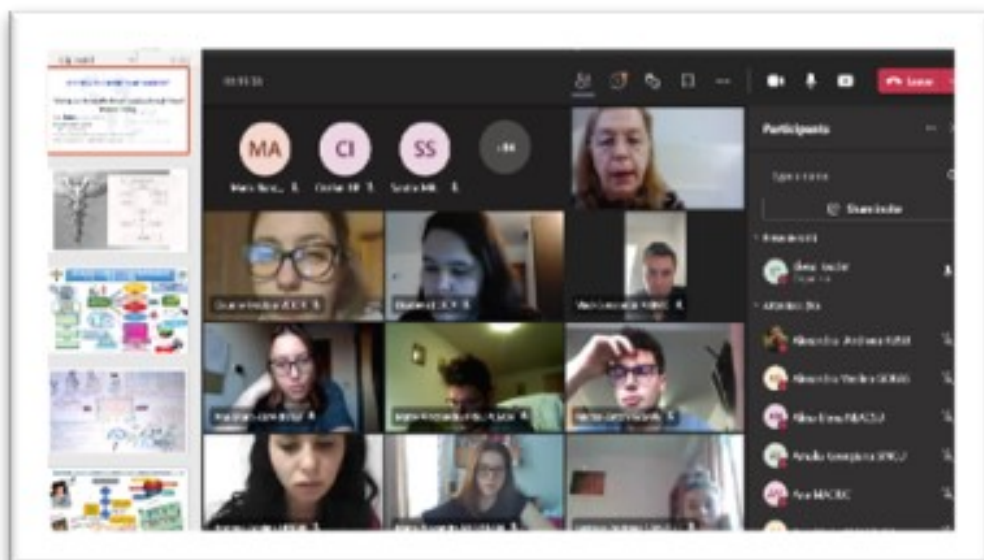
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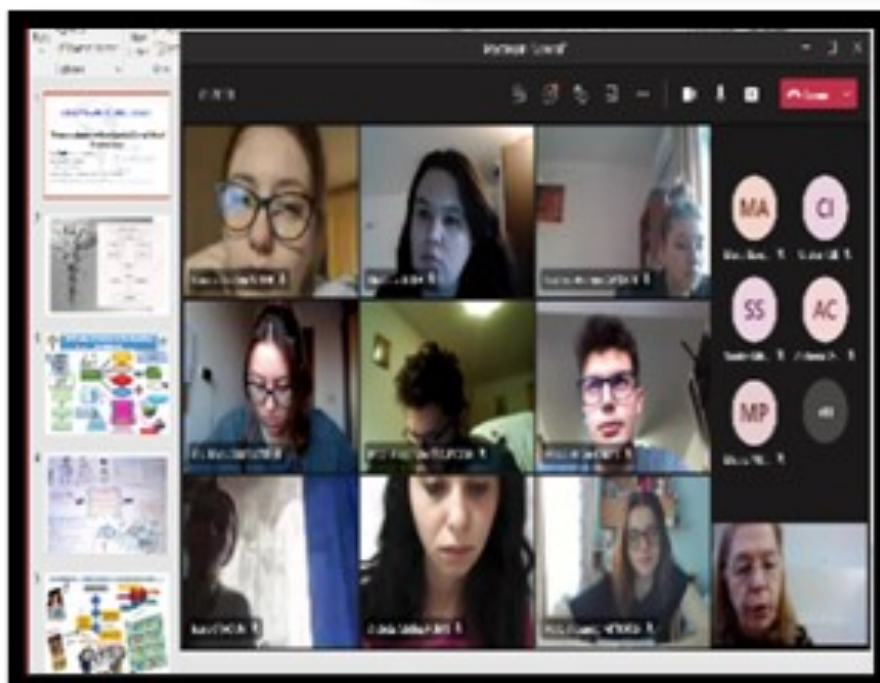
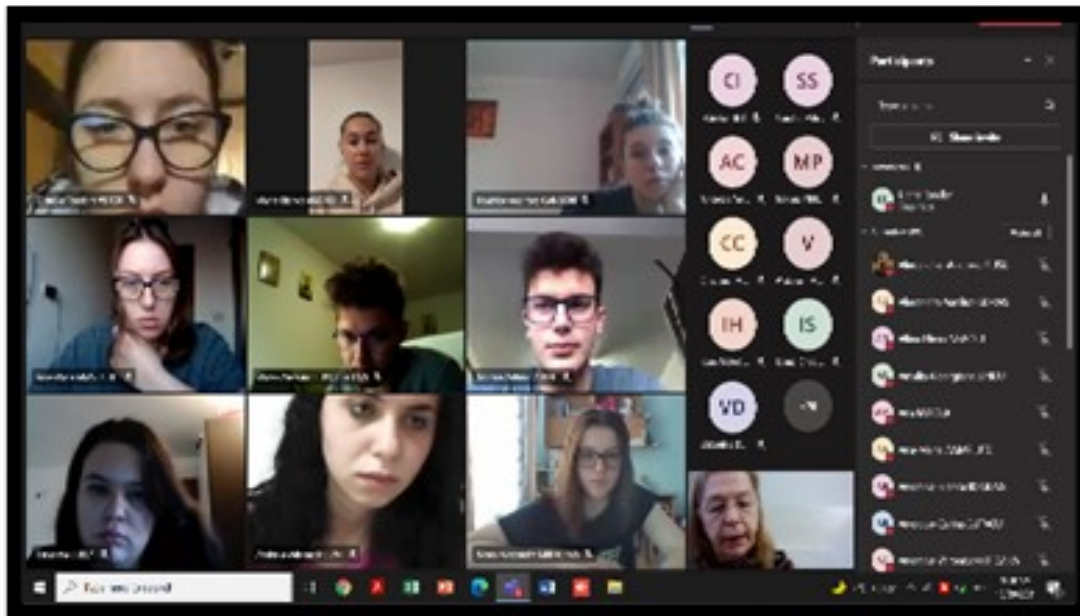
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Name of Unit Head: Professor Elena TOADER

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TAIWAN MACKAY MEDICAL COLLEGE TAIPEI UNIT

World Bioethics Day 2021

Name of the Institute: Mackay Medical College, New Taipei City, Taiwan

Name of the Unit: Mackay Medical College

Name of Unit Head: Dr. Ling-Lang Huang

Date of Establishment of Unit: 26/11/2017

Place: MacKay Memorial Hospital, Taipei

Date: 08/10/2021

Attendees: 100 people

Holistic Healthcare Conference:

Time	Topic	Speaker
7:30-7:40	Introduction	Dr. Tsang-En Wang
7:40-8:10	Narrative Medicine: A case report	M6 medical students
8:10-8:30	Discussion	Dr. Tsang-En Wang
8:30-8:40	Closing Remark	Dr. Tsang-En Wang

We celebrated the World Bioethics Day 2021 by organizing Holistic Healthcare Conference at MacKay Memorial Hospital. We took this conference as an opportunity to highlight how the modern ideas and practices of holistic healthcare facilitate a patient to face her disease, to accommodate the changes on her daily life, and the supports from multiple sources.

The main presentation was narratives from the multiple aspects of the patient, the doctor and a close friend of the patient. This presentation was organized by M6 students who interviewed the target people, raised critical issues about this case, organized the story with a clear perspective, and discussed how holistic healthcare would help the patient go through the course of treatments. After the presentation, attendees, including the PGY and every level of doctors provided feedbacks and critical insights regarding this case. These presentations and following panel discussions facilitate new directions of holistic healthcare and medical education.



Presenters and core member of the Medical Humanity Committee at Mackay Medical College.



The conference on Oct 8th at MacKay Memorial Hospital.

USA MILWAUKEE UNIT

World Bioethics Day 2021 - Milwaukee School of Engineering, Milwaukee, USA

Name of Unit: United States of America Milwaukee Unit of the International Chair in Bioethics

Institution: Milwaukee School of Engineering, Milwaukee, USA

Unit Head: Dr. Patrick J. Jung

Date of Establishment of the Unit: June 5, 2019

The United States of America Milwaukee Unit of the International Chair in Bioethics celebrated World Bioethics Day on November 5, 2021. We selected this date as it meshed better with the academic calendar of the Milwaukee School of Engineering, the host institution of the Unit. We selected this date to ensure maximum participation by our student body as well as members of the institution's faculty.

World Bioethics Day was celebrated by the Unit as part of its Third Annual Conference on Ethics. The Milwaukee School of Engineering is a small institution of 2,200 students and 140 faculty members. We have a School of Nursing and programs in Biomedical and Biomolecular Engineering, although most of our students and faculty are members of traditional departments of engineering, particularly Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. Therefore, we have decided to pool all our ethics-related activities into a single conference on ethics, and this includes the annual celebration of World Bioethics Day.

We have had a steady increase in the number of participants over the past three years. This year, we ran our annual ethics conference as a hybrid event that included in-person speakers whose presentations were also available simultaneously through Microsoft Teams. We had a total of 258 registered participants, a 62% increase over last year.

We had several speakers at our Third Annual Conference on Ethics. The focus of the conference this year was the ethics of genetic engineering. This is particularly important to the Milwaukee School of Engineering as we have a program in Biomolecular Engineering where such ethical discussions are critical components of our students' education. The speakers and their topics can be found below in the conference schedule. As mentioned, World Bioethics Day is celebrated as part of this annual ethics conference at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. We begin planning for this conference at least one year before it is hosted. Because we begin planning for this conference very early (many months before we know the topic of World Bioethics Day) we reserve a plenary talk during the lunch hour for the topic of World Bioethics Day.

In the future, we want to involve our students in a more substantive manner in both the annual ethics conference and World Bioethics Day. We are slowly growing the activities of the Unit, and we plan in the future to have a Student Wing so we can more thoroughly involve our students in activities such as the poster contest hosted by the International Chair in Bioethics as part of World Bioethics Day.

Third Annual Conference on Ethics, Milwaukee School of Engineering, November 5, 2021

8:45–9 am - “Opening Remarks.” Dr. Eric Baumgartner, Vice President of Academics, Milwaukee School of Engineering

9–9:50 am - “Genetic Technological Advances of Today and Tomorrow: Breaking Down the Biology.” Dr. Diane Munzenmaier, Milwaukee School of Engineering

10–10:50 am - “What is the Value of Reproductive Applications of CRISPR?” Dr. Tina Rulli, University of California-Davis

11–11:50 am - “Moral Progress in the 21st Century and the Perils of Moral Bioenhancement.” Dr. Fabrice Jotterand, Medical College of Wisconsin

12-12:50 pm - “Informed Consent in the Age of COVID19: A World Bioethics Day Celebration.” Dr. Patrick J. Jung, Milwaukee School of Engineering

1-3:00 pm - Panel Discussion

Dr. Diane Munzenmaier, Milwaukee School of Engineering

Dr. Tina Rulli, University of California-Davis

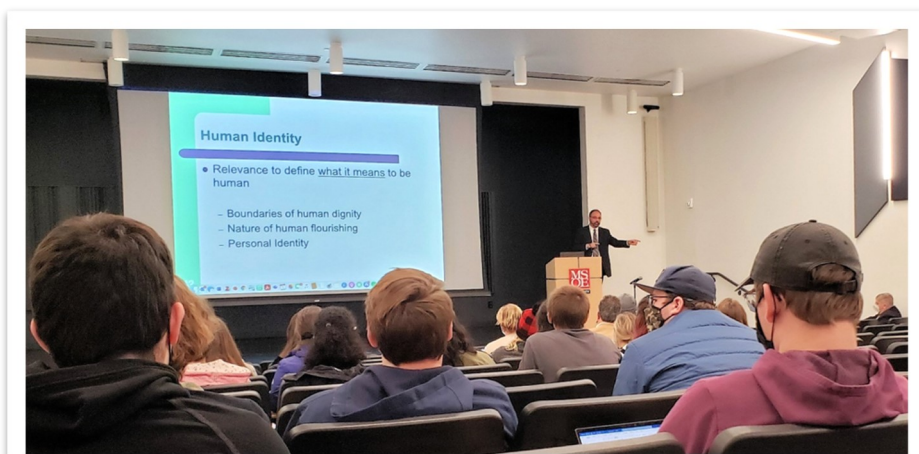
Dr. Fabrice Jotterand, Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Frank Cabrera, Milwaukee School of Engineering

Dr. Megan Fritts,, The College of St. Scholastica



Dr. Eric Baumgartner delivers the Opening Remarks at the Third Annual Ethics Conference.

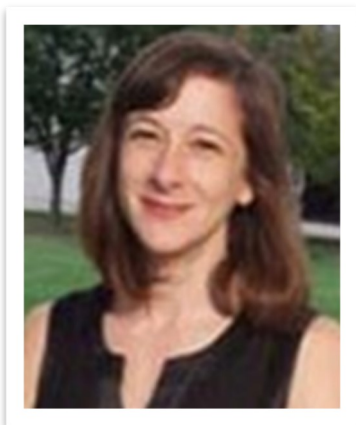


Dr. Fabrice Jotterand delivers his talk on bioenhancement at the Third Annual Ethics Conference.



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Message of Chair's Holder

About ten years ago I approached the UNESCO management with a proposal to set up an annual "World Bioethics Day". The response was disappointing: rejection of the proposal due to lack of budget and lack of manpower to implement the idea. This rejection reflected not only helplessness, but also a lack of insight into the importance of bioethics and the need to take the necessary steps to advance this field for the benefit of humanity. I decided to take up the challenge and try to realize the idea with the limited powers of our Chair. I set up an international committee headed by Prof Praveen Arora, and we set off. The first purpose was to ask the Heads of the Chair's units to hold some event in honor of the bioethics once a year. I chose the date of October 19th on which the General Assembly of UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (2005).

In the first year, several units joined the challenge and held talks and discussions in the field of ethics. Each year I have chosen one of the ethical principles of the Universal Declaration as a central theme for all units. The students' joining the operation was a dramatic turning point for the better. In many universities the Students took the event under their auspices and took on the planning and organization of the bioethics days.

The international competitions held in honor of the World Bioethics Days constituted another step forward. The competitions were held in various fields such as photographs, pictures, songs, posters and more. Several units expanded the celebrations of the World Bioethics Days beyond the university campuses. They approached the local authorities and the general public and invited them to take part in the organization and participation.

The event of World Bioethics Day is still in development. The event must be brought to the units that have not yet been involved. The event should be used to bring the message of bioethics to the general public. The number and scope of competitions must be increased. Finally, the United Nations should be persuaded to set the World Bioethics Day on its official annual diary.

Prof. Amnon Carmi,
Head International Chair in Bioethics

Editorial Board Communications

NEWSLETTER'S CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIREMENTS

The contributions for the next Bioethical Voices newsletter must be forwarded to the Editorial Board before **10 February 2022**. They should be written in good English and in Word Format, with some photos (where possible) and their contents should be of international interests. Each author is personally responsible for the contents and the language of his/her own contribution. Contributions must be signed.

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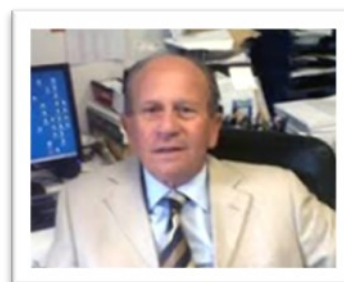
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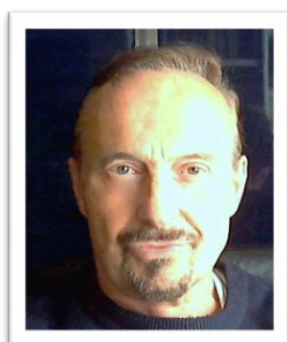
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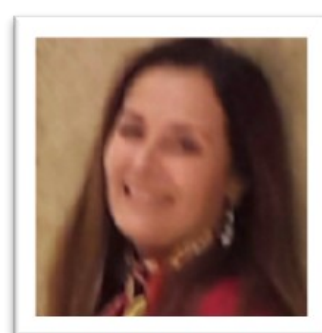
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