

04 modular course

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# Certificate Course in Medical Ethics and Medico-legal Issues (CCMEMI)

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**End Session Quiz** 

after each module



Q & A session with

subject matter experts

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Traditional Medicine has evolved from treatment of the patients to newer aspects like artificial insemination, organ donation, genetical manipulation etc. The increasing complexities in medicine has made healthcare workers encounter ethical problems in various aspects of patient care. The resolution of these problems can be done with maximizing the benefits of the patient and minimizing harm to the patients. Ethics has been a part of medicine. Every doctor on the completion of their studies have to take Hippocratic Oath which is based on ethics. Rooted in this Oath are the 4 tenets of medical ethics: non-maleficence, autonomy, beneficence and justice. The ethical quandary can be bypassed and doctor patient relationship can be improved if the patient has been informed about his treatment options, the pros and cons of the treatment, their right withdraw consent to any procedure, surgery and treatment at any time and for any reason.

Laws are made to ensure human behaviour is for the benefit of the society. Both healthcare and law are intertwined because their nature is for betterment of society. Medical laws, protect the rights of the patients on confidentiality, other torts related to medical treatment and any medical malpractice towards the patient. Medical law and ethics are complementary to each other in this aspect as any breach of ethics and law is unacceptable in medical profession. Medical ethics are a set of moral standards to help the patient get the care he is meant to get. You cannot work in healthcare field without understanding the legal implications.

Law studies can help physicians better understand and address ethical questions and can help better decision making. Considering the high level of decision making and the legal implications arising from those decisions, it's important for doctors to understand the how the law works. The knowledge of law is the difference between a man being successful or unsuccessful in his occupation. This course is designed to give the healthcare workers a basic understanding of ethics and the laws to understand the rights of the patient and the healthcare workers themselves.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION OF INDIA (PHFI)**

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### **Primary Objective**

The primary objective of the course is to improve the knowledge of healthcare workers including doctors, nurses, hospital administrators etc. in medical ethics & medico-legal issues.

#### **Secondary Objectives**

- To provide an understanding of medical ethics.
- To help healthcare workers understand various medico-legal issues.
- To provide an understanding of patient' legal rights.
- To help the healthcare worker's in understanding their legal rights.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

All medical graduates (minimum MBBS) can apply.



- Special situations- Emergency decision making, dispensing, Laws pertaining to Telemedicine
- Medico-legal issues relating to accidents, poisoning, organ donation, abortion, surrogacy, end of life (euthanasia), etc.
- Medical personnel's anti-violence act

### **TEACHING & TRAINING METHODOLOGY**

The course will be delivered online and by subject experts utilizing adult learning methods of case study discussion along with experience sharing to make it interactive. Complete & Comprehensive soft copies will be provided to all participants.

### **CRITERIA OF CERTIFICATION**

There will be a standardized monitoring mechanism for the course and the participant evaluation will be through a continuous internal evaluation, course work and performance in the written examination. The criteria for successful completion of the program is as follows:

Participation in all sessions

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- Completion of module wise assessment / activities
- Appearance and clearance of final examination in the form of MCQ's (Minimum 50% marks to be obtained in exit exam to be eligible for the certificate)

### **COURSE ADVISOR**



#### Dr. Sunil Khattri – Managing Partner, Dr. Sunil Khattri & Associates, New Delhi

Dr Khattri is a supreme court lawyer & managing partner at Dr. Sunil Khattri & Associates. He has over 40 years' experience in medicine & law with his practice specialisation in medical negligence & medico-legal matters. An AFMC graduate, he was the founder member of the Delhi Medical Council & led several policy matters which were accepted across India. He has worked as a core care giver, held leadership roles in very large Super Specialty Hospitals in Delhi in the profit and not for profit sector.

#### **COURSE FACULTY**



## **Dr. Luv Sharma, Professor,** Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, Pt. B.D. Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak, Haryana

Dr Luv Sharma is working as Professor in the Department of Forensic Medicine, Pt. B.D. Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences. He did his post-graduation in Forensic Medicine & Toxicology from the same Institute in 1999 and joined as a consultant in the department in 2001. He is involved in conducting referred post-mortem examinations of different aetiologies and has done thousands of autopsies since. He is also a chairman of various medico-legal boards in the University of Health Sciences, Rohtak. He is the first doctor to conduct autopsy on a COVID-19 positive patient in India. He has over 70 publications in reputed indexed international & national journals. He has attended numerous International & National conferences and has delivered Key Note address in several of them. He is an expert witness in the courts of law.

#### Dr Abhishek Yadav, Associate Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, AIIMS, New Delhi

Dr. Abhishek Yadav did his basic medical under graduation in 2003 and post-graduation in Forensic Medicine in 2007, both from University of Delhi. He has more than 17 years teaching and work experience in various medical colleges and presently working as Associate Professor in Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, AIIMS, New Delhi. He is a Co-investigator and Chief Coordinator in Centre of Advanced Research and excellence in Virtual Autopsy sanctioned by ICMR for a budget of Rs 5 crores. He has received 15 days training un university of Zurich in Virtual Autopsy and Forensic Radiology. He is actively involved in Research and has published more than 90 papers in different journals of specialty (International and National). He is routinely dealing cases of Medical Negligence referred by Police and Honorable Courts. Having special interest in the field of Forensic Pathology was designated as Mortuary In-charge and Incharge Histopathology in the Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India. He has conducted around 5000 Medicolegal autopsies till date. Part of several committee constituted by Government of India to formulate guidelines & protocols for various Medicolegal work in the country.

## **Dr. Gaurav Aggarwal, Medicolegal Consultant & Professor,** Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, Mulayam Singh Yadav Medical College, Meerut, U.P.

Dr Gaurav Aggarwal is a Medical Doctor and Lawyer currently practicing as a Medicolegal Consultant & is a Professor at Dept. of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology at Mulayam Singh Yadav Medical College, Meerut, U.P. He has done his M.B.B.S. from Maulana Azad Medical College, M.D. in Forensic Medicine & Toxicology from U.C.M.S. & G.T.B. Hospital, D.N.B. in Forensic Medicine, Hospital Management from National Institute of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India, and LL.B. from C.C.S. University, Meerut. He has worked at Vardhman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital and has had the opportunity to work at 6 Medical Colleges in the past 20 years. He's also been taking classes for CBI trainee Officers at CBI Academy, Ghaziabad, Delhi Police, and Advocates of the Shahdara Bar Council, Delhi. His main interest is in the field of Legal Medicine, especially in Medical Negligence Cases, increasing awareness about medicolegal issues, safe medical practice among Doctors, enquiries in Medical Councils, Consumer courts and Criminal Courts. He is a spiritual person and teaches Rajyoga meditation.

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