

MEDICAL ETHICS

LESSON 1 ~ INTRODUCTION

After completing this course you will be able to:

- List the four guiding principles of medical ethics to improve patient outcomes
- Recognize ethical duties related to patient care in general
- Identify ethical duties related to patients near the end of life that will improve patient care
- List the ethical duties that providers have in relation to their medical practice, society as a whole, and other providers

LESSON 2 ~ OVERVIEW OF MEDICAL ETHICS

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- List the four guiding principles of medical ethics
- Cite one example of how these principles might conflict

LESSON 3 ~ THE PATIENT-PROVIDER RELATIONSHIP

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Identify the imbalance of power in the patient-provider relationship
- Recognize why providers should not treat themselves or loved ones
- Recognize the provider's ethical duty to maintain patient confidentiality
- Recognize the ethical duties of the healthcare provider around informed consent
- Identify the provider's ethical duty to provide care to patients, regardless of their disease state or ability to pay

LESSON 4 ~ PATIENTS NEAR THE END OF LIFE

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Define palliative care
- Identify ethical issues related to end-of-life care
- List ethical duties of the healthcare provider related to end-of-life care

LESSON 5 ~ PRACTICE, SOCIETY AND COLLEAGUES

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- List ethical duties related to medical practice
- Recognize the healthcare provider's duties to society
- Identify the responsibilities providers have for one another