

# Medical Ethics II

## *Teaching Medical Ethics in the Real World*

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - Thorpe Park Hotel, Leeds

08:45 to 17:00

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Today as GPs we live in an atmosphere of increasing patients' rights, in a world where the pendulum has swung from the medical paternalism of the 1970s to the mantra of patient autonomy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. When this is combined with the rapid advances of medical technology, the harsh reality of scarce health resources, and an ageing population we are confronted on a daily basis with difficult moral decisions, that often we are ill-prepared to address.

Our trainees can find themselves bewildered and confused, and frequently turn to protocols and guidelines to guide them through the ethical minefield of modern consultations. This is comparable to working in two dimensions in a three-dimensional world. Failure to get to grips with the underlying principles that underpin moral reasoning and ethical judgements can then lead to cynicism and eventually burn-out.

In these two seminars we help you to get to understand how to recognise ethical issues and how to make consistent moral judgements. In turn, this enables you to get to grips with teaching your trainees - firstly to recognise ethical issues and, secondly how to manage them in a systematic and fair manner.

We provide lots of tips and practical ways on how to teach practical medical ethics to your trainees.

The day is based on the application of the ethical principles discussed. The scenarios discussed will be very real and relevant to any practising GP, and with valuable tips on how to manage the dilemmas that we are all faced with on a regular basis.

The teaching is very interactive and relies on using real cases to illustrate the principles.

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