

The University of Jordan
Faculty of Dentistry
Department of Paediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics

Course Title: Law & Ethics in Dentistry

Course Code: 1303591

Prerequisite: 1303591

Course Coordinator: Zaid Al Bitar

Year: 5th year, second semester

Credit: 1 credit hour

Prerequisite for: Considered essential for dental profession in all branches

Instructor:

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Course Objectives:

Learning Outcomes:

Successful completion of this module should lead to the following learning outcomes:

A. Knowledge and Understanding (student should)

- Understand what is meant by "ethics"
- Understand why ethics are important
- Understand how codes of ethics function understand the issues surrounding the ethical dilemma
- Apprehension of the laws and by laws governing the practice of dentistry in Jordan
- Understand important topics which are related to the topic of ethics such as the basics of forensic dentistry, evidence bases dentistry and continuing education and writing medical reports.

B. Intellectual skills - with ability to

- Formulate the decision making used to approach these ethical dilemmas
- Choose options when confronted with an ethical dilemma
- Understand the relationship between risk management and ethics

C. Transferable skills – with ability to

- Have acquired sufficient ethical knowledge and expertise for professional conduct.
- Ability to work with other health related professional in an professional way
- The development of a critical attitude towards the ethical dilemmas.
- Ability to write medical reports for procedures undertaken by general dentists.
- Ability to look for best sources of evidence by knowing the hierarchy of evidence.

Teaching methods:

- Duration: 16 weeks, 16 hours in total.
- Lectures: 14 hours, 1 per week + two weeks for exams.

Modes of assessment:

- Midterm exam: 40 points, MCQs.
- Final Exam: 60 points, MCQs.

Attendance policy:

Lecture attendance is obligatory. The handout and recommended textbook are not comprehensive and additional material will be covered in lectures. You are responsible for all material covered in lectures.

Expected workload:

On average you should expect to spend between 1hours per week on this course.

Course Content & Weight:

Introduction

Importance of ethics

Lecture no.	Subject	Material covered	
1	The meaning of ethics in dentistry	-Importance of ethics -Historical background	-Basic ethical principles -Basic ethical principles applied to dentistry
2	The History of dental medicine	-The evolution of dentistry as a clinical practice	-The history of dentistry in the Arab and Islamic world
3-6	The laws governing the practice of dentistry in Jordan	-The laws and by laws of the Jordanian Dental Association	-Registration -Disciplinary actions
7	Evidence- based dentistry (EBD)	-Definition of EBD -The process of	-Advantages of EBD EBD resources

		EBD	
8	Consent & confidentiality	-Basics principles of application of consent and confidentiality in dentistry	
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10	Forensic dentistry	-Introduction to the basics of forensic dentistry	
11	Dentists relationships with patients & colleagues + writing medical reports	-Basic principles and code of conducts that governs dentists relationships with patients & colleagues -Basic principles for writing medical reports	
12	Ethics & risk management	-Basic principles for risk management in dentistry and its ethical implications	
13	How to write a research Protocol	-Definitions Main parts of a protocol -Process of writing a protocol	
14	Post graduate studies	-Process of application for postgraduate studies in Europe and North America	

Feedback:

Concerns or complaints should be expressed to the course instructor. If no resolution is forthcoming then the issue should be brought to the attention of the Department Chair and if still unresolved to the Dean. Questions about the material covered in the lectures, notes on the content of the course, its teaching and assessment methods can be also sent by e-mail.

References and Supporting Material:

1. FDI dental ethics manual: www.fdiworldental.org/resources/4_6ethics-manual.html
2. Ethics and Dentistry 1: Gilbier et.al, Dental Update 2001: 28: 468-73
3. ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct:
www.ada.org/prof/prac/law/code/index.asp

4. Evidence Based Dentistry for Effective Practice: Jan Clarkson ,Jayne E. Harrison , Amid Ismail (Editor), Ian Needleman (Editor), Helen Worthington. Informa Healthcare (19 Dec 2002).
5. How to write a protocol: O'Brien K, Wright J, J Orthod. 2002 Mar;29(1):58-61