

Pandemic of Decadence: Is Medicine Still Unaffected?

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Background

The current medical scenario in India has faced a drastic change. A place where doctors were considered next to gods and worshiped now sees them being dragged to the roads and beaten. Moral degeneration has engulfed the noblest profession of them all, in the most ferocious way. Hence, it is important to inculcate moral values in a doctor right from the beginning of the course. And the study is based on such budding doctors of the nation.

Aims & Objectives

- To find the level of awareness of medical ethics amongst the budding doctors of nation.
- To gather and assess the knowledge of professional misconduct amongst the medical interns.
- To assess the knowledge of the medical interns about the Medical councils.

Material & Methods

- Ethical clearance taken from the Institutional Ethical Committee of PIMS(DU).
- Study type: Prospective cross sectional study

- Study area: Pravara Rural Hospital, Loni
- Study population: 70 medical interns working at Pravara Rural Hospital, Loni
- 20 questions based on Code of Medical Ethics (Rules and Regulations), 2002 were supplied after obtaining the consent of the study participants and confidentiality was maintained.
- Data analysis done and presented using charts and graphs.

Results

- As a whole, most of the interns studied could answer 60-75% of the answers right (44.28%).
- The second largest group of interns was between the ranges of 50-60% (34.29%)
- The number of interns in the category of <50% was more than the interns in the category of >75%.

Conclusions

Ethics are moral principles which a person should abide to. They should be inculcated in an individual right from the beginning of the course. It is a continuous process that requires upgradation.