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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOETHICS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS – AUGUST 2024

UNIT CODE: MBE 717: ETHICAL HOTSPOTS

DATE: XX August, 2024

TIME: **Three Hours**

Start: 4:00 PM

Finish 7: 00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This exam is marked out of 100 marks
2. This Examination comprises TWO Sections
Section A: Compulsory Question (25 marks)
Section B: Long Answer Questions (75 marks)

SECTION A: COMPULSORY (25 Marks)

Short Answer Questions

1. During the COVID 19 pandemic many Governments instituted limited movement, mandatory wearing of masks, curfews, vaccination and other measures to mitigate against the threat.
 - a. Identify and describe any of these measures which may constitute an ethical violation. Justify your answer (4marks)
 - b. Choose what options you would recommend as a bioethics expert ? (5marks)

2. Dr Dolittle is a senior resident in a teaching and referral hospital. He has developed a liking for one of the medical students who is currently rotating in his ward. He is single and has never been married. The nursing officer in charge of the ward has noted this growing affection and interest in the medical student who is also single.

- a. Discuss any ethical concern. Provide an explanation for your response. **(6 marks)**
- b. Propose what actions the nursing officer do. Justify your decision **(5marks)**
- c. What ethical principles would you take into consideration in constructing a hospital policy on relationships in the work place? **(5marks)**

SECTION B (Set 5 Questions)

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS (75 Marks)

Long Answer Questions

1. Compare and contrast the difference between Euthanasia and physician assisted suicide. Discuss this with details and provide examples. What are the ethical and legal concerns for both? **(25 marks)**
2. A biotech company is developing a new treatment using embryonic stem cells. The treatment has shown promising results in animal trials. This technology makes use of fetal tissue obtained from terminated pregnancies which is legal in the country in which the research is being done. If successful, formulate what information, if any the company should provide to potential users. Especially for any health care workers or end users who may have a conscientious objection to termination of pregnancies. **(25 marks)**
3. During recent public demonstrations, medical personnel joined in a national strike to protest against poor pay and a lack of medical commodities and poor infrastructure in public health care facilities. Evaluate any ethical concerns for medical doctors to actively engage in such civic actions. Justify your answer using ethical theories? **(25 marks)**

4. A celebrity who is known to have many wives and other mistresses visits a health care facility and tests positive for a curable sexually transmitted disease. He accepts the treatment offered to him but declines to either inform his sexual partners or refer them for treatment. Assess any ethical responsibility the medical personnel attending to him have in this situation. Justify your answer from a virtue ethics standpoint. **(25 marks)**

5. Discuss whether it is appropriate or even justifiable for medical staff and health care workers to share photographs of patients with medical conditions with other colleagues in the same or different professional backgrounds. Justify what guidelines would mitigate against any possible harm (if any) in such circumstances and maximize benefits (if any)? **(25 marks)**

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