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BIOETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

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abstract

The NBC proposes a document with a general cultural approach to bioethics and professional training, in which it considers that suitable ethical training in the field of biomedicine and clinical medicine is the condition and guarantee for correct professional practice, as well as being a necessary basis for the successive cultural and scientific study of specific subjects in bioethics.

Professional training in bioethics must always be directed towards satisfying the patient's need for health and students' learning, offering the latter not only technical-scientific skills, but also sensitivity towards the problems of people who suffer and ethical-social responsibility in giving therapy.

The balance in the training requires the right integration of basic sciences, clinical sciences and humanistic subjects. The raising of student awareness to bioethical issues from an early stage goes towards reinforcing the humanitarian motivations in medical studies and to developing a global vision of the patient's problems.

For this kind training in bioethics, the NBC recommends the selection of teaching staff with multi-disciplinary skills, stressing that the training in bioethics cannot be limited only to medical staff, as it must be extended to all the staff working in the healthcare sector and whose work can affect the global health system.