

Australian Medical Council

Main topics in Good Medical Practice

Introduction

Good medical practice in a changing environment

Being an ethical doctor

On being a good doctor: professionalism and the art and science of medicine

Ethical principles for the medical profession

Ethical and legal responsibilities of medical students

Patient safety and maintenance of clinical competence

Reflective practice, including cultural safety

The importance of communication

Communication in clinical practice

Consent and informed decision making

The systems in which doctors' practise

The regulation of the medical profession

The Australian health care system

Resource allocation and rationing in health care

Health-care complaints systems

Confidentiality, privacy and disclosure

Negligence, professional liability and adverse events

The law and courts in Australia

Medicolegal examinations and reports, court procedures and expert evidence

Boundaries and professional relationships

Sexual and other boundaries

Doctors, industry and conflicts of interest

The doctor and interprofessional relationships

Ethical, legal and professional requirements of challenging roles

Prescribing and administering drugs

Diagnosing and certifying death and the role of the coroner

End-of-life care

The law and people with mental illness

Births, assisted reproductive technology, family law and child protection

Termination of pregnancy and related issues

Teaching, supervising and assessing

Good practice management

Entering and leaving practice and practice management

Medical records, reports and certificates

Doctors' health

Personal health of the doctor: illness and impairment

Doctors and research