

VALUE ADDED COURSE IN "ROLE OF CONSENT IN MEDICAL PRACTICE"

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1. Preamble:

Informed consent is a cornerstone of ethical medical practice, ensuring patient autonomy and informed decision-making. This course is designed to provide in-depth knowledge and practical skills in obtaining and documenting consent across various medical contexts. This course is crucial for medical professionals, particularly in light of increasing legal and ethical scrutiny in healthcare.

2. Scope and Need for Starting the Course:

With the growing complexities in medical practice, understanding the role of consent is paramount. This course will equip medical interns and postgraduates with the necessary skills to navigate consent-related challenges in clinical settings. The course is particularly relevant in the context of medico-legal cases, research ethics, and evolving telemedicine practices.

3. Target Audience:

This course is intended for Medical Interns and Postgraduates enrolled in Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, KAHER.

4. Eligibility:

Participants should be either interns or postgraduates in the medical field.

5. Objectives of the Course:

- a. To provide a comprehensive understanding of the ethical, legal, and practical aspects of informed consent in medical practice.
- b. To develop competencies in obtaining, documenting, and analyzing consent in various medical situations.
- c. To prepare participants to handle complex consent-related issues, including those involving minors, incapacitated patients, and end-of-life care.

6. Duration of the Course:

This is a two-day course, comprising a total of 16 hours.

- 8 hours of **Foundations of Consent in Medical Practice**
- 8 hours of **Advanced Topics and Practical Applications**

7. Medium of Instruction:

The medium of instruction for this program is English.

8. Course Content:

The course is divided into the following units:

Day 1: Foundations of Consent in Medical Practice		
Topics	Hours	Faculty
Registration	8.30am to 9.30 am	
1.Introduction to consent, historical evolution, ethical principles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition and importance of informed consent Historical evolution of consent in medical ethics and law Ethical principles underlying consent: autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice 	9.30 AM – 10.30 am	
2.Legal Framework Governing Consent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal requirements for obtaining consent Types of consent: express, implied, and informed consent Consequences of failing to obtain proper consent: legal cases and malpractice 	10.30 am – 11.30 am	
Tea break – 11.30 am – 11.45 am		
3.Process of Obtaining Informed Consent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steps involved in obtaining informed consent: disclosure, understanding, voluntariness, and decision-making Documentation of consent: verbal, written, and electronic formats Role-playing exercise: Simulated patient scenarios to practice consent-taking 	11.45 am – 12.45 pm	
Lunch break – 12.45 pm – 2.00pm		
4.Special Considerations in Consent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent in emergency situations: implied consent and legal exceptions Obtaining consent from minors and legal guardians Consent in patients with impaired decision-making capacity (e.g., dementia, mental illness) 	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm	
Tea Break 3.00 pm – 3.15 pm		
5.Case Studies and Ethical Dilemmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of real-world cases where consent issues were central Discussion on ethical dilemmas in obtaining consent (e.g., cultural considerations, language barriers) Group discussion: How to handle challenging consent situations 	3.15 pm to 4.30 pm	

Day2: Foundations of Consent in Medical Practice		
Topics	Hours	Faculty
1.Consent in Research and Clinical Trials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical considerations in obtaining consent for research The role of Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) in consent oversight Special cases: Consent in vulnerable populations for research 	9.00 am – 10.30 am	
2. Digital and Telemedicine Consent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rise of telemedicine and digital consent practices Legal challenges and ethical considerations in remote consent Best practices for obtaining consent in telehealth and digital platforms 	10.30 am – 11.30am	

Tea break: 11.30 am -11.45 am		
3. Consent in End-of-Life Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical and legal issues in obtaining consent for end-of-life decisions • Advance directives, DNR orders, and living wills • Case discussions on palliative care and consent for withdrawing treatment 	11.45 am to 12.45 pm	
Lunch Break: 12.45 pm – 2.00 pm		
4. Workshop on Communication Skills in Consent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective communication strategies for discussing consent with patients • Handling patient refusals and negotiating consent • Interactive role-playing sessions: Dealing with difficult conversations 	2.00 pm – 3. 30 pm	
Tea Break 3.30 pm – 3.45 pm		
5. Post-Testing and Practical Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing understanding of key concepts through a combination of: • Multiple-choice questions (MCQs) • Short-answer questions (SAQs) • Case scenario analyses • Review of test results and discussion of correct answers • Open forum for participant feedback and final Q&A session 	3.45 pm to 4.45 pm	
Vote of thanks	4.45 pm – 5.00 pm	

9. Teaching / Learning Modalities:

- Interactive Lectures with PowerPoint presentations
- Group discussions
- Assignments
- Hands-on training and role-playing exercises

10. Evaluation:

- Internal Assessment: Assignments and role-playing exercises (25 marks)
- External Assessment: Multiple-choice questions (25 marks)
- Total: 50 marks (Pass mark: 20, i.e., 40%)

11. Course Faculty:

- Internal Experts:
Dr. [Internal Expert 1], Dr. [Internal Expert 2]
- External Experts:
Dr. [External Expert 1], Dr. [External Expert 2]

12. Fees Structure:

The course fee is free to all the participants of Interns & Postgraduates of J.N. Medical College, KAHER.