

A Study About the Books and Periodicals Related with Medical Deontology and Medical Ethics in Turkish Republic Period[¶]

TÜRKİYE CUMHURİYETİ DÖNEMİNDE TIBBİ DEONTOLOJİ VE TIP ETİĞİ İLE İLGİLİ KİTAPLAR VE DERGİLER HAKKINDA BİR ÇALIŞMA

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Summary

In this study, the books and periodicals related with medical deontology and medical ethics published after declaration of Republic in Turkey will be analyzed and contributions of academicians will be explained.

The books subjected to this presentation were classified and evaluated in the context of their publishing dates, languages, number of the authors, translations an copy-rights situations, contents etcetera and the quotations taken form these books were explained.

Medical Deontology books published just after decleration of Republic, were evaluated together with medical history even though they are two different fields.

As a result of the efforts for prevailing the subject, books on medical ethics, which had taken the new solutions, attempt and regulations into account were published.

The language of this books that took part in our study is mainly Turkish, but a few books written in English were also included in this study.

Most of the books written by only one author on medical deontology and medical ethics. But there are some books written by multi-authors combining their knowledge.

Beside numerous books in this field, few periodicals keep their importance as reference books.

It is very important reviewing the books and periodicals related with medical deontology and medical ethics for sharing the experience and knowledge in this fiels.

Key Words: Deontology, Ethics, Books, Periodicals

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Özet

Bu çalışmada, Cumhuriyetin ilanından sonra yayınlanmış olan Tıbbi Deontoloji ve Tıp Etiği ile ilgili kitaplar ve süreli yayınlar incelenecek, bu alanda hizmet veren akademisyenlerin katkıları açıklanmaya çalışılacaktır.

Sunuşa konu olan kitaplar ve süreli yayınlar basım yılı, dili, yazar sayısı, içerikleri gibi farklı açılardan tasniflenerek değerlendirilmiş, kitaplardan seçkiler yapılarak örneklenmiştir.

Cumhuriyetin ilanından hemen sonra yayınlanan kitaplarda Tıbbi Deontoloji farklı iki uğraş alanı olmalarına rağmen Tıp Tarihi ile birlikte ele alınmıştır.

Son yıllarda konunun yaygınlaştırılmasına yönelik çabalar sonucu tıp alanındaki yeni çözüm, girişim ve düzenlemelerin de ele alındığı konulara yer veren Tıp Etiği kitapları yayınlanmıştır.

Araştırmamıza konu olan kitapların dili çoğunlukla Türkçe'dir. Tıbbi Deontoloji ve Tıp Etiği ile ilgili olarak yazım dili İngilizce olan az sayıda kitap vardır.

Tıbbi Deontoloji ve Tıp Etiği ile ilgili olarak yayınlanmış kitapların çoğu tek yazarlıdır. Ancak günümüzde bir çok akademisyenin bilinenlerini birleştirerek ortaya koyduğu çok yazarlı kitaplar da vardır.

Bu alandaki çok sayıdaki kitaplara karşın sayıları bir elin parmaklarını aşmayan süreli yayınlar günümüz Tıp Etiği için başvuru eserleri olma özelliğini korumaktadır.

Tıbbi Deontoloji ve Tıp etiği ile ilgili kitaplar ve süreli yayınların gözden geçirilmesi ülkemizin bu alandaki birikim ve deneyimlerini paylaşılması bakımından önemlidir.

Anahtar Kelimeler : Deontoloji, Etik, Kitaplar, Dergiler

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The books and periodicals which are subject to this presentation are evaluated and classified based on their publishing dates, their languages, number of their authors, whether they are translations or they have publishing rights, their contents. They

were sampled by anthologizing from books and periodicals.

The books related with Republican period medical ethics and deontology primarily were ordered based on their publishing dates and their

publishing languages. The books of those, who served in medical ethics and deontology and who are still serving in this field, were included in this classification.

Books Related with Medical Deontology and Medical Ethics

Language	Date of Publishing	Author	Book's name
Turkish	1946	Prof. Dr. Süheyl Ünver	Brief Notes in Medical Deontology Classes
Turkish	1975	Prof. Dr. B. N. Şehsuvaroğlu	Medical Deontology
Turkish	1983	Prof. Dr. B.N. Şehsuvaroğlu İmproved 2 nd Edition. Prepared by Arslan Terzioğlu	Medical Deontology
English	1987	M.D. Yahya Kiyak	Lectures on Medical Ethics
English	1995	Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Demirhan Erdemir	Lectures on Medical History and Medical Ethics
Turkish	1996	Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Demirhan Erdemir	Medical Deontology and General Medical History
Turkish	1998	Ed. Prof. Dr. Dr. Arslan Terzioğlu	Medical Deontology and Keys of Biomedical
English	1999	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mebrure Değer	Lectures on Medical Ethics
Turkish	2000	Prof. Dr. Emine Atabek Prof. Dr. Mebrure Değer	Medical Deontology Subjects
Turkish	2001	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Erdem Aydın	Introduction to Medical Ethics
Turkish	2001	Ed. Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Demirhan Erdemir Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yasemin. N. Oğuz Assist. Prof. Dr. Ömür Elçioğlu Dr. Hanzade Doğan	Clinical Ethics
Turkish	2002	Assist. Prof. Dr. Çağatay Üstün	Introduction to Medical Ethics Concepts
Turkish	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002	Prof. Dr. Hüsrev Hatemi Uzm. Dr. Hanzade Doğan	Medical Ethics

Intensive studies done recently, produce a tendency form medical deontology to medical ethics. New solutions, attempts and entrepreneurships in medical field are involved in books and periodicals.

These books, which are our subjects in this study, are mostly in Turkish. But there are medical deontology and medical ethics books written in English.

When these books are inspected according to their numbers of author, there are few multi-author books.

In Medical Deontology and Keys of Biomedical Ethics and Introduction to Clinical Ethics, pub-

lished in 1998 and edited by Prof. Dr. Dr. Arslan Terzioğlu, development of medical history and deontology education so far, doctors and medical ethics, past and present of doctor-patient relationship, patient's rights in ethical point of view and doctor's secrets, responsibility of doctors, medical ethics committees both in our country and world, euthanasia and its ethics problems, organ transplantation and ethics, AIDS and its ethical problems, ethical problems related with IVF and embryo transfers in Turkey, family planning and ethics, ethical problems related with abortion, gene manipulations and ethics, laws and regulations related with ethics, were presented to its readers (1).

In Clinical Ethics, published in 2001, edited by Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Demirhan Erdemir, Assoc. Prof. Yasemin. N. Oğuz, Assist. Prof. Ömür Elçioğlu, Dr. Hanzade Doğan, general subjects of medical ethics in practice, introduction to clinical ethics, methodology in clinical ethics practices, ethical decision making process in consultation clinical practices, doctor-patient relationship in clinic practices, relationships between medical students patients and nurses, were written by academicians working in deontology and medical history branches of medical faculties. Pediatricians and ethics, thoracic diseases and tuberculosis studies and ethics, ethical problems encountered in geriatric psychiatry, medical rehabilitation and ethics, ethics in oncology with its cases studies, internal diseases and surgery branches, urology and ethics, ethics in surgery, anesthesia and ethics, ophthalmology and ethics and etc. ethics subjects were written by our academicians. In this section; first, patient-doctor relationship and its improvement were given, some clinical cases were introduced, problems based on events and solutions to these problems were discussed. Ethical principles were taken as guide in discussions, and variety of ethical values was brought to light. In this book blood and blood product transfusions, dental profession and ethics, approaches in terminal period patients, academicians working in deontology and medical history branches of medical faculties wrote critical hospice thinking, etc.. A medical

ethicist added a comment all clinical ethics presentation (2).

As a result of the necessity for the translating the original books to Turkish, some translations were made into Turkish from various western languages. In this presentation some examples of the books by academicians who continue their studies were taken.

The book titled as Replacement Therapy: Ethics & Justice & Commerce published in 1994, consists of mutual convention, which was first convention done for arrangement of ethics, law and organ substitution trade, papers of European Organ Transplantation Association (ESOD) and European Kidney Association (ERA_EDTA). In this book, ideas of different individuals such as medical ethics professionals, philosophers, jurists, religious functionaries, transplantation surgeons, were included (3).

In the book titled as Various Disciplines from Ethical Studies in Daily Medical Life to Therapy, first published in 2000, the events that doctors face in daily life, that doctors and patients participated in, and needs of society are narrated (4).

Subject titles of the books published in medical deontology and medical ethics fields, are listed

in the first column of the following table, based on the printing date (first row of the same table).

When an evaluation was done in the subjects of the books, duties and responsibilities of the doctor are common for the books in medical ethics and deontology. While “responsibilities of doctors” is a theme for jurists, it’s a subject in which doctors live and create. Both ethics and deontology deals with the subjects such as whether doctors will intervene to patients or not, its burdens, getting consents of patient, if doctor is responsible or not in negative results of the medical intervention, every individual in a society must obey the law of this community. Law and ethics are two related disciplines. Ethical values and concepts change to law within time.

After the proclamation of the Republic in our country, first pronatalist period, than a transition period between 1957 and 1965, were lived and since 1965, an antinatalist period have been lived based on population policies. Ethical problems and related subjects encountered in population policies, their effects on mother and child health, family planning services, ending pregnancy, reproduction with help etc. have been included heavily in books in years.

Subject Titles	Books according to Printing Date										
	Brief Notes From Medical Deontology Classes	Medical Deontology	Lectures on Medical Ethics	Lectures on Medical History and Medical Ethics	Medical Deontology and General Medical Science History	Main Frame of Medical Deontology and Biomedical Ethics and Introduction to Clinic Ethics	Lectures on Ethics	Subjects of Medical Ethics	Introduction to Medical Ethics	Introduction to Medical Ethics Concepts	
Duties of doctors	X	x		x	x	x	x	x			
Responsibilities of doctors		x	x	x	x	x		x	x		
Addictive materials		x		x	x						
Family planning		x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Artificial Inseminat		x				x	x	x		x	
Hibernation		x		x	x						
Euthanasia		x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Secrets		x		x	x	x	x	x			
Doctor’s reports		x	x	x	x						
Consultation		x	x	x	x						
Quackery in physicianship		x	x	x	x						
Doctors’ oath		x	x				x	x		x	
Organ transplantation			x	x	x	x	x	x		x	
Doctor /medical ethics theories			x	x		x	x		x		
Patients’ rights			x		x			x	x	x	
Telling truth in Medical science			x				x				
Malpractice			x								
Medical tests				x	x	x	x	x	x		
Ethics Institutions						x					
AIDS and ethics						x	x	x		x	
Doctor-patient communication						x	x	x	x	x	
Genetic subjects					x	x	x				
Law / regulations		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	

By the implementation of the laws on organ and tissue taking, their preservation, vaccination, transplantation, on 29.5.1979, organ transplantation and the problems that it brought about started to be discussed.

Problems related with birth and death keeps their importance as a problematic among jurists and ethics. Euthanasia has been a focus in western developed countries since second half of 20th century. Being able to talk on one's own life, made having the same right for ending one's own life a continuous focal point of deontology and medical ethics books.

As a sub title of basic human rights, patients' rights not only define these rights but looks into the patient doctor relations. And it tries to change traditional relationship between patient and doctors to a modern and comprehensive relationship. Recent international and national reports that try to regulate the rights of patients and ethics have been effective in shaping our country's related regulations. Patients' right regulation, which is accepted by Turkish Constitution and other regulations, and which has been implemented after published on official gazette dated as August 1, 1998 and numbered as 23420, purposes putting the patients' right forth concretely as a reflection in health services. After published in official gazette, patients' right has taken its place in our books .

Subjects such as ethics, its meaning, ethics theories, doctors and ethics were put in the books written in English and the books written in Turkish which was published after 1995.

Progress in science has made the malicious acts rampant. The more direct result of progress in science has increased our control on death and birth. Questions such as When does a patient die? When is it permitted to die? Are encountered during medical processes. With the reflection of technology into medical fields over years, related with these changes, medical tests, gene technology, ethics committees, AIDS and ethics were put into medical books.

In the 1960s, in the United States, with the pioneer efforts of ethicists such as J.Fletcher and P.Ramsey, interests were initiated in medical ethics and especially in patient-doctor relationship. In our country, doctors must set up their interactions with patients on a reliable and strong base, too. For that reason, doctor-patient relationship in our country has been discussed in our books by questioning in different ethical approaches.

Obeying ethical principles should not be seen as a hurdle in a survey, no matter where this survey is done either in laboratory or clinic or even in epidemiological level. In accordance with 17th article of Turkish Republic Constitution, every citizen has rights of protecting his material and moral existence. In our country, with the regulation related with medicine research which was implemented after published in official gazette dated as January 29th, 1993 and numbered as 21480, defines the development of synthetic, and biologic, herbal materials and treatment using these materials and the volunteers that expose to this treatments, protection from diseases, diagnosis, treatment, or changing any function of the body, and their results as shown in the table, even though studies done on human subjects are very old, in parallel to legal regulation sharing knowledge has been new but are increasing rapidly.

Other Works in Medical Ethics

The book titled as Turkish Doctors Association's 1984-1992 Experiences by Ata Soyer, Being Doctors and Human Rights, which reflects the Turkish Doctors Association's buildups in human rights and medical fields, gives knowledge under the subtitles as human rights, health, job of doctors, doctor's role in protecting human rights.

In 1996, a book titled as Doctors' Job, Medical Ethics, International and National Human Rights Documents, which takes up the place of the medical in violations of human rights as a problematic, by Ata Soyer and Evren Balta, was published (5,6).

Human beings needed food, drink and similar materials, which change emotions pressing on

nerve system. These materials made profound effect on the human lives. In 1996, Opium and Medical Ethics (and other addictives), by Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Demirhan Erdemir, discusses harmful sides of the public uses of opium and other addictives as drugs (7).

Beside Gene technology becomes popular recently, it become one of the science field that guide the human lives. The more the problems based on genetics, Gene technology improvement are rampant, the more the related subjects are on agenda. The book titled as Genetic Problems and Ethics by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zehra Genç and Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Demirhan Erdemir in 1997, takes up the subjects of genetic consultancy and ethical problems in that fields (8).

Ethics has been one of the most discussed subjects of the recent years. These discussions will help quality health services gradually. In 1997, The Ankara Doctors' Association published the book related with medical ethics, titled as "Is It Ethical?" by Dr. C. Akpınar, Dr. F. Arslan, Dr. N.Ö. Büken, Dr. E. Çalikoğlu, Dr. F. Çay, Dr. N.Y. Oğuz, Dr. E. Önder, Dr. H. Öztürk, and Dr. M. Yetener, for its readers. Basic approaches in ethics, doctors' and patients' rights, health rights of children, assisted reproduction, abortus, organ transplantations, were evaluated in ethical point of views, these points of view related with ethical institutions and euthanasia were shared (9).

Uncontrolled technological developments, gene technologies, extraordinary improvement in communication, regional inequalities, extraordinary outside effects, affects the practices and made the ethics norm and values complex. As an express of efforts in finding solutions of problematic in ethical fields, The Ankara Doctors' Association published the book titled as An Ethical Point of View About Life in 2002 by the publication committee (Dr. B. Arda, Dr. N. Büken, Dr. Ö.Y. Duman, Dr. H. Öztürk, Dr. S.Ş. Pelin Dr. M. Yetener and Dt. A. Yıldız) (10).

The books shown below, evaluates the patients' rights regulations both in international and national level in ethical point of view.

Book Related with Patients' Rights

Year	Name of the book	Author
1999	Patients' Right	Şükrü Hatun
2000	Patients and Patients' Relatives' rights	Dr. Mustafa Sütlaş
2000	Patients and Doctors' Rights in the Light of Medical Ethics	Prof.Dr.Ayşegül Demirhan Erdemir Assist .Prof .Dr.Ömür Elçioğlu

Rights, individual rights and responsibilities, Lizbon (1981), Amsterdam (1994), Bali (1995) reports, of patients' right regulation published in official gazette dated as August 1st, 1998 and numbered as 23420, are the shared subject titles of the books.

Periodicals

In most of the periodicals published in our country, publication policies, their related fields, and related medical ethics subjects are included. The first of the Medical deontology and medical ethics periodicals was published in 1991. Medical ethics annuals edited by Prof. Dr. Arslan Terzioğlu, has reached its 9th issue in 2002.

In our country, a few symposium and congress related with medical ethics and history were arranged yearly. Medical ethics annuals consist of reports of these symposiums and congress. Texts in these annuals are in English, German and Turkish. Contributors are doctors, jurists, medical ethicists, medical jurisprudence specialists, pharmacists, and dentists.

Medical ethics annuals

Name - Date	Content
Medical ethics annual I 1991	Medical Ethics, Abortion, birth control euthanasia, experiments on animals
Medical ethics annual II 1992	Medical History
Medical ethics annual III 1993	Organ transplantation based on medical ethics
Medical ethics annual IV 1994	Ethical Institutions
Medical ethics annual V 1995	Genetic practices and organ transplantation based on medical ethics
Medical ethics annual VI 1996	Patients' rights, women and birth, surgery patients' right in organ transplantation
Medical ethics annual VII 1997	Experiments on human subjects, European Council Bioethics Contract and its Obligations,
Medical ethics annual VIII 1998	
Medical ethics annual IX 2000	Doctor-patient relationship and patients' rights
Medical ethics annual X 2001	Figured our certifications and genetic subjects
Medical ethics annual XI 2002	Doctor's responsibilities, organ transplantation, and ethics in science

Medical ethics subjects on world agenda, have a part in our countries' periodicals. The second periodical in our field is Medical Ethic, Law and History Magazine.

Medical Ethics, Law and History Magazine started its publication under the title of Medical Ethics in December 1993, Dr. Hikmet Akgül edited it, and honorary editor of this magazine is Prof. Dr Fuat Aziz Göksel. It had been published in 1998 as 3 issues. Between the years 1998 and 2001, it continues to be published in 2 issues. In 1999, its name changed as Medical Ethics and since April in the same year, Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Demirhan Erdemir has edited it. In 2002, studies done in medical history and medical law were involved in magazine and its name changed as Medical Ethics, Law and History Magazine. After this date, it was decided that number of its issues be four in one year. Text of Medical Ethics, Law and History Magazine is Turkish and English.

We encounter with increasing number open-ended questions day by day, as Prof. Dr. Fuat Aziz Göksel sated, who was died this year, in the article published in first issue of the magazine titled as "A New Necessity in Medical World; Professional Values Forum". Amazing improvement of contemporary medical science, causes us to face unanswered questions in deontology (11). Death, its definition, euthanasia, embryo tissue uses, abortus indications based on intra uterine diagnosis are the first anticipated questions and, they and the others are discussed in medical ethic magazine and other periodicals.

Books published related with medical deontology and ethics follows a tendency starting with medical deontology and ending in ethics when they are looked in their contents. Deontology and ethics are different subjects even though their contents are similar. The word deontology has various definitions in philosophy. The most close meaning of these definitions to ethics may be the one that "taking up the problems human responsibilities and obligations on behaviors and conducts". But, the "philosophy of values of deontology" which is a subchapter of ethics, is an intersecting and less

comprehensive philosophy compared to ethics. Depending on technological developments, we have different societal medical problems, but they are similar in some manner. Studies in books and periodicals, follows the agenda, related with medical ethics, closely. Especially the books and study reports, written in western languages, make it possible that the approaches related with medical deontology and medical ethics be known by masses in our country.

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