





LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ▶ By the end of this lecture, students shall be able to:
- ▶ Describe medical ethics and medical Etiquette.
- ▶ Explain code of medical ethics and Geneva Declaration.
- ▶ Describe the constitution of Pakistan Medical & Dental Council.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Explain the functions of Medical and Dental Council.
- ▶ Explain the functions of National Medical and Academic Board.
- ▶ Discuss the functions of National Medical Authority.

ETHICS

- ▶ It means the study of general nature of morals and specific moral choices, to be made by an individual in his relationship with others, the philosophy of morals.
- ▶ In another sense, ethics implies the principles or standards, governing the conduct of the members of a society.

MEDICAL ETHICS

- ▶ Rules and principles based on moral values to guide medical professionals in their conduct towards their
- ▶ patients,
- ▶ other members of the profession,
- ▶ and state.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE


- It means code of ethical conduct within the mutual relationship between the members of the medical profession.
- It actually means the sense of courtesy and respect, which should govern the conduct and relationship between the doctor community.


CODE OF MEDICAL ETHICS


- ▶ Code of medical ethics, the oldest known to the medical profession is the one that was used to be sworn by Greek physicians the ‘Hippocratic Oath’.
- ▶ The world medical association, after the second world war, took cognizance of the deteriorating ethical standards in Geneva and restated the Hippocratic oath in simple language and modern style known as ‘Declaration of Geneva’, upon which the international code of medical ethics is based .

INTERNATIONAL CODE OF MEDICAL ETHICS

- ▶ At the time of being admitted as a member of the medical profession .
- ▶ I solemnly pledge myself to consecrate my life to the service of humanity.
- ▶ I will give to my teachers the respect and gratitude which is their due.
- ▶ I will practice my profession with conscience and dignity.

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- ▶ The health of my patient will be my first consideration.
 - ▶ I will respect the secrets which are confined in me.
 - ▶ I will maintain by all the means in my power the honor and the noble traditions of the medical profession.
 - ▶ My colleagues will be my brothers.

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- ▶ I will not permit consideration of religion nationality, race party politics or social standing to intervene between my duty and my patient.
 - ▶ I will maintain the utmost respect for human life from the time of conception even under threat, I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity.
 - ▶ I make these promises solemnly free and upon my honor.




▶ **The Pakistan medical and dental council has with slight modifications adopted the above oath for the administration to the medical graduates of this country at the time of their passing out:**

▶ “In the name of Allah Most Gracious and Merciful.

▶ I solemnly pledge that I shall abide by the principles laid down in the code of medical ethics of the Pakistan medical commission. I further make solemn declaration that:



- I will consecrate my life to the service of humanity.
- I will give to my teachers the respect and gratitude which is their due.
- I will practice my profession with conscience, dignity and fear of God.
- The health of my patient will be my first consideration.
- I will respect the secrets which are confided in me.
- I will maintain by all the means in my power, the honor and the noble traditions of the medical profession.


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- My colleagues will be my brothers and sisters.
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PAKISTAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL

- ▶ Pakistan Medical and Dental Council is a statutory regulatory authority that maintains the official register of medical practitioners in Pakistan.
- ▶ Its chief function is to establish uniform minimum standards of basic and higher qualifications in medicine and dentistry throughout Pakistan.
- ▶ It also sets the education standards for medical colleges in Pakistan along with the Higher Education Commission.

HISTORY

- ▶ The Pakistan Medical Council was initially established in 1948 by adopting the British Indian Medical Council Act 1933 on the recommendations of the 1947 Pakistan Health Conference.
- ▶ It was later reorganized under the Pakistan Medical Council Act 1951 whereby each province has its own medical council.
- ▶ In 1957, the West Pakistan Medical Council was formed by merging the Sindh Medical Council and the Punjab Medical Council.

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- ▶ The Pakistan Medical Council Ordinance 1962 established the present-day Pakistan Medical and Dental Council as a statutory body in 1962 and all provincial councils were dissolved.
 - ▶ Three amendments were passed thereafter as the Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Act in 1973, 1999 and 2012.
 - ▶ In 2019, President passed a Law and dissolved the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC) to create a new council named as Pakistan Medical Council (PMC).

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- ▶ However, after 3 years in 2022, The Islamabad High Court restored the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC) and declared the formation of Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) – a body formed through a presidential ordinance in its place – as illegal.

CONSTITUTION OF PM&DC


The headquarters of PM&DC are located in Islamabad.


The PM&DC shall consist of :


- a. The Medical and Dental council
- b. The National Medical and Dental Academic Board
- c. The National Medical Authority


FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

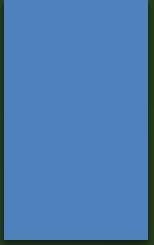
- ▶ The Council shall have the functions and powers of :
- ▶ general supervision over the working of the Commissioners
- ▶ and shall hold the President and Vice President of the Council, National Medical and Dental Academic Board, the National Medical Authority, and other authorities accountable for all its functions.
- ▶ To appoint the members, officers and employees of the Commission.

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- ▶ To approve accreditation standards, for under-graduate medical and dental programs of study, based in Pakistan.
 - ▶ To approve curriculum and scope of under-graduate medical and dental programs of study in Pakistan leading to general registration of the graduates of those programs to practice medicine and dentistry in Pakistan.

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- ▶ To grant recognition to medical and dental institutions in Pakistan which train &/or grant medical and dental postgraduate qualifications and to the qualifications granted by these institutions leading to registration of the graduates of those programs to practice medicine in Pakistan as specialists;
 - ▶ To approve the assessment of international under-graduate medical programs and institutions for registration of their graduates in Pakistan.

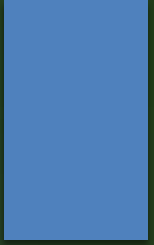
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- ▶ To approve the assessment of authorities or institutions in other countries that conduct examinations for post graduate registration in medicine and dentistry or that accredit post graduate programs of study in medicine or dentistry.
 - ▶ To approve listing for any new medical and dental specialties.


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- ▶ To hear and decide complaints against licensees, of professional negligence and misconduct in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Council.
 - ▶ To provide advise to the Federal and Provincial Governments and the Parliament for granting a charter by the Parliament to award post graduate degrees in medicine and dentistry, in both public and private sector.

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- ▶ To levy fees for grant, renewal or re-validation of licenses, examination, registrations, inspections, permissions and processes as may be performed by the Commission
 - ▶ To determine the penalties in respect of any violation or offence in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Council
 - ▶ To hear appeals against any order, act or decision of the Authority or the Board.

FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

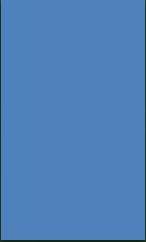
- ▶ to formulate accreditation standards, for under-graduate medical and dental programs of study based in Pakistan and recommend to the Council for its approval;
- ▶ to formulate curriculum and scope of under-graduate medical and dental programs of study in Pakistan leading to general or specialist registration of the graduates of those programs to practice medicine and dentistry in Pakistan and recommend to the Council for its approval.

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- ▶ to formulate the examination structure and standards for the NEB examinations of different levels and to setup and authorize a committee of not less than three persons to formulate the NEB examination papers for approval of the Council;
 - ▶ to formulate and recommend to the Council for its approval of the standards, scope and structure of the license re-validation standards (LRS) and to formulate the necessary procedures for re-validation of licenses.

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- ▶ to review and issue recommendations in respect of the academic standard of any foreign institution referred by the Council.
 - ▶ to recommend to the Council matters pertaining to policies for improvement of the quality of medical and dental practitioners and health-care in Pakistan.
 - ▶ The Council shall appoint a Secretary of the Commission ,who shall act as the Secretary to the Council and the Board.

FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY

- ▶ to perform all functions and duties as prescribed in this Act or as prescribed or directed by the Council;
- ▶ to conduct all examinations provided for under this act
- ▶ to carry out assessments of any institution or organization in Pakistan or outside Pakistan for purposes of recognition of training or for grant of registration and issuance of licenses to persons pursuant to qualifications issued by such institution or organization.

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- ▶ to implement all decisions of the Council and the Board.
 - ▶ to maintain a register of registered and licensed medical and dental practitioners in the prescribed manner and make the information publically available.
 - ▶ to maintain a register of all institutions in Pakistan and outside Pakistan recognized by the Council for purposes of training or grant of post graduate qualifications; and
 - ▶ maintain any other register or record for public consumption as may be directed by the Council.



Jazak-Allah khairan
(MAY ALLAH REWARD YOU WELL)