



SAMA CPD ETHICS PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

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SAMA CPD GUIDELINES FOR ACCREDITATION OF CEU'S IN ETHICS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND MEDICAL LAW 2023

South Africa is defined in the first chapter of our constitution as being a democratic, independent republic based upon the principles of protecting dignity, human rights, and the rule of law. Chapter two is a bill of rights which further defines these human rights including the rights to health care, food, water, and social security. These are all issues intimately linked to the health care profession.

As health care professionals working in South Africa, it is appropriate that practitioners should be familiar with the acts, regulations and guidelines that govern our practice. Furthermore, professionals should understand the bioethical principles that determine how we perform research and interact with patients and society. Medicine is a constantly advancing field and with these advances conflicts often arise within the arenas of politics, law, religion, philosophy, and economics. An understanding of bioethics helps us to recognize, admit and sometimes resolve these conflicts.

The allocation of specific CEU's to ethics, human rights and medical law is an acknowledgement of how important these issues are to our practice. Leadership and practice management activities are subject to committee approval.

It is important however that CPD activities on these topics focus on issues of patient care. Ethics talks for instance can cover a wide range of topics, but accreditation is awarded to talks concerning the principles of autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice, and human dignity. Medical law activities should focus on the responsibilities of professionals and the rights of patients.

Presenters of such activities need to provide evidence of related training in the CV accompanying application.

For further guidance, the HPCSA offers a range of guidelines on these topics, and they are available on the website - www.hpcs.co.za.

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