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Abstract:

Developing a Culturally Sensitive Virtual Training Course in Clinical Ethics

We report on the development and testing of an internet-based virtual training course in clinical ethics and clinical ethics consultation for health care teams and the education of consultation groups in clinical ethics. Of importance is the introduction of appropriate principles and health care virtues in the clinical setting, the initiation of open and extended discussion and evaluation in the use of case studies, the integrated education of health care professionals from different fields of nursing, medicine, and management, the importance of cultural sensitivity and of professional compassion, the use of checklists for case evaluation and the encouragement to develop special checklists for special situations or challenges.

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