

Re: The Onus of Doctors

Electronic Opinion

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Dear Sir,

I have read with interest the article by Kamran M et al. [1] I would like to highlight that misadventures occur when details are omitted from history. It is essential that a doctor gains the trust of his patient and obtains information regarding taboo topics (sexual relations, drug abuse etc) as well. However, there are instances when the health and safety of another individual is also at risk (Epidemics, STDs, Corona Virus, etc), and then this oath is deliberately broken. It is the onus of doctors to uphold their oath of providing the best medical diagnosis and treatment to the concerned parties. Often times, to do so means to violate the terms of confidentiality, but in good faith.

Thank You.

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