IMPORTANCE OF ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITY IN HEALTH SERVICES IN SERBIA

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ABSTRACT: The health care system should be seen as the foundation of human society. Laws and ethics of health care substantially coincide. Important role in the struggle against negative phenomenon in Serbia have also numerous ethical codes of healthcare personnel in our country. There are: Code of Professional Ethics of the Serbian Medical Association ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", no. 121/2007), the Ethical Code of Dental Doctors ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", no. 14/2008), The Ethical Code of Pharmacists of Serbia ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", no. 6/2007), Ethical Code of the Serbian Association of Nurses and Medical Technicians ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", no. 67/2007). The basic ethical principles in performing professional duties and the rules of conduct of their members are established, with aim to preserve reputation and dignity of the health service.

The basic principle of all modern legal systems is integrity. Patient safety is dependent on the independence of doctors who decide on their treatment. Respect of personal integrity and the principle of good faith should be a measure of treatment in all matters, and the behavior of health workers should reflect concern for the welfare, dignity and health of each individual. In Rome in 2002 the European Charter of Patients' Rights known as the "Rome Charter" was created, and that was ratified in Brussels in November the same year, and thus became the basic document for healthcare reform in the countries of the European Union.

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A wise man is searching for what he wants in himself.

(Confucius)

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