#### **School of Medical and Allied Science**

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### ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

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#### **Ethics**

- ☐ Having guidelines for human behavior.
- ☐ Studying moral choice and values.
- □ choosing between right and wrong

#### **INTRODUCTION**

#### What is Ethical Behavior:

- What is accepted as good and right in the context of the governing moral code.
- The term ensures that all its decisions, actions "ethical behavior" refers to how an organization conform to the organization's moral and professional principles

# For what reason do people most often sacrifice their act unethically?

- a. Need for popularity
- b. Greed for money
- c. Desire for power
- d. Ambition to be famous
- e. Something else

### **Organizational** ethics

- It is how an organization ethically responds to an internal or external stimulus
- It is interdependent with the organizational culture
- Organizational ethics express the values of an organization to its employees.

### Ethics starts at the top!

- Thus, two things become apparent:
  - 1.Organizational/business ethics are the responsibility of organizational leadership; and

2. The challenge of leaders to create an ethical organization is....difficult!

- Key Questions for Leaders as they build the ethical organization:
  - What are my core values and beliefs?
  - What are the core values and beliefs of the organization?
  - Whose values, beliefs and interests are impacted by my actions and decisions?
  - Who will be harmed or helped by my actions and decisions <u>and</u> those of my organization?
    - •How will my core values and those of my organization be affected or changed by my actions or decisions?
  - How will I and my organization be affected by my actions and decisions? Do my actions and decisions represent a consistent set of values?

### BASIC ELEMENTS OF ETHICS

Written code of ethics and standards

Ethics training to executives, managers, and employees;

Availability for advice on ethical situations (i.e. advice lines.) Systems for confidential reporting.

### FIVE BASIC ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Value of life Goodness or **Individuals** Freedom rightness Truth-Justice or telling/Honesty fairness

#### VALUE OF LIFE

The preserving and protecting of life (self-defense & war). Not "life at all costs" rather no life should be ended without very strong justification . . .

Thus it is morally wrong to take people's lives against their will without great rationale and it is also wrong to interfere with their death/dying against their will without similar justification

### Goodness or Rightness

- Humans should attempt three things
- 1) promote goodness over badness;
- 2) cause no harm or badness; and
- 3) prevent badness or harm.



#### Justice or Fairness

- •Because most do not live/act in isolation, people's actions affect one or more others.
- Two aspects of justice include:
- 1) treat others fairly and
- 2) distribute goodness and badness fairly

### **Truth-telling/honesty**

- Moral/ethical systems are relevant for all within the group to which the system applies.
- Thus, the systems are dependent upon agreement among those within the group to be truthful and honest. This allows meaningful communication and development of trust.

#### **Individual Freedom**

• Individuals have rights and personal autonomy in determining their own ethical character and conduct.

Prior research shows that students are affected in a positive manner by classes that include ethics education. Teddy Roosevelt said, "To educate a person in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."

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