

Ethics and legal medicine in field of Anesthesiology, Intensive Care, Emergency, and Pain Medicine

'Vita brevis, ars longa, occasio praeceps, experimentum periculosum, iudicium difficile...'

In the reported aphorism, which referred to Hippocrates of Kos, doubts, uncertainties and difficulties entailed by the practice of the medical profession are addressed.

Undoubtedly, different specialized anesthetists, intensive care, pain doctors, and emergency wards are among those most often called upon to make difficult choices in a short period of time.

The type of cases also often presents difficult choices from an ethical point of view and also exposes them to litigation.

The Special Issue is currently aimed at bringing readers cases and situations to attention, particularly those involving difficult choices from an ethical point of view that may have to be faced by any of the specialists in the aforementioned branches.

Another aspect that will be the subject of an in-depth analysis consists of particular cases of medical liability. Unfortunately, in fact, error is inherent in any profession, and a careful analysis of the errors is the only useful way to prevent it from happening again.

Last, but not least, the aspect that will be analyzed in the Issue concerns the description of autopsic case histories concerning particular cases or of the original studies having as object of study topics of an anesthetic nature, emergency therapy, or pain analyzed from the forensic pathologist's point of view.



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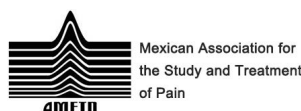
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