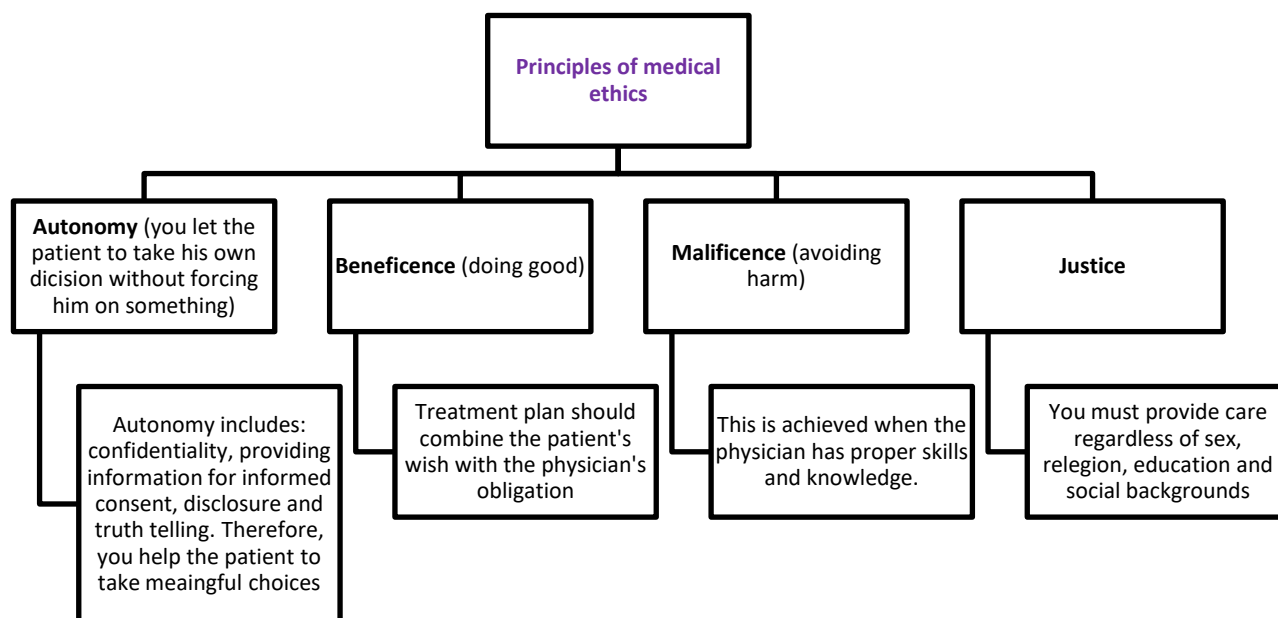




Unit II - Problem 4 – Medical Ethics

- Ethical dilemma = what a doctor should do vs. what the patient wants 😊... ethical dilemma occurs in these conditions:

- Confidentiality.
- Telling the truth.
- When patient refuses the treatment.



- Truth telling:

- You tell the truth if this is going to promote patient's well-being.
- Truth telling needs good communications skills.
- Keep in mind when telling the truth that you avoid harm to the patient.
- Let the patient makes his own life choices.

- You must be careful that confidentiality is not applied in:

- Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs).
- Communicable (infectious) disease.
- Dangerous patient.
- Child abuse or neglect.

- Informed consent includes the following components:

- Risks.
- Benefits.
- Alternatives.

These components must be discussed with the patient before proceeding to intervention.