

**World Medical Regional Meeting for Asia on the
International Code of Medical Ethics
7-8 June 2022
Centara Grand Hotel at Central Plaza Ladprao Bangkok
Bangkok, Thailand
DRAFT PROGRAM**



Day 1	
12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch provided for all participants
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	On-site registration
Chair: TBC	
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Otmar Kloiber, Secretary General, World Medical Association (WMA) • Dr. Sukhum Kanchanapimai, President of the Medical Association of Thailand
2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Introduction to the International Code of Medical Ethics (ICoME) and the revision process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ramin Parsa-Parsi, Chair of WMA ICoME revision workgroup; German Medical Association
2:30 – 2:35 p.m.	Commentary on the current ICoME draft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sho Hashimoto, Executive Board Member, Japan Medical Association
2:35 – 3:05 p.m.	Roundtable The physician's duty to help in medical emergencies: Responsibilities, challenges, and limits (See Paragraph A in annex) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Prasit Watanapa, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital of Mahidol University, Thailand • Discussion
3:05 – 3:25 p.m.	Coffee break
3:25 – 3:55 p.m.	Roundtable Patient autonomy and informed consent (See Paragraph B in annex) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Pukovisa Prawiroharjo, Indonesian Medical Association • Discussion
3:55 – 4:25 p.m.	Roundtable The ethics of remote treatment (See Paragraph C in annex) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ravi Wankhedkar, Treasurer, World Medical Association; Indian Medical Association • Discussion
4:25 – 4:35 p.m.	Commentary on the current ICoME draft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jamal Uddin Chowdhury, Bangladesh Medical Association
4:35 – 4:50 p.m.	Floor open for further individual presentations on the current ICoME draft
4:50 – 5:30 p.m.	Special workshop to review revised draft of the International Code of Medical Ethics
7 p.m.	Dinner/social program (optional)

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Day 2	
Chair: TBC	
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Roundtable Duty to share knowledge: The important role physicians play in global health and in combating misinformation (See Paragraph D in annex) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kyung Hyun Do, International Affairs Committee Chair of the Korean Medical Association • Discussion
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Roundtable Ethical issues in advertising and marketing for physicians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malke Borrow, Director, Division of Law and Policy, Israeli Medical Association • Discussion
10:00 – 10:20 a.m.	Coffee break
10:20 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Roundtable Caring for oneself to provide better care to the patient: The physician's duty to report inappropriate or unsafe working conditions, violence against physicians and health personnel, and other unsustainable stress factors (See Paragraph E in annex) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kidaphol Wadhanakul, Council Member for International Relations, Medical Association of Thailand • Discussion
10:50 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Presentation of International Code of Medical Ethics Dedicated Conference on Physician Conscientious Objection in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 4-5 July 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Pukovisa Prawiroharjo, Indonesian Medical Association
11:05 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Special workshop to review revised draft of the International Code of Medical Ethics
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch provided for all participants
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	ICoME workgroup meeting
8 – 10 p.m.	River cruise with dinner (optional) Cruise fare: THB 150 with à la carte dinner on board

Annex

The paragraphs listed below have been extracted from the current revised draft of the ICoME and have been included here for the purposes of this conference to serve as a reference for the topics listed on the program. All paragraphs are subject to change.

Paragraph	Text
A	The physician must offer help in medical emergencies, while considering the physician's own safety and competence, and the availability of other viable options for care.
B	The physician must respect the patient's right to be informed in every phase of the care process. The physician must obtain the patient's voluntary informed consent prior to any medical care provided, ensuring that the patient receives and understands the information needed to make an independent, well-informed decision about the proposed care. The physician must respect the patient's decision to withhold or withdraw consent at any time and for any reason.
C	When providing medical care remotely, the physician must ensure that this form of communication is medically justifiable and that the necessary medical care is provided. The physician must also inform the patient about the benefits and limitations of receiving medical care remotely, obtain the patient's consent, and ensure patient confidentiality is upheld. Wherever medically appropriate, the physician must aim to provide care to the patient through direct, personal contact.
D	Physicians should share their medical knowledge and expertise for the benefit of patients and the advancement of health care, and public and global health. <i>Also:</i> Physicians play an important role in matters relating to health, health education and health literacy. In fulfilling this responsibility, physicians should be prudent in discussing new discoveries, technologies, or treatments in non-professional, public venues and should ensure that their statements are scientifically accurate and understandable. Physicians must indicate if their own personal opinions are contrary to evidence-based scientific information.
E	The physician should report to the appropriate authorities conditions or circumstances which impede the physician or another physician from providing care of the highest standards or from upholding the principles of this Code. This includes any form of abuse or violence against physicians and other health personnel, inappropriate working conditions, and any other unsustainable stress factors.

Also:

In order to provide care of the highest standards, physicians must attend to their own health, well-being and abilities. This includes seeking appropriate care to ensure that they are able to practise safely.

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