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Abstract

Ethical considerations in providing healthcare services for vulnerable (children): A comparative study and model development

Introduction: One of the important issues in the "ethics of care" is the attention and decision on vulnerable groups, especially children. Given the fundamental differences between children and adults, the issues of childcare and infants' care and ethical decision making are quite different from adults and require careful examination of different dimensions. The purpose of this study was to investigate ethical considerations in the provision of health services in vulnerable groups (children) in the country and compare them with selected countries and provide a model for improving indicators.

Materials and Methods: This research was conducted in two phases of the library and descriptive - analytic qualitative study. In the library phase, a thorough study of scientific texts including scientific journals and books was conducted. The qualitative study was conducted in the form of semi-structured interviews that were conducted among 6 groups of experts in this field. The text of these interviews was analyzed and criticized as the analysis data, the paragraph to the paragraph (analysis unit) in the coding tables for each question.

RESULTS: This analysis showed that ethical considerations in the provision of child health services in the field of treatment and provision of hospital services have a fundamental and fundamental weakness in the provision of child health services, which include: localism and religious-cultural relativity, lack of follow-up, compliance improvement Ethical considerations in the provision of services, the weakness of the policy system, the childhood obedience and subsequent conflicts, the child's objectivity, and the neglect of their deeper dimensions of existence, little attention to the privacy and privacy of children, shortcomings in the content of laws and even insufficient enforcement of laws and policies.

Conclusion: The result of this study was to provide a model for improving the delivery of services to children, which is a three-pronged model that describes the role of the Four main axes of policy and Research and education and the provision of services in the field of executive medicine in the area of children's health and health.

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