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Abstract

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Keywords: *review, "Relatia medic -pacient" volume, autonomy, trust, medical decisions, communication*

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Introduction

In the economy of a few lines, I will try to expose those aspects that made from volume *Relația medic-pacient*, whose editors are Liviu Oprea, Cristina Gavrilovici, Mihaela- Cătălina Vicol and Vasile Astărăstoae, a readable, useful and comprehensive volume, for both practitioners in medical system but also for interested public by this domain. The volume makes the subject of a scientific research developed during 3 years in the bioethics domain, and incorporates papers from 10 authors.

The present paper aims at presenting the main ideas of the book “*Relatia medic -pacient*” written as a result of a post-doctoral project in bioethics. The volume structured in 6 chapters exposes gradually, themes such as ethical theories applied in patient -doctor relationship, models of those types of relationships, issue of trust and patient autonomy in the medical care context, medical decisions and communication in patient – doctor relationship.

Volume review

Reading the volume it can be noticed that authors explore the patient – doctor relationship and the communication between those two, from an ethical perspective. The central idea of this volume is how this relationship could influence the positive changing of medical care system, in accordance with a efficient of medical practice.

First chapter of the book, *Teorii etice aplicate relatiei medic-pacient/ Ethical theories applied to patient-doctor relationship*, exposes the ethical theories, aiming at providing to the reader the philosophical fundamentals related to the medical care system, in order for him to understand better the implication of this relationship. A significant part of this first chapter I consider it is the part 1.4. *Ce presupune o etica deontologica? / What a deontological ethics implies?* (pp.26-31). This section exposes a brief clarification of deontology, ethics and moral law, referring to the Kantian deontology and deontological principles in medical act (Manea, T., *et al*, 2013, pp.26-31).

Another chapter that we consider a representative one in accordance with the theme of the volume is the chapter 4, entitled *Autonomia pacientului in contextul ingrijirilor medicale/ Patient autonomy in the context of medical care*. Into this chapter, the authors approached the trust of patients in medical care system, but in the core of this chapter remains

the autonomy of the patients, from Kantian perspectives, but also from Stuart Mill approach. The fundamental ideas of autonomy express it as a compatibility of individual freedom with the legitimacy of authority, most of the theoreticians proposing a consensual decision as a manner of compatibility of individual interests (Jennings, 2007 apud Sandu, A., Cojocaru, D., Oprea, L., 2013, p.133).

The last chapter *Comunicarea în relația medic-pacient / Communication in patient-doctor relationship* treats the communication process in the patient-doctor relationship, aiming at theoretical and practical grounding of this process, such as motivational counselling and narrative medicine (Gavrilovici, O., Oprea, L., Astarastoe, V., 2013, pp.211-224).

Those processes effectiveness was demonstrated especially in counselling for life style changing of patients. The authors of this paper sustain that communication promotes the autonomy and trust in patient-doctor relationship.

Conclusions

Reviewing the volume *Relația medic-pacient*, and taking into account the chapters mentioned into this review we consider the reviewed volume a significant work, the results of a great research, in which is successfully combined theoretical and practical papers, in order for the practitioners and medicine students to better understand the factors that could influence the effectiveness of medical care system, in the core of this system being in fact the patient- doctor relationship.

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