



around the Theme:

**MORAL AND ETHICAL IMPERATIVES OF HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGIES**

Scientific, legal and socio-economic perspectives

Developments in technology have been crucial in shaping health care all over the world. Today, physicians utilise and depend on a wide range of tools to guide and support their practices. Moreover, new relationships between health care professionals, patients and industry have emerged. In the field of public health, technological change has contributed to reductions in mortality and prolongation of life on the one hand, and to the emergence of new challenges to human health, on the other. The Second National Bioethics Conference, hosted by the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME), aims to bring together medical professionals, public health researchers, social scientists, policy makers, government, and the public to examine the moral and ethical imperatives of health care technologies, at the level of the individual and society.

IJME's First National Bioethics Conference in 2005 was organised by a National Organising Committee (NOC) consisting of 20 Collaborating Organisations. An NOC is currently being constituted for this second conference. Further planning, including selection of abstracts and finalisation of the conference programme, will be done under the guidance of the NOC.

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IJME invites individuals to submit abstracts for paper presentations and concept notes for workshops and panel discussions

With Focus on ethical issues related to health care technologies in the context of clinical practices, research and public health policy.  
Given below are potential themes of the conference

**Clinical practice:**

Health care technologies in resource-constrained settings: cost, access, and equity

Regulating health care technologies

Dilemmas on the use of life-prolonging technologies, genetic screening, stem cell therapies, artificial reproduction, etc.

Health care technology and medical education

**Research:**

Research on health care technologies: distributive justice, regulation of international research, research on vulnerable populations

Dilemmas in the development of new technologies (genomics, stem cells, drugs, devices)

Clinical trials of health care technologies

Contract Research Organisations and the "outsourcing" of trials

Role of Institutional Review Boards

**Public health policy:**

Priority setting: research and the 10/90 gap

Technology, environment and communities: examining the social implications of health care technologies

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