

Vaghezza, dilemmi morali e legittimità politica: un'analisi teorica dei limiti del nuovo *Codice Internazionale di Etica Medica*

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Vagueness, Moral Dilemmas, and Political Legitimacy: a Theoretical Analysis of the Limitation of the International Code of Medical Ethics

Abstract: In 2022 the World Medical Association (WMA) approved the revision of the International Code of Medical Ethics (ICoME). The new code is the result of a four-year review process and today represents a deontological reference for over ten million doctors worldwide. The new ICoME not only expands and redesigns the framework of doctors' ethical duties in the exercise of the profession, but it also has the ambition of crystallizing the global ethos of clinical medicine. However, both the content and the purpose of the WMA code have recently been subjected to criticism. This article reconstructs how the new ICoME has been elaborated and concludes that, despite its many merits, the new WMA code is structurally inadequate to represent the global ethos of clinical medicine.

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