Knowledge, Awareness and Practice of Islamic Medical Ethics, Principles and Practices among Final Year Medical Students of International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)

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The medical profession is a respected vocation. A high degree of professionalism is a prerequisite to good medical practice. In Islam, ethics is part of its Law (Shari’ah). A Muslim health care worker is guided by Islamic medical ethics in his/her daily clinical practice. In resolving ethico-legal issues, the framework of maqasid and qawaid al-syariah, is applied. One of the IIMP learning objectives is to nurture professionalism and ensuring competence in resolving issues related to medical ethics from the Islamic perspective. In our context of professionalism, we work on four main values summarized as 2E’s (Expertise and Ethic) and 2C’s (Communication and Compassion), that every aspiring doctor should develop over the period of training. However, the effectiveness of this curriculum has not been extensively evaluated. A preliminary study was carried out on final year medical students of International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) to evaluate their knowledge on Islamic input in medical program (IIMP) and their confidence to practice medicine according to the ideals of professionalism stipulated by the curriculum. The questionnaire survey was distributed to 96 final year medical students of IIUM and the results were analyzed using SPSS 19.0. Result showed that 92.7% (89) respondents were satisfied with IIMP. Only 7.3% (7) respondents were not satisfied. The majority of respondents (94.8%) also believed that the learning outcomes of IIMP have been achieved and that they would be able to apply Islamic principles in health and medical practice as doctors.

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