



Popular Ethical Domains tested in the Orals

Try and go through some of these in your study groups and/or with your trainer/other colleagues.

A sample of some popular domains tested in the orals include:

- Abortion
- Breaking Bad News
- Burnout - prevention, coping with own anger, stress and fatigue
- Complaints procedure
- Consent - age to consent for treatment (children), justification of sectioning, treatment without consent
- Confidentiality
- Consultation models, consultation structure and length, the consultation process (verbal/non verbal cues)
- Counselling in General Practice
- Difficult Patients & Dysfunctional Consultations
- The Doctor-Patient relationship
- Educational needs
- Euthanasia/Life Prolonging Rx/Advanced Directives
- Genetical Manipulation – ethics
- Gifts – accept or not?
- The Pharmaceutical industry
- Prenatal Screening
- Personal & Professional Development: self awareness: insight, reflective learning, 'the doctor as a person'; Commitment to maintaining standards: personal and professional growth, continuing medical education
- Rationing
- Referral rates
- Self Inflicted Illnesses (e.g. smoking, alcohol, drugs) – views on treatment
- Sick Doctors/ Addicted Doctors/Alcohol
- Teamwork/Belbin theory
- Terminal Care (Death & Dying)
- The Underperforming Dr
- Transcultural Medicine, Ethnicity & Diversity
- Whistle blowing

Hot topics change with time. Remember to read the medical news to see what the latest flavour is. Some topics will always remain important e.g. rationing.