



What Covid-19 Has Taught Us about Ethics in Radiation Protection and vice-versa

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ETHICS FOR RADIATION PROTECTION IN MEDICINE:

A WHO/ICRP stakeholder initiative and
the Ethics response to Covid-19.

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Agenda: Covid Context

- When is Ethics essential
- What is Ethics
- Which Values
- Moral Compas, Good Practice and Law for RP and Covid



Ethics Essential

Evaluation of situations where Law/ Protocols confused/ lack maturity.

Where what ought to be done can't be done

Accidents

Incidental Findings

Service Development

Patient centred



What is Ethics?

- Not abstract discipline discussed in University departments. Rather, how should Dr X deal with Y today?

Ethics is:

- Essentially practical
- Obligations v ordinary
- And v numerous

- Personal Moral Compass
- Not sufficient



Value Sets

Dignity/Autonomy
Non-Maleficence/ and
Beneficence
Justice

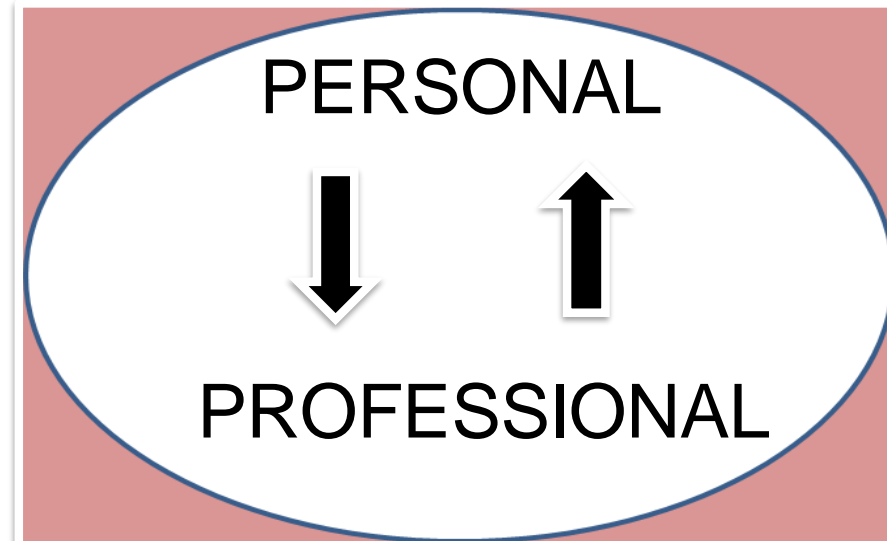
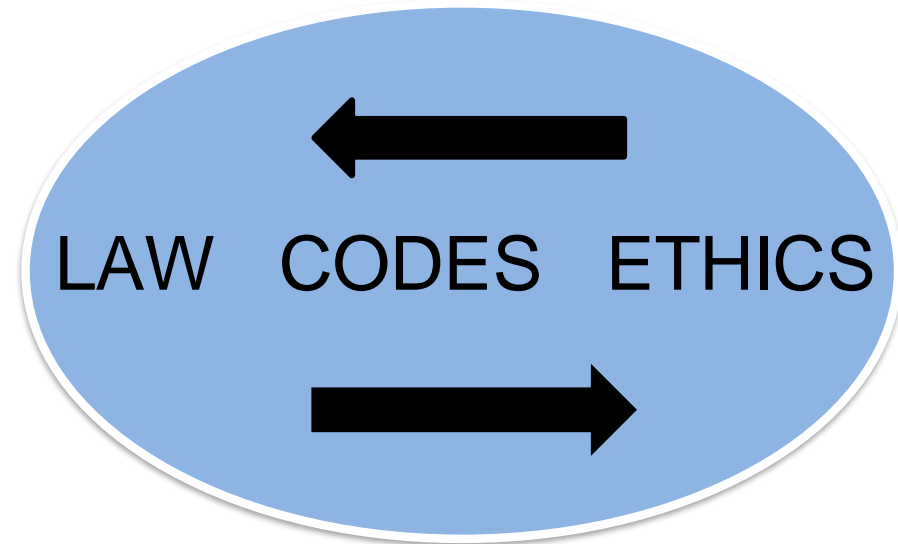
Prudence/Precaution
Honesty/ Transparency

Additional Values :
Solidarity/Empathy
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Moral Compass Professions & Ethics

- Ethics reasoning: Situations are complex & obligations are ordinary & v numerous
- PRUDENCE
- TRANSPARENCY
- For PROFESSIONS, values cannot be just personal
- Guidelines, protocols and law, determine culture we work in. **NOT ETHICS,**



Ethics open to the Small Infinity Balance and Uncertainties



