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## LECTURE 3:

## Professional Ethics

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# Professional Ethics

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## I. Definition

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“Professional Ethics are moral principles of conduct guiding professionals. Codes of professional ethics are established by the organisation and professionals. A violation of professional ethics will make the professional subject to disciplinary action”

## II. Purpose of Code of Professional Ethics

- **Promote safe and effective practice**
- **Encourage trust between professionals and service users**
- **Inform about the professionals' ethical obligations towards service users**
- **Ensure protection of service users**
- **Explicitly state what to expect from the professional practitioner**

### III. Professional Code Doctor

- **Absolute respect of human rights and dignity towards all people regardless of gender, race, disabilities e.t.c.**
- **Treatment of people with respect and dignity**
- **May not refuse services for any reason which is not relate to scientific competency**
- **If the patient does not have the capacity to consent to treatment third parties have to be informed and give consent (parents', guardians e.t.c.)**
- **Special attention when providing care to vulnerable groups**

## IV. Professional Code Child Psychiatrist

- **Every child and their family should be treated with respect irrespective of disability, sex, social status e.t.c.**
- **Primary concern is the mental well being and development of the child**
- **Duty to cooperate with parents to improve their parenting skills**
- **Adherence to the principle of confidentiality**
- **Inform the child and their parents about any intervention and its benefits and risks**

## V. Professional Code Child Psychologist

- **Provide to all patients the same care regardless of disability, religion ideology and socio-economic situation**
- **Promote feeling of professional freedom and wellbeing**
- **Frequency of visits of the patient and parents/guardians should be based on the gravity of the case**
- **Maintain confidentiality**

## VI. Professional Code Social Worker

- **Must not discriminate based on disability, sex, race e.t.c.**
- **Promote clients' sense of personal freedom and free will**
- **Respect privacy and confidentiality of any information revealed by clients.**



## VII. Professional Code Special Teacher

- **Must not discriminate against people with disabilities on the basis of the severity of the disability and financial and social status**
- **Must not subject the child and the family to unnecessary and expensive treatment**
- **Must take appropriate steps to integrate children with special educational needs in all schools in the country**
- **Should always apply methods to modify behaviour which does not affect dignity and basic Human Rights**
- **Must seek ways to build relationships with the parents and work together towards integrating the child into the school environment**
- **Should respect confidentiality**

## VIII. What to expect

- **Understanding on the part of the professionals**
- **The cultivation of conditions for close and constructive cooperation**
- **Focus on your child**
- **Cooperation regarding therapeutic, educational and rehabilitation procedures**
- **Support and education for you to be able provide proper care for your child**
- **Information and proper explanation of the diagnosis**
- **Cooperation between professionals**

## VIII.SUMMARY

**In this presentation entitled Professional Ethics the following points were highlighted**

- **Professional ethics is a Code of Conduct which guides professionals**
- **Professionals that follow the Codes of Ethics should be competent, with the appropriate Qualifications and should always respect Confidentiality**
- **The Code of Ethics outlines the obligations of professionals**

**Professionals should give appropriate information and guidance to parents and offer support**

- **The family should always be involved in the therapeutic plan**
- **It is very important to implement a suitable education plan**

## X. LEARNING OUTCOMMES

**Participants will be able to**

- **understand that professionals have a Code of Conduct that guides their practice**
- **recognise that professionals are obliged to involve the family**
- **express their concerns when they don't feel they are getting the appropriate care for their child**

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