When Taking Medication is a Sin: Religious Traditions and the Presence of Animal Products in Medications

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8:30 a.m. to Noon
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Schedule

8:00 - 8:30 Registration and Welcoming Remarks by Ronald A. Simkins, PhD
8:30 - 8:40 Introduction and Welcoming Remarks by S. Pirzada Sattar, MD

8:40 - 9:00 Respect for Religious Preferences by Judith Lee Kissell, PhD
The ethical perspective of why it is important not only to recognize the religious rights of other persons, but to also respect these differences in positive ways in our professional relationships and in our practices.

9:00 - 9:10 Panel Response

9:10 - 9:30 What is the Problem? By S. Pirzada Sattar, MD

The discovery of the issue in the clinical setting. How this issue affects clinical practice.

9:30 - 9:50 The Pharmaceutical Issues by Michael Makoid, PhD
Why and how the process of manufacturing pharmaceuticals involves animal products. What are the alternatives for medications. What the patient should know.

9:50 - 10:00 Panel Response

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 10:50 Religious Perspectives on Medications Containing Animal Products
Religious Speakers:
Rabbi Jonathan Gross, Beth Israel Synagogue
Saaib Al-Shehadat, MD, Islamic Center of Omaha
Tehmina Zeb, Islamic Speaker's Bureau of Nebraska
Sanjay P. Singh, MD, Hindu Temple

Historical perspectives on attitudes toward animal products; pastoral advice in life-threatening and non-life-threatening situations.

10:50 - 11:00 Panel Response

11:00 – 11:20 Respect for Religious Beliefs and the Clinician-Patient Relationship by Syed M. Mohiuddin, MD
How clinicians should approach the issues of the religious beliefs and practices of their patients. How this affects our professional relationships and our practices.

11:20 - 11:30 Panel Response

11:30 - 12:00 Audience Participation

by S. Pirzada Sattar, MD

12:00 Evaluation and Adjournment
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The cultural backgrounds of patients cared for by health care professionals in the United States is becoming increasingly broad and varied. In keeping with our tradition of respecting the religious beliefs of other persons, it is important that caregivers familiarize themselves with the ever-widening range of cultures and beliefs of the persons whom they work to heal. Illness is in many respects and for many persons a spiritual event. This discussion of the presence of animal products in medications opens the door to a more comprehensive understanding of and respect for the religious beliefs and values of those to whom we are pledged to provide care.

Objectives

Participants will be able to:

1. explain why the manufacturing process of medications requires the presence of animal products;
2. discuss the importance of understanding the religious traditions of the patient to the clinician-patient relationship;
3. integrate into the consent process they currently use, as clinicians and as researchers, the issue of whether patients have a religiously-based objection to animal products in medications;
4. discuss with their patients alternatives to the use of medications containing animal products and ways of obtaining counseling about their religious beliefs in relationship to the need for such alternatives.

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