

Philosophy and Ethics of Medicine SAMPLE PAPER

Please answer four questions, at least one from each section

Ethics of Medicine

1. Is there any justification for causing terminally ill patients to die?
2. Are informed consent procedures necessary to maintain trust in medicine?
3. Which ethical principles are relevant to the distribution of scarce medical resources?
4. Should smokers be treated for lung cancer?
5. Do scientists solve problems of inductive risk?
6. Should we allow patents for new pharmaceuticals?

Philosophy of Medicine

7. "Randomised controlled trials are necessary and sufficient for justifying causal inferences in medicine". Do you agree?
8. Are animal models reliable guides for making inferences about humans?
9. How can we infer causal claims from statistical data?
10. Can medicine ever be "personalised"?
11. Can we ever quantify the quality of healthcare?
12. Should policy makers value health states in terms of preferences?