Introduction of bioethics and its necessity in Bangladesh

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Bioethics is the understanding of rights, responsibilities, justices and moral interaction in living beings. It includes medical ethics, environmental ethics, legal ethics, business ethics and ethics in human rights & politics. Since its inception in 1970, the field has grown exponentially in its scope and importance. Many hospitals now employing bioethics experts to guide on such issues as allocation of scarce resources, how to care for terminally ill patients and dilemmas of doctors facing everyday for advancement of new technology. There are at over 95% of U.S. hospitals has ethics committees for helping physicians, nurses and families on bioethical issues on a case-by-case basis at present. Thus today bioethics is not only a reasoned discourse but a matter of crisis management.

Bangladesh is a pluralistic society with a wonderful diversity of values and ethical ideals. But poverty, natural calamities, lack of proper and substantial education and rapidly advancing technology people are forced to deal with one crisis after another. In a result bio-ethical decision, sanctity of life is deemed to be less important than the quality of life.

Corruption, nepotism, selfishness, misconduct and malpractice are becoming the common phenomena in Bangladesh. It gives the impression that we don't able to tell which values need to be employed when and which ethical dilemmas need our most immediate attention in our society. Thus implementation of bioethics is needed urgently in Bangladesh to make the country peace and prosperity.